

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	Melrose Waverley Tennis Club					
Organisation structure	Charity (SC034153)					
Application reference	BBBB/EIL/15					
Theme of application	Sport	Arts & culture	Environment	Community capacity	Community resilience	Intergenerational activity
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Project start date	January 2022			Project end date	May 2022	

2. Organisation's Finances

End of year balance	£32,366
Current bank balance	£3,866
Total cash/Unrestricted reserves available & purpose	£4,866
Total restricted /committed funds & purpose	£27,500

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"/>
As the local community starts to recover from the pandemic, Melrose Waverley Tennis Club wishes to play its part by extending and improving its coaching sessions for children (of which over 100 attend) and also by reaching out to new children.		
In order to do this, the club would like to install a practice fence (hitting wall) to extend the active time for all of the children taking part in coaching sessions and to enable the club's new adult members to be physically active without needing a playing partner. Any member		

of community (member or non-member) would be able to book a timeslot to practice using the hitting wall via the online form between 09:00 – 22:00, 7 days a week.

Alongside the installation of the hitting wall, the club wish to introduce a new, 6-week block of free coaching aimed at 5 year olds who have not yet taken part in the sport. The Lawn Tennis Association coaching scheme is for children aged 4-11 years who are new to tennis and the £34.99 per child cost includes a tennis racket, set of tennis balls, branded t-shirt and a pair of wristbands. The course is led by an enthusiastic coach who has attended specific LTA Youth Start training – in this instance, the sessions will be led by the club's level 5 coach.

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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The primary beneficiaries of this initiative will be school-aged children, both primary and secondary, living in Melrose and the surrounding areas. These children faced much-reduced opportunities for sport and leisure during the pandemic. The tennis club has a large coaching programme with its head coach and assistant coaches delivering coaching almost every day of the week to children aged between 4 and 18, as well as an adult programme. These children will benefit immensely from having a practice fence to use, which would be incorporated into the new and existing coaching activities. In addition, the club anticipates that some of its new adult members will use the practice fence.

The LTA scheme would give children who did not get the opportunity to exercise during lockdown the chance to have some coaching in a small group with a coach and assistant coach, as well as providing each one with the equipment they need to play (racquet and balls). The club would endeavour to find 10 children to take part in the scheme who would not normally have the opportunity to do so.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Low <input type="checkbox"/>
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The incorporation of a practice fence into the facilities that the club can offer to children, adult members and visitors to the club will mean that it can offer more playing time as individuals will be able to practice on their own and it can increase the coaching activities that the club offers by incorporating the use of the fence, which has a ten year guarantee.

During coaching sessions children will have more active time by using this new facility. The club is also aware that some children do not get the opportunity to take part in extra-curricular activities and would like to reach out to them by running the well-established LTA's Tennis for Kids scheme to offer tennis coaching for young children who have not yet had the opportunity to play.

If the club is successful with its BBBB Recovery Fund application, it will enable the club to run the coaching sessions for free, removing cost from being a barrier to the families of these children as everything they will need to participate is included as part of the scheme.

4. Project Expenditure:

Total Project Cost	£9,070
10% organisation contribution	£907
Request to BBBB	£8,163

Item of expenditure	Cost
ServeAce hitting wall & erection works	£8,520.00
10 x children participating in LTA's Tennis for Kids scheme	£349.90
6 week block of coaching (coach & assistant costs) for 10 children	£200.10

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
		£
		£
		£
		£
		£

SBC OFFICER ASSESSMENT	The application meets the criteria of the BBBB fund e.g. the application scores medium.
Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It will increase access to sport • It will increase or improve community capacity, resilience and engagement • There is a cost involved with accessing the tennis courts and therefore the hitting wall. This may prove a barrier to members of the community who are on low-income • At the time of assessment, the group were unable to confirm how they plan to identify the 10 young people who may not normally have the opportunity to take part in projects like this (no mention of working in partnership with other organisations etc)
Additional terms and conditions required	The applicant must follow Scottish Government Covid-19 guidance.
Evaluative measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feedback from members & non-members as to the benefits of the hitting wall • Anecdotal feedback from young people on the hitting wall and the coaching sessions • Photographs of the hitting wall • Number of young people who continued to play tennis after the coaching sessions were completed