

2020/2021 Community Fund: Interim Assessment Form

Locality: *Berwickshire*

Ref. No.: *CF2021-BER-7*

Organisation Name: *Coldstream Gateway Association (CGA)*

Funding Requested: *£1,800*

ABOUT THE GROUP			
Organisation Structure	Charity		
Annual Accounts Balance	£7061.70		
Are any funds ring-fenced, if so why & how much? CGA would like to keep some funds in reserve as fundraising opportunities have been limited this year and are likely to be limited for some time yet. In 2019, CGA spent £7,726.48 on their floral display.			
Has the applicant successfully applied for SBC funding within the last three years? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
SBC Funds received	Financial Year	Amount (£)	What used for?
Community Fund	2019/20	£12,500	Electric vehicle water bowser for watering floral displays
*an additional application for £1,500 has been submitted by CGA to the 2020/21 Community Fund to fund printing costs of the Community Newsletter			
Have they applied for Common Good Funding <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			

ABOUT THE PROJECT	
Project Brief	CGA are requesting funding to purchase plants, compost and plant feed to create a floral display in Coldstream for Spring/Summer 2021
Project Start Date: DD/MM/YY	2021

Total Expenditure (£)	£2,000	
Community Fund Request (£)	£1,800	
10% organisation contribution	£200	
Any Other Contribution?		
Other Funding Sources	Amount (£)	At what stage?
Community Fund Outcomes	<input type="checkbox"/> Communities have more access to better quality local services or activities <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Communities have more access to a better quality environment <input type="checkbox"/> Communities have more pride in their community <input type="checkbox"/> Communities have more access to better quality advice and information <input type="checkbox"/> More local groups or services are better supported to recover from financial difficulty	
Berwickshire Action Plan priorities		

ASSESSMENT	
What need/demand has been evidenced for this project/activity?	CGA believes their floral displays enhance the appearance of the town for locals and visitors. CGA regularly receives compliments and positive feedback on the impact the bright floral display has on the various locations of the town. Approximately 20 volunteers assist with planting and 7 volunteers assist with seasonal maintenance of the displays with additional volunteers covering holidays, illness etc. Townspeople provide feedback on the displays to CGA via the Community News.
What benefits will be gained from the project/activity and how well does the project/activity meet the outcomes of the scheme?	For over 20 years the CGA (Coldstream in Bloom) has been responsible for the town's floral displays. CGA plant 140 hanging baskets and 12 three tier plants, three large wooden troughs, numerous tubs and half tubs plus two large River boats and three small ground areas.
What support and involvement of the wider community is there for this project/activity?	In previous years CGA have been able to fundraise and collect donations and sponsorship to help cover expenditure. Prior to the pandemic, CGA held three or four coffee mornings per year to fund raise for plants.
What efforts have been made by the applicant to secure other sources of funding for the project/activity?	£900 was secured from Fallago Environmental Fund in June. The funding will be used to purchase additional plants as well as repairing/replacing damaged wooden planters and hanging baskets.

How will the impact and success of the project be measured? What happens at the end of the project/activity or when the funding is spent?	Fundraising activities will be resumed once restrictions are eased.
Quotes received for items of expenditure	Yes
Have appropriate permissions been sought/granted?	Yes

SBC OFFICER ASSESSMENT

The application meets the criteria of the community fund.

Scottish Government coronavirus (COVID-19) guidance must be adhered to with a protocol for safe participation in the programme and use of resources developed, and all participants agreeing to adhere to this protocol

Additional Terms and Conditions:

We would seek the group to particularly report on:

- Feedback from locals and visitors
- Number of volunteers involved
- Photos of floral display
- Sustainability of the project