

## Build Back a Better Borders Recovery Fund - Assessment Form

For the purpose of assessment, projects have been ranked high, medium or low to reflect how strongly the application meets the criteria of the Build Back a Better Borders Recovery Fund.

High – a strong demonstration of how the project will assist recovery from the pandemic

Medium – provides acceptable examples of how the project will assist recovery from the pandemic

Low – lacks detail of how the project will assist recovery from the pandemic

### 1. Applicant Details:

Organisation name	Melrose Scout Group				
Organisation structure	Constituted Group				
Application reference	BBBB-EIL-01				
Theme of application	Sport	Arts & Culture	Environment	Community Capacity	Community resilience
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Project start date	July 2021	Project end date			January 2022

### 2. Organisation's finances:

End of year balance	£17,737.00						
Current bank balance	£19,241.04						
Total cash/Unrestricted reserves available & purpose	£ 3,373.00						
Total restricted /committed funds & purpose	<p>The Trustees believe that £3,500 is an appropriate level of reserves to allow for any unexpected expenditure, such as cancellation of camps and outings, and unexpected maintenance on the Scout Hall, as well as covering fixed costs in the event of a sudden loss of income. In addition, the Trustees believe that £1,000 is an appropriate level of reserves to cover the timing differences between receipts and payments.</p> <p>Designated Funds: The Trustees have created a Fund of reserves to be used specifically for the purpose of buying new equipment, Funding specific projects, charitable purposes and the hardship support of our members. These funds are available to be spent at the rate of £500 per term (£1,500 per annum). Break down of end of year bank Account Balance;</p> <table> <tr> <td>£4,500</td> <td>Restricted Funds</td> </tr> <tr> <td>£9,500</td> <td>Designated Fund</td> </tr> <tr> <td>£3,737</td> <td>General Funds</td> </tr> </table>	£4,500	Restricted Funds	£9,500	Designated Fund	£3,737	General Funds
£4,500	Restricted Funds						
£9,500	Designated Fund						
£3,737	General Funds						

**Project:**

Outline of what the group plan to do to help people recover from the pandemic. Projects will be ranked higher if the application strongly demonstrates that they are meeting an identified need in the community. (e.g. area of deprivation, protected characteristics, tackling wellbeing and isolation, tackling climate change)

High Medium Low 

Comment:

Melrose scout group currently have 60 members but wish to expand and provide Scouting to more young people within the neighbouring communities. They would like to offer a scout group in St Boswells and Newtown St Boswells, where there is currently no provision and which ranks poorly on the Scottish Index Multiple deprivation rankings. Within these groups they would like to focus on outdoor activities.

The scout leaders have held positive talks with the head teachers from both primary schools in St Boswells and Newtown and both schools are keen to encourage young people into scouting. This activity would support both girls and boys aged between 6 and 14 with life skills. The programme, if established, would look to build leadership skills and also increase young people's involvement within communities. Scouting involves a lot of volunteers and by offering two new groups this would result in more volunteer opportunities for adults to support these groups.

The group would also like to expand their outdoor activity offer while being able to increase the number of camping opportunities that they can provide to young people each year. Therefore the group wish to access £3,500 of funding that will be used to buy more tents, camping and cooking equipment. The Scout group are hopeful of hosting a camping event for all their members once restrictions allow, ideally this summer.

The group also wish to utilise the opportunities on the River Tweed and are looking to purchase new canoes along with the appropriate safety equipment to the value of £6,000.

The scout group currently have an outdoor classroom and would like to make this an all year round outdoor classroom realising the importance of outdoor learning. Therefore the group would like to purchase a heavy duty canvas tent along with tables to enable sessions to be held outdoors in the winter months.

Evidence of individuals, groups or communities likely to benefit from the new initiative and how they have been affected by the pandemic:

High Medium Low 

Comment:

This activity would benefit young people aged between 6 and 14. It would be open for all to attend at no cost.

The programme will deliver new opportunities to young people who would normally not access these opportunities. All scout activities were stopped during the pandemic as with many activities for young people which has had a negative effect on young people's mental wellbeing.

The activities would focus on outdoors activities including camping, cooking, orienteering, canoeing and rafting. These activities will allow the young people to participate in outdoors activities and equip them with new skills while also working on team building and improving confidence.

An increased number of members will enable us to provide more volunteering opportunities in the locality, whilst also increasing our community work where we fund raise for local causes, help with litter clearance projects, tend community flower spaces, and interact with local Rotary groups. The group are in the process of starting a project to interact with the elderly, who are often isolated, through projects with local care homes and the provision of coffee mornings.

As part of the Group's recovery they want to increase their membership as well as focus on three new areas: Firstly, an increase in water based activities such as rafting and canoeing thereby allowing their members to make full use of the River Tweed which is our biggest natural asset within the Scottish Borders. They applications includes £6,000 to buy canoes and safety equipment. Secondly, an increase in the number of camping opportunities that they offer members each year. In addition £3,500 to buy tents, camping and cooking equipment. They intend to hold a camp for all members as soon as it is permitted. Thirdly, improved facilities at their outdoor classroom to make it an all year round site. A budget of £2,200 to buy a heavy duty canvas tent with tables to enable sessions to be held outdoors in the winter months.

Expected impact of the new initiative and how will it help those most in need recover from the pandemic

High

Medium

Low

Comment:

The outcomes of the Scouting movement is to improve young people's confidence and develop life skills. Allowing for the group to expand their provision into Newtown and St Boswells, along with their existing members will provide young people with positive experiences and outdoor learning opportunities.

The opportunity would allow young people to make full use of the River Tweed, in a safe and supported way. The programmes and opportunities delivered by Melrose Scout group would be to improve confidence, social skills, independence while developing teamwork and leadership skills.

**Project Expenditure:**

Total Project Cost	£12,134.59
10% organisation contribution	£1,213.46
Request to BBBB	£10,921.13

Item of expenditure	Cost
Canoes & Safety Equipment	£6,477.20
Camping Equipment	£3,484.89
Outdoor Classroom Equipment	£2,172.50
	£
	£

Match/other funding sought:

Funder	Funding Requested	Status
	£	
	£	
	£	

Grants received from Scottish Borders Council or any other funder within the last three years

Date	Project Title	Amount
June 2020	Covid Small Business Grant	£10,000

<b>SBC OFFICER ASSESSMENT</b>	i.e. the application meets the criteria of the BBBB fund
<b>Comments</b>	Application meets the criteria  Will provide positive experiences for young people while also looking to develop a further two groups in areas where there is currently no Scout Groups and which are considered areas of deprivation.
<b>Additional terms and conditions required</b>	Start-up dates of the new Scout Groups and number of members. Including the number of camping events held throughout the funding period; number of times the canoes have been utilised during the period of funding.  Feedback from participants on the activities that they have attended.  Consideration to promote Scouting within the catchment area High School.