

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	St Ronan's Silver Band					
Organisation structure	Constituted Group					
Application reference	BBBB-TW-12					
Theme of application	Sport	Arts & culture	Environment	Community capacity	Community resilience	Intergenerational activity
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Project start date				Project end date		

2. Organisation's Finances

End of year balance	£13,018.56
Current bank balance	£7,601.27
Total cash/Unrestricted reserves available & purpose	£2,601.27
Total restricted /committed funds & purpose	<p>£5,000 has been allocated to the Uniform Replacement programme – Phase 2</p> <p>The current bank balance allows the band to cover outgoings such as utility bills, instrument repairs, music, insurance costs etc whilst the ability to fundraise is limited.</p> <p>2020/21 income =£16k, expenditure =£7.4k</p> <p>The group received a business support grant from SBC. The business support grant was used to pay ongoing running costs in the absence of the group being able to raise any funds in the normal way due to the suspension of activities (fund-raisers, members subs, fees for playing at events, concerts, etc.) This expenditure included: admin costs, instrument repair programme, insurance, music, uniforms, utilities, tuition fees.</p>

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

St Ronan's Silver Band's Development Plan is based upon the views of its members and takes account of the needs of the wider community and has three key priorities:

- Priority 1: We are a learning organisation that puts youth and player development at the heart of our work
- Priority 2: We are a happy, purposeful band where players feel welcomed and encouraged.
- Priority 3: We play regularly in our community and beyond at a variety of events always giving the best performance possible.

St Ronan's Silver Band are requesting funding to progress Priority 1 and ?.

St Ronan's would like to purchase 35 pBuzz instruments and pay for tuition time to provide 30 children with access to free face to face musical tuition. pBuzz instruments have been designed to encourage children to learn a musical instrument.



Two 10 week blocks of tuition will be delivered to 30 children (15 children in each block) by a qualified teacher who has attended training with the creator of the pBuzz instrument. The tutors involved are both qualified and experienced, the application has been submitted by one of the members of the band who will be providing this training.

Training can be delivered inside or outside depending on what Covid-19 restrictions allow. The hope is that this training programme will encourage children to progress to a traditional brass instrument, addressing the band's gap in recruitment and helping make the band more sustainable. Training is open to children living in Tweeddale. The teacher would also be paid to evaluate and report on the tuition programme.

In addition, St Ronans Silver Band are seeking funding for the installation of new windows and blinds to their hall as well as the purchase and installation of a new shed. The Band Hall is not currently being used for rehearsals as the windows do not open safely. The Band would like to replace the windows with UPVC windows which will allow them to open the windows for the required ventilation following Covid-19. It would also help improve their carbon footprint in the long run. Currently, the village hall is being used for rehearsals. The village hall is larger allowing band members to distance themselves at rehearsals. The Band would like to purchase and install a new shed to store essential but non valuable items (seating, cases etc) which would allow players to sit a suitable distance apart in their own hall. Renting the village hall is an expense that the Band say cannot be sustained over the coming period.

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 band believes that by playing a musical instrument, children's emotional wellbeing, social interaction, resilience and achievement in other areas will be improved. St Ronan's

has a waiting list of children who would like to learn to play and have a history of delivering youth development programmes. St Ronan's are learning from two Scottish organisations who have delivered pBuzz projects for children in the community. The pBuzz instruments will be loaned free of charge to children. 4 adult helpers will be engaged in the project to support tuition.

Upgrading the Band Hall will create a safer playing environment for band members. The survey with members showed that not being able to play together when Covid019 restrictions were in place, had a negative impact on members. The upgrade of facilities would allow the Band to safely start using their hall again. The band has 68 members. The Hall is available for other community use.

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

High **Medium** **Low**

Comment:

It is expected that by starting to engage children in playing music using the pBuzz instruments, children will progress to learning a brass instrument and hopefully join the Silver Band. Previously projects have shown around 57% of children move on to learning a brass instrument. Many of the skills learnt during this programme will be transferable to other musical genres.

In terms of improvements to the Hall, it is expected based on survey findings that members will feel more confident that the improved ventilation will reduce the risk of aerosol transmission of Covid. They also expect a reduction in heating costs in the longer-term.

4. Project Expenditure:

Total Project Cost	£6,670.59
10% organisation contribution	£670.59
Request to BBBB	£6,000

Item of expenditure	Cost
Purchase 35 pBuzz instruments	£525
Delivery of pBuzz sessions	£800
Music arrangements and teaching resources	£375
Windows and blinds	£3,960.60
Shed and installation	£1,009.99

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-19 Support Grant	£10,000

December 2020	SBC Community Fund – The Music Lives On...line	£1,500
		£
		£
		£

SBC OFFICER ASSESSMENT	The application meets the criteria of the BBBB fund
Comments	<p>the application scores medium as it encourages young people to play instruments.</p> <p>St Ronans silver band are starting a new section of their band to encourage new members.</p> <p>This application provides a new opportunity for young people and the club have demonstrate that retention of young people is high once they have started within the band.</p>
Additional terms and conditions required	<p>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.</p> <p><i>We would seek the group to particularly report on:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Number of young people engaged in tuition</i> • <i>How many young people have continued learning and progressed fully into the band after the 6 month</i>