

## COMMUNITY GRANT SCHEME - ASSESSMENT SHEET

APPLICATION DETAILS		
<b>Ref No:</b> CGS/51/14	<b>Grant Request:</b> £906	<b>Total Project Cost:</b> £816
<b>Project Title:</b> Youth Group Overnight Trip		
<b>Brief Summary:</b> Pilot project to take 3 service users, 4 peer support workers and 2 staff members on an overnight trip to Edinburgh. The service users are in the 17-20 age range and have complex needs. The purpose of the trip is to determine the benefits to be gained from such an activity and to meet the needs of service users who have identified a desire to embark on short trips which they normally have no opportunity to undertake. The trip will involve educational and recreational activities such as a visit to the Royal Yacht Britannia, the National Museum and the Edinburgh Ghost Tour. On completion, the participants will compile a Photobook to provide a lasting reminder of their trip. The grant would contribute towards the cost of the accommodation and catering, activity, photobook and travel costs.		
<b>Match-Funding From Other Sources:</b>	N/A. The organisation is unable to apply to Awards for All for funding for this project as it recently received funding for an outdoor play project from this source.	
<b>Contribution by Organisation:</b>	£90. Under the rules of the scheme, a minimum 10% is required for requests over £500 which can be cash or in-kind.	
ORGANISATION DETAILS		
<b>Name of Organisation:</b> Interest Link Borders		
<b>Type of Organisation:</b> Charitable Company Limited by Guarantee		
<b>SBC Members/Officers who are members of organisation:</b>	Nil	
The following information has been received and checked by an Officer as correct:-		
Signed and dated Constitution ( <i>all organisations</i> )		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Bank Statement less than 3 months old ( <i>all organisations</i> )		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Independently approved annuals accounts ( <i>all organisations over a year old</i> )		
<input type="checkbox"/> Estimate of Income/Expenditure for first 12 months ( <i>newly formed organisations only</i> )		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Quotations/Estimates ( <i>project grants only</i> )		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Letter of Support ( <i>project/support involving children or vulnerable adults only</i> )		
<b>SBC Grants Received in last 2 years:</b> Social Work - Adult Befriending Provision: 2013 (£21,996); 2014 (£21,996)		
ASSESSMENT		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The organisation has not been in receipt of an award from the Community Grant Scheme in the past</li> <li>2. The organisation is properly set up and appears to be operating in line with its Constitution</li> <li>3. The organisation has submitted accounts to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014 which have been checked and appear in order</li> <li>4. The organisation has savings of £132,534 which is less than one full year's typical income of £270,169. Of the £132,534 savings, it should be noted that only £17,429 is unrestricted, the remainder being restricted to cover staffing, volunteers and general running costs of the organisation. Any organisation which has more savings than the amount of income it receives in a year and which is not set aside for a specific purpose is unlikely to receive a grant. This amount of savings satisfies the terms of the Community Grant Scheme</li> <li>5. The organisation has submitted quotations which appear to be in order and support the costs requested</li> <li>6. The application demonstrates a need for the project as many young people with learning difficulties</li> </ol>		

do not have the opportunity to undertake such trips in the same way as their peers due to their complex needs. This is a pilot project which will determine the benefits of undertaking such activities for the future with the prospect of development into annual activity. Feedback from the participants and families regarding the benefits achieved will be used to develop a programme of activity based on learning if the trip is deemed to have been successful

7. The project meets the scheme outcome 'communities have more access to better quality local services or activities' which links to the SOA outcomes:-
- Growing the economy
  - Reducing Inequality
  - Maximising the impact of the low carbon economy
8. The project meets the Corporate Plan priorities:-
- Encourage** sustainable economic growth
  - Improve attainment and achievement levels** for all our children and young people, both within and outwith the formal curriculum
  - Provide high quality support, care and protection** to children, young people, adults, families and older people
  - Build the capacity and resilience** of our communities and voluntary sector
  - Maintain and improve** our high quality environment
  - Develop our workforce**
  - Develop our assets and resources**
  - Ensure** excellent, adaptable, collaborative and accessible public services
9. The organisation has demonstrated support for the project following consultation with the participants who have been instrumental in the development of this pilot project. An overnight trip in Edinburgh has been the preference of the participants who did not wish to venture too far afield for the first time. They have also been instrumental in determining which activities they took part in and the families involved are supportive of the activity
10. The service users taking part have complex needs which and are liable to require assistance from Adult Learning Disability Services in the future
11. The organisation has a Service Level Agreement with Social Work Services to deliver an adults befriending service to assist with short break respite and day care and this pilot project is a new activity aimed at addressing the needs of young people to reduce inequality and social isolation
12. The organisation has provided a letter of support from the Work Placement Officer at Borders College who confirms that work placements have been offered to students in the Care and Access Faculty to enable them to complete practical elements to their courses. Many of the students have found involvement with the organisation very rewarding and have continued to volunteer at the end of their courses. She is supportive of the application and states she finds the organisation to be very caring, professional and inclusive
13. Social Work Services has confirmed that the organisation receives annual funding to contribute towards running costs associated with activities and administration
14. The organisation is unable to apply to Awards for All for funding for this project as it already has an existing application with this source
15. Membership of the organisation is open to all service users, individuals and organisations interested in promoting the objects of the company and it appears committed to equal opportunities. The organisation does not have its own Equalities Policy however it has provided a statement confirming that its principle aim is to create equality of opportunity for all service users and provision is not limited in any way with regard to race, gender, age, sexual orientation, religious or political belief. An EIA Scoping Assessment has been carried out and there are no apparent concerns. It is recommended by the SBC Equality & Diversity Officer that all organisations applying for funding should be asked to produce this and this advice will be passed on to the organisation.

## OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

Recommend to approve to the value of £816.

### Assessment Criteria

- *Grants received before*
- *How group has made use of previous grants*
- *How group is set up and managed*

- *Finances and financial need for funding*
- *Need/demand for project/activity*
- *How well the project meets the Community Grant Scheme outcomes (Communities have more access to better quality local services of activities; Communities have more access to better quality environment; Communities have more pride in their community; Communities have more access to better quality advice and information; More local groups or services are better supported to recover from financial difficulty)*
- *Support and involvement of wider community*
- *Efforts to secure other sources of funding*
- *How group has taken account of equal opportunities*