

2020/2021 Community Fund: Interim Assessment Form

Locality: Cheviot

Ref. No.: CF2021-CHE4 -GWT

Organisation Name: Generations Working Together

Funding Requested: £23,093

ABOUT THE GROUP

Organisation Structure

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Annual Accounts Balance

£71,671.07

Are any funds ring-fenced, if so why & how much?

The account balance of £71,671 includes just over £30,000 of funding required for this year's current budget 2020-21 leaving GWT with a reserve of just under £41,000 which is about three months running costs. Their constitution states that they should have 6 months running costs.

Has the applicant successfully applied for SBC funding within the last three years?

☐ Yes ☒ No

SBC Funds received

Financial Year

Amount (£)

What used for?

Have they applied for Common Good Funding

☐ Yes ☒ No

ABOUT THE PROJECT

Project Brief

Generations Working Together (GWT) are looking to appoint a Development Officer that will plan and deliver a gardening project based at the Jedburgh Community Campus. This

		<p>proposed project will be added to an existing post giving the part time officer additional hours.</p> <p>The group are also looking for £5,000 to erect and install a Polytunnel in the school grounds which will be warmer and dryer allowing the group to continue to work on this project throughout the year.</p> <p>The group also require additional costs that would support the running of this project, including volunteer expenses, outdoor clothing for participants.</p>	
Project Start Date: DD/MM/YY		January 2021	
Total Expenditure (£)		£25666.00	
Community Fund Request (£)		£23,093	
10% organisation contribution		£2567.00	
Any Other Contribution?			
Other Funding Sources		Amount (£)	At what stage?
Community Fund Outcomes	<input checked="" 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		
Action Plan priorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support and build the capacity of local community groups and organisations in delivering their activities • Sustain and improve local community space and activities for all ages 		

ASSESSMENT

What need/demand has been evidenced for this project/activity?	<p>Covid-19 has had a negative impact on people's access to learning and has aided in people feeling isolated and disconnected. The need for an intergenerational outdoor space is also backed up by Scottish Government who encourage people to meet outdoors where physical distancing measures can be safely applied</p> <p>Young people participating in the RSPB wild challenge identified the need for an Intergenerational Garden to allow them to</p>
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	<p>continue their learning and to create opportunities to learn and share skills and experiences with older people.</p> <p>A sub group of the community council previously had use of a greenhouse at the old Grammar school in Jedburgh. The group now no longer have access to this area and require a new base so that they are able to carry on their work.</p> <p>Due to Scotland's wet and cold weather the group are looking for funding to erect a Polytunnel within the school grounds. This will make the space accessible throughout the year, even on colder/wet days.</p>
What benefits will be gained from the project/activity and how well does the project/activity meet the outcomes of the scheme?	<p>The project will be led by a part time Development Officer who will plan and deliver the programme using an intergenerational approach. The project will address local challenges felt by younger and older generations which will deliver the following benefits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * increased trust and respect between different generations * increased confidence and better communications skills between different generations * new friendships * improved health and wellbeing of participants * increased knowledge on gardening, recycling and cooking * increased community cohesion * increased feelings of safety within the community * new skills * feelings of pride in being able to share life experiences <p>The group aim to recruit ten volunteers from the community to work alongside 20-30 youths (from nursery to 67). The project will involve planting seeds, growing fruit, vegetables and flowers. The produce will be available to those that have participated in the project aswell as being available for the wider community to access and use.</p> <p>While the focus will be on intergenerational group work older adults will be able to access the Polytunnel and gardening space during school holidays.</p> <p>SBC are currently reviewing access to schools sites. Groups physically working together may have to wait until current restrictions are lifted. The group feel that they would be able to start this project by individuals growing from their own seeds at home or in school and sharing ideas and tips through virtual meetings.</p>
What support and involvement of the wider community is there for this project/activity?	<p>Conversations have taken place with Jedburgh's Community Council who fully support the project. The Community Council have a subgroup, JCVMEG (Jedburgh Community Volunteer Maintenance Enhancement Group) who have a wealth of knowledge around gardening and are willing to support and be</p>

	<p>involved in this project. They currently have plants that they would be keen to transfer to the new Polly tunnel at the Jedburgh Campus.</p> <p>The project will be supported by GWT's Scottish Borders Intergenerational network, a working group and the Community Learning and Development Team. Participants of the project will be encouraged to build a strategy on how they will future fund the project.</p>
What efforts have been made by the applicant to secure other sources of funding for the project/activity?	No other funders have been approached
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?	<p>The group plan to set up a small committee that will look to develop this project over the 12 month period and beyond.</p> <p>Volunteers will be recruited and trained to be involved in the Intergenerational project with the aim that these volunteers will have the necessary skills to continue this project after the initial 12 month period.</p>
Quotes received for items of expenditure	Yes
Have appropriate permissions been sought/granted?	Yes – approval to erect Polly tunnel by SBC Director of Education and BAM (property owner)

SBC OFFICER ASSESSMENT

This application meets the criteria of the Community Fund

Additional Terms and Conditions;

Scottish Government coronavirus (COVID-19) guidance must be adhered to with a protocol for safe use and involvement of all participants agreeing to adhere to this protocol

We would seek the group to particularly report on:

- Number of people who benefitted from the project including volunteers, visitors, participants
- Number of activities delivered
- Improved integration in the community
- More opportunities to bring people together and address social isolation