



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

Applicant Details:

Organisation name	Hawick Youth Rugby (HYR)					
Organisation structure	Constituted Amateur Sports Club					
Application reference	BBBB – T&L - 01					
Theme of application	Sport	Arts & Culture	Environment	Community Capacity	Community resilience	Intergenerational activity
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Project start date	Sept 2021	Project end date			March 2022	

2. Organisation's finances:

End of year balance	£46,932
Current bank balance	£46,932
Total cash/Unrestricted reserves available & purpose	£20,598
Total restricted /committed funds & purpose	£26,335 £5,000 of funds are ring-fenced for coaching & development, £12,000 is ring-fenced for playing matches in other areas of the UK and an investment account containing £10,000 is held with the interest being used to help with running costs.

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:

The past 18 months have seen very little competitive 'age grade' rugby in Hawick. The club suggest that there is a danger that existing players will not return to the sport, nor will it prove of interest to new players. HYR state that there is a need to promote rugby and make the sport and facilities attractive to youngsters.

To attract and maintain playing numbers and provide a structure for progression, the club decided in May 2020 to establish an under 15 team, in addition to the current under 16 and under 18 team's. Sessions with youngsters have been held as and when permitted by Covid restrictions and SRU regulations to assess both viability and commitment of the initiative. The success of these sessions along with the team's first 'bounce' game with Peebles have made the establishment of a competition under 15 team possible. Fixtures for the coming season are being confirmed now with their first competitive game due to take place in September.

The BBBB funding request will support:

- travel costs for the under 15s team to participate in rugby matches within and out with the Scottish Borders
- equipment which includes match balls, corner flags and a team first aid kit

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:

Throughout the pandemic youngsters have had little or no access to recreation or organised sport. The Scottish Government's National Performance Framework acknowledges the negative impact Covid-19 and lockdown has had on many young people, particularly disadvantaged young people. The national Active Scotland Outcomes Framework prioritises addressing barriers children and young people face when participating in sporting activity. The creation of an U15 team increases the number of opportunities young people have to engage in sport locally and HYR are actively addressing some of the barriers to participation through the offer to waive annual fees for those unable to afford them and by organising free transport for those who have a distance to travel to attend training.

Young people will have the opportunity to experience sporting competition and skills development through structured progression from age grade rugby to junior rugby, senior team rugby and beyond. Currently there are a number of U15 sides which play in the Scottish Borders semi-junior league including Alnwick, Carlisle, Duns, Gala, Jed, Kelso,

Morpeth, Peebles, Selkirk and Tynedale. Fixtures (home and away) are currently played at U18 and U16 levels and the new U15s will replicate these fixtures as well as matches in the Edinburgh area and beyond.

Between 20-25 boys attended 10 sessions that HYR held when Covid 19 and SRU Regulations allowed to gauge interest. Promotion of the Under 15s team will be carried out through high school and social media platforms to raise awareness and raise the profile.

Attendance from girls was low and their involvement is not currently viable but the Clubs Development Officers are engaging with the SRU to address this situation.

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

High Medium Low

Comment:

The anticipated impact of this initiative is that young people will have access to a low cost sporting activity where they can engage in competitive games with their peers. HYR believe participation in the Under 15s team will help young people to improve their health, confidence, self-esteem and relationship skills all of which are transferable in to other areas of their lives.

Project Expenditure:

Total Project Cost	£6,170
10% organisation contribution	£ 617
Request to BBBB	£5,553

Item of expenditure	Cost
Away travel within Borders (7 journeys)	£2,070
Away travel – Edin/Northumberland (5)	£1,800
Post protectors/corner flags	£1,870
Match balls – competitive games	£ 180
U15s -First Aid & Taping Kit	£ 250

Match/other funding sought:

Funder	Funding Requested	Status
Not Applicable	£	
	£	

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

Date	Project Title	Amount
31/07/20	RBS Rugby Force	£250
27/07/20	Hawick Community Council (Travel Costs)	£500
27/11/19	RBS Rugby Force	£250
17/08/18	RBS Rugby Force	£250

SBC OFFICER ASSESSMENT	The application meets the criteria of the BBBB fund
Comments	The application has been assessed as medium. The under 15s team will provide a new sporting opportunity for young people in the Hawick area. This could help re-engage young people in sporting activity following the postponement of team sports during Covid. The applicant is also addressing barriers to participation which is positive.
Additional terms and conditions required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the club will actively promote that the annual fee can be waived, where deprivation is identified, ensuring that all U15s can participate in the sport. • Hawick Youth Rugby will continue to follow Scottish Government Covid-19 guidance.
Evaluation requirements	<p>If successful, the applicant will be asked to report on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The number of young people and volunteers participating in the Under 15s club • The number of training sessions and matches held • Feedback from team members on what impact their participation has had on them