

## 2021/2022 Community Fund: Interim Assessment Form

*Locality: Eildon*

*Ref. No.: CF2122-EIL-03*

*Organisation Name: Beyond Earlston*

*Funding Requested: £12,460.00*

ABOUT THE GROUP			
<b>Organisation Structure</b>	Scottish Charity – Youth Work Services		
<b>Annual Accounts Balance</b>	£39,105		
<p>Are any funds ring-fenced, if so why &amp; how much? Recent Bank statement; £64,164</p> <p>£29,981.68 – Designated funds – for the use of Earlston Youth Catchment to continue to provide youth work services in areas around the Scottish Borders.</p> <p>£7,797.78 – Restricted funds – grant income &amp; expenditure, restricted for a specific purpose by a grant funder</p> <p>£15,000 – kept in reserve for match funding. Beyond Earlston are applying to the Clothwork Foundation and Big Lottery to purchase a bus that can be used for youth activities and to provide outreach.</p>			
<p>Has the applicant successfully applied for SBC funding within the last three years?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes    <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>			
SBC Funds received	Financial Year	Amount (£)	What used for?
<p>Have they recently applied to the Common Good Fund?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes    <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>			

ABOUT THE PROJECT	
Project brief	<p>Beyond Earlston are applying for funding to cover the cost of employing a lead Outdoors Youth Worker who will be supported by the existing staff team and volunteers.</p> <p>This will be a new staffing position that will work for 20 hours per week over 50 weeks.</p>

	Beyond Earlston are looking for funding to cover salary costs including contribution to travel to and from pre-defined destinations within the Earlston High School catchment.	
Project Start Date	July 2021	
Total Expenditure (£)	14,460	
Community Fund Request (£)	12,460	
10% organisation contribution	2,000	
Any Other Contribution?	N/A	
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 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	The project meets the following priorities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create safe areas for young people and provide leisure facilities that are accessible and affordable</li> </ul>	

ASSESSMENT	
What need/demand has been evidenced for this project/activity?	<p>There are at least 7 small towns and villages which feed into the Earlston High School catchment. Attending youth work activities from one central location can be difficult for young people who live outside the main towns of Earlston and Lauder due to transport challenges. While Beyond Earlston wouldn't be able to provide activities in each village they aim to provide youth work activities that can be accessible and closer to where the young people are.</p> <p>Beyond Earlston would normally deliver youth sessions indoors. Many venues have yet to re-open as a result of Covid and time frames for buildings opening is changeable and still unknown. Throughout Covid Beyond Earlston successfully engaged with young people outdoors running a</p>

	<p>series of outdoors activities. They were able to regularly engage with 12 to 15 young people each week.</p> <p>It was through these sessions that the young people encouraged Beyond Earlston to continue to offer more outdoors activities while also looking to be more mobile in where these activities can take place.</p> <p>Beyond Earlston don't currently have any staff members that have skills and or experience in delivery physical activity sessions or specific outdoor activities.</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>Beyond Earlston wish to expand their outdoors outreach programme and have a funding application in to the Clothwork foundation and the Big Lottery to purchase a bus that can be adapted to be used for youth work activities. This would allow them to deliver youth work sessions where young people are. The outdoor worker would play a key role in the delivery of outdoor programmes.</p> <p>Beyond Earlston aim to recruit a new member of staff who will have specific skills in terms of outdoor education and fitness. In the current staffing make up of Beyond Earlston they don't have these specific skills set. Beyond Earlston would like to offer better physical activity opportunities to young people.</p> <p>The new staffing position will look to build positive relationships with young people and become a constant throughout a variety of activities for cover the 50 week period.</p>
<p>What support and involvement of the wider community is there for this project/activity?</p>	<p>The group already have summer funding in place through Youth borders lead in the Youth Work Education Recovery Fund, enabling them to reach out to more young people and these activities are in partnership with CLD youth and other community organization's.</p> <p>The 15 young people that attended weekly youth activities feel that this would be positive.</p> <p>The group have 344 members as part of the social media page.</p>
<p>What efforts have been made by the applicant to secure other sources of funding for the project/activity?</p>	<p>As part of their wider focus on delivering outdoors youth work, Beyond Earlston have applied to the Big Lottery and the Clothwork foundation for a bus.</p>
<p>How will the impact and success of the project be measured? What happens at</p>	<p>The group will complete end of project evaluations with the young people involved in the activity</p>

<p>the end of the project/activity or when the funding is spent?</p>	<p>Regular conversations will take place with young people and these will be recorded along with observations from staff members.</p> <p>Photographs will also be used to form part of evaluation reporting.</p> <p>Beyond Earlston are looking at other ways of project development and have submitted other funding applications to purchase a vehicle to use as a means of promotion and transport, reducing the dependency of staff cars and perhaps even using the vehicle to income generate which is one of our organisational outcomes moving forward.</p> <p>If the project is successful on-going funding will be sought to maintain this role and potentially expand the team.</p>
<p>Quotes received for items of expenditure</p>	<p>Expenditure is only for staff costs and travel. Costs based on current pay structure within Beyond Earlston.</p> <p>Staff cost - £12.66 p/h for 20 hours over 50 weeks</p> <p>Fuel/transport costs – 45p p/m – 20 miles per journey – 4 times per week over 50 weeks.</p>
<p>Have appropriate permissions been sought/granted?</p>	<p>n/a</p>

### 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:*

- Number of young people who attend each session
- Feedback from young people on having a “constant person” / continuity
- Feedback from existing staff/volunteer on the addition of a lead Outdoors Youth Worker