

# 2021/2022 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

<b>Organisation name</b>	QME Care (Queens House Kelso Ltd)					
<b>Organisation structure</b>	Company registered charity					
<b>Application reference</b>	BBBB-CHE-05					
<b>Theme of application</b>	Sport	Arts & culture	Environment	Community capacity	Community resilience	Intergenerational activity
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Project start date</b>	27/09/2021			<b>Project end date</b>	28/03/2022	

### 2. Organisation's Finances

<b>End of year balance</b>	£206,115
<b>Current bank balance</b>	£294,842.86
<b>Total cash/Unrestricted reserves available &amp; purpose</b>	£1,392,928
<b>Total restricted /committed funds &amp; purpose</b>	£2,996,797 Total restricted and unrestricted reserves are not liquid cash these are building assets and are tied in to the property. The accounts are consolidated with Angraflat Development Company limited.

### 3. 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)

<b>High</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Medium</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Low</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Comment:</p> <p>The past 18 months have seen more people living in the community become socially isolated from their communities and/or loved ones due to shielding and/or living rural locations.</p>		

QME care propose to develop a new Community Connection and Companionship Project to support people living with Dementia and Older Age who have experience increased social isolation over the period of the pandemic.

Community networks have been fragmented due to the pandemic, the new project will aim to reduce the trauma, isolation for our older adults to ensure that they are not a forgotten generation and can still flourish in a fair and compassionate environment regardless of their age or condition.

A grant from the Build Back a Better Borders Recovery Fund will enable QME Care to employ a Volunteer Co-ordinator who aim to will recruit and match 15 volunteers aged 16+ with people aged over 55, living with dementia in the Cheviot community, based on their interests, hobbies and connections to aid a better bond and successful pairing match with our older people in the community. They will support them weekly to re-engage with their community and build back networks lost or diminished during the pandemic, with the support from the Co-ordinator and Holistic therapists to support the trauma recover process. After the first six months' pilot period legacy funding and specific fund raising will be used to continue the project.

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

<b>High</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Medium</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Low</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Comment:</p> <p>People living with dementia and older age have experienced increased social isolation over the period of the pandemic due to shielding, rural locations and lack of modern technology.</p> <p>Family, members of the community and Heath &amp; Social Care Partners will be able to refer to the project which is based on a model used by Alzheimer's Scotland and QME Care's model of support.</p> <p>Befriending will provide new and different stimulation through dedicated time without other external time pressures.</p> <p>In addition to one to one support Befriending Cafes will provide community members and their carers the chance to meet up and peer support in bigger groups and will cover topics such as reminiscence café sessions and musical therapies to support re-engagement with the community and reduction of Post Covid trauma. These will be delivered from a purpose-built building which includes a café with an industrial kitchen and trained therapist staff enabling the facilitation of a purpose designed service.</p>		

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

<b>High</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Medium</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Low</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Comment:</p> <p>It is anticipated that the project will achieve the following outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Older People and people with dementia will be less socially isolated.</li> </ul>		

- People will have access to peer support through befriending cafes.
- Older people and those with dementia will remain connected to their communities.
- Older People and people with dementia can learn new skills to increase their resilience and manage the impact of any trauma.
- Carers can take time for themselves and their own wellbeing needs.
- Communities to be more inclusive and supportive of conditions such as dementia.

#### 4. Project Expenditure:

<b>Total Project Cost</b>	£7650
<b>10% organisation contribution</b>	£765
<b>Request to BBBB</b>	£6,885

<b>Item of expenditure</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Laptop device and IT Licence for Co-ordinator	£300
Volunteer Co-ordinator staffing cost	£5,411
Volunteer and Staffing expenses travel, sundries & outing costs)	£1,939

Match/other funding sought:

<b>Funder</b>	<b>Funding Requested</b>	<b>Status</b>
	£	
	£	
	£	

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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Amount</b>
		£
		£
		£
		£
		£

<b>SBC OFFICER ASSESSMENT</b>	The application meets the criteria of the Fund.
<b>Comments</b>	The application is rated as high as it demonstrates how the protected characteristics of age and disability and their carers will be supported to recover from the pandemic through improved health & wellbeing and reduced social isolation.
<b>Additional terms and conditions required</b>	The applicant must follow Scottish Government Covid-19 guidance.  The rate of pay given to the Volunteer Co-ordinator must meet the National Living Wage.
<b>Recommendations to evaluate impact:</b>	If successful, we recommend the applicant include in their funding evaluation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of volunteers recruited</li> <li>• Number of people referred to the project</li> <li>• Number of people attending the Befriending Cafes</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Feedback from staff</li><li>• Feedback from service users</li><li>• Feedback from volunteers</li></ul>
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