

2020/2021 Community Fund: Interim Assessment Form

Locality: Tweeddale

Ref. No.: CF2021-TW-17

Organisation Name: Tweed Togs

Funding Requested: £5934.60

| ABOUT THE GROUP | | | |
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| Organisation Structure | Charitable Organisation | | |
| Annual Accounts Balance | £4,575.00 | | |
| Are any funds ring-fenced, if so why & how much? | | | |
| Current bank statement: £8670.76 | | | |
| Rent per annum: £4,225 | | | |
| Running costs per annum: £500 | | | |
| £8k is to be put towards rent and running costs. The running costs for three years is £14,175 | | | |
| Has the applicant successfully applied for SBC funding within the last three years? | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | | | |
| SBC Funds received | Financial Year | Amount (£) | What used for? |
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| Have they recently applied to the Common Good Fund? | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | | | |

| ABOUT THE PROJECT | |
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| Project brief | <p>Tweed Togs is currently based at Kailzie Courtyard, Peebles, and have to relocate unexpectedly as a result of redevelopment by new owners. Fortunately, following an extensive search, new premises have recently been secured in Peebles Business Hub at a considerable increase compared to current running costs.</p> <p>Therefore Tweed Togs are looking for funding to cover the running costs of the new premises for the next three years.</p> |

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| | The group are also looking to use the funding to allow them to shelf an area for storage as well as purchasing a vacuum cleaner and some costs towards removal costs. | |
| Project Start Date: DD/MM/YY | 05/04/2021 | |
| Total Expenditure (£) | £6,594.00 | |
| Community Fund Request (£) | £5,934.60 | |
| 10% organisation contribution | £659.40 | |
| Any Other Contribution? | N/A | |
| Other Funding Sources | Amount (£) | At what stage? |
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| Community Fund Outcomes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Communities have more access to better quality local services or activities <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> More local groups or services are better supported to recover from financial difficulty | |
| Action Plan priorities | The project meets the following priorities: Review the availability and suitability of business premises | |

| ASSESSMENT | |
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| What need/demand has been evidenced for this project/activity? | <p>Tweed Togs provides gift bags of pre-loved clothes to children in need from birth to age 12 years within the Scottish Borders. Since September 2017 to date (February 2021) 289 children within Tweeddale have benefitted from top quality donated clothes presented as gifts. In total, the group has provided support to 780 children within the Scottish Borders. This translates as over 2300 gift bags delivered by Tweed Togs.</p> <p>The group are having to relocate unexpectedly as a result of redevelopment by new owners. Fortunately, new premises have recently been secured in Peebles Business Hub.</p> |

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| | <p>The storage area in the Peebles Business Hub is confined to one room and so heavy storage boxes and bags are easier and safer to access. Previously, Tweed Togs volunteers had to sort and collect clothes from outside sheds which in the past had accommodated wasp nets and the occasional mouse.</p> |
| <p>What benefits will be gained from the project/activity and how well does the project/activity meet the outcomes of the scheme?</p> | <p>By providing Tweed Togs with the funding they require to relocate, it will allow the charity to continue to support struggling families as well as providing an essential service to health care professionals throughout the Scottish Borders.</p> <p>Funding this project will allow an increase in capacity to fulfil more referrals and a potential increase in membership and awareness of local business. The more central location is more accessible to members and easier to attract volunteers. Peebles Business Hub is visible to the public, therefore increasing awareness of the charity and the work that they do.</p> <p>Referring agencies within Peebles will have the opportunity to collect gift bags in a more central location.</p> <p>The costs incurred through relocation pose high risks for the charity's future as there are very few self-fundraising opportunities to help sustain running costs currently. Funds awarded by the Community Fund would ensure that this group are better supported to recover from any potential financial difficulty.</p> |
| <p>What support and involvement of the wider community is there for this project/activity?</p> | <p>Tweed Togs is an initiative run by local volunteers – made up of 14 committed members and four trustees who work to support families in the Scottish Borders as well as volunteers from a variety of local and business communities who help out at busy times.</p> |
| <p>What efforts have been made by the applicant to secure other sources of funding for the project/activity?</p> | <p>Application to Robertson Trust (Wee Grant) in October was to provide help with running costs but that was before Tweed Togs knew they had to relocate.</p> <p>Since then no other funds have been applied for.</p> |
| <p>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> | <p>The charity will monitor the number of referrals and referring agencies it's in contact with.</p> <p>Tweed Togs plans to fundraise in the future in an attempt to secure additional funds. Major fundraising events would rely on the lifting of COVID-19 restrictions, as would Kailzie's Open Garden Scheme (twice yearly) but there is still the option of the Tweed Togs 100 Club. The charity would also look to gain financial support from National Lottery Small Grants.</p> |

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| Quotes received for items of expenditure | Yes – lease agreement received. The group researched a variety of locations and decided on Peebles Business Hub. |
| Have appropriate permissions been sought/granted? | Yes |

SBC OFFICER ASSESSMENT

The 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 participation in the programme and use of resources developed, and all participants agreeing to adhere to this protocol.

We would seek the group to particularly report on:

- Increase/decrease in number of referrals and referring agencies
- Increase/decrease in number of Tweed Togs members
- Feedback from health care and referring agencies
- Anecdotal feedback from Tweed Togs members