

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

Organisation name	Tweeddale Rideability Group					
Organisation structure	Constituted Group					
Application reference	BBBB-TW-10					
Theme of application	Sport	Arts & culture	Environment	Community capacity	Community resilience	Intergenerational activity
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Project start date	As soon as is possible			Project end date	No end date	

2. Organisation's Finances

End of year balance	£38,864
Current bank balance	£41,407
Total cash/Unrestricted reserves available & purpose	£26,016
Total restricted /committed funds & purpose	£20,000 of the group's income is held in a long term savings bond and is considered to be the groups 'reserves'. These reserves are held to mitigate against a defined set of risks and which safeguard the groups future. The total amount considered necessary to mitigate these risks is between £17,196 and £25,391.

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)

High <input type="checkbox"/>	Medium <input type="checkbox"/>	Low <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Comment:		

The group have been unable to fundraise in their usual ways as a result of the pandemic..

During lockdown Tweeddale Rideability Group, required to re-home a pony, one of their horses is nearing retirement and earlier this year a horse passed away unexpectedly. They require to purchase two more horses in order to get back to full capacity. The group are applying to BBBB for one horse. The pandemic has resulted in the price of new horses greatly increasing. This means where previously costs would have been in the region of £1000 to £2000 groups/individuals can now expect to pay £6000 to £7000. This represents a significant proportion of the groups available funds for the year/ the group still need to purchase another two. This request is for funding for one horse.

As the lockdown restrictions eased the group were able to provide very limited horse riding lessons to a small number of their more physically capable riders (approx. 6), this ensured that social distancing measures could be maintained. As restrictions lift they would like to open services to all their riders, this currently includes approx. 30 adults and children with learning and/or physical disabilities within the Tweeddale area.

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

High <input type="checkbox"/>	Medium <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Low <input type="checkbox"/>
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Comment:

The group provides ‘therapy through riding,’ to adults and children with learning and/or physical disabilities, pre-Covid they supported around 30 adults and children. As some restrictions eased they supported around six riders. Their riding lessons help to build strength, balance and coordination to those with physical disabilities and for those with conditions such as autism - interacting with a horse can be easier than doing so with another person. The group’s lessons also provide a sense of challenge, achievement and most importantly joy to their riders. Tweeddale Rideability would love to be able to deliver these benefits to all of their riders in the future. Many of the individuals that attend these sessions wouldn’t achieve similar outcomes in other projects or settings.

The group currently have a waiting list of new riders wishing to join the programme. The club are currently in the process of training new coaches which will help provide additional training session to meet demand. The club wish to offer more mounted and groundwork sessions which are particularly valuable to those riders with autism.

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

High <input type="checkbox"/>	Medium <input type="checkbox"/>	Low <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Comment:

The group suggest that many of their riders may have had their usual therapeutic and extra-curricular services cancelled during the pandemic, they suggest this will have had a negative impact on their health and wellbeing. Buying the new horses will enable them to provide riding therapy to all their riders.

4. Project Expenditure:

Total Project Cost	£7,000
10% organisation contribution	£700

Request to BBBB	£6,300
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Item of expenditure	Cost
1 Horse or Pony	£7,000

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
January '21	Tesco Bags of Help	£1,000

SBC OFFICER ASSESSMENT	<p>The application <u>does not meet</u> the criteria of the BBBB fund because they haven't demonstrated the new element of the application.</p> <p>The application is looking at continuing a service and succession planning due to the age of current horses as opposed to delivering something new.</p>
Comments	<p>The project offers a valuable experience to individuals who have physical or learning difficulties. These individuals have been severely impacted by Covid and will benefit from the service that this project will provide.</p> <p>However the application hasn't demonstrated the need for the additional horse and what the 'new' element of the project will be.</p> <p>The application would have benefited from providing information from participants and potential new participants as to the importance of providing more sessions and how the group are encouraging individuals to return to riding post pandemic.</p>
Additional terms and conditions required	<p>The applicant must follow Scottish Government Covid-19 guidance</p> <p>If successful we would look for the group to feedback on;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The number of participants that have used the service