

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	Burnfoot Community Futures (BCF)					
Organisation structure	SCIO and Limited Company and Development Trust					
Application reference	BBBB-T&L-11					
Theme of application	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 type="checkbox"/>
Project start date	19 th November 2021			Project end date	31 March 2022	

2. Organisation's Finances

End of year balance	£89,990 unrestricted funds £1,666,939 restricted funds – value of BCF assets (July 2020)
Current bank balance	£38,539
Total cash/Unrestricted reserves available & purpose	£19,572 Investing in Communities Fund is supporting two out of 17 staffing costs until March 2022. No other funder is supporting BCF running costs or activities. The impact of Covid-19 continues to impact their funding/trading position. Currently BCF has reserves of between 1-2 months of trading, the aim is to hold 3-6 months.
Total restricted /committed funds & purpose	£18,967 Held on behalf of others to provide a recycling training programme called Fashionable (£6,087) and from a legacy from a community member to provide facilities for young people (£11,000) and from a past family project yet to be completed (£1,880)

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"/>
<p>BCF are seeking funding to provide the community with training and development opportunities to assist recovery from the pandemic. The focus is on supporting those in the community directly impacted by Covid-19 including those who are isolated, those affected by poverty and loneliness. It has always been the aim of BCF to address isolation and build confidence in the community but they are now looking to deliver a more structured programme of support in response to people's experiences during Covid-19.</p> <p>BCF will provide four key offerings to the community to build community capacity and strengthen resilience:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To offer access to training and development for those in need of intervention in to their lives. This will include food production, cooking and food distribution. 2. To provide more and different volunteer roles through the café, community garden and food distribution services as well as office based roles such as marketing, promotions and surveys. 3. To provide access to wellness resources along with NHS Borders and Salvation Army and provide direct contact services and a place to meet and discuss challenges plus a follow up set of activities aimed at betterment 4. Combat isolation by developing a contact and feedback mechanism to encourage people out of their homes and welcome them in to a safe environment and in doing so build a programme of activities to build confidence. <p>BCF have drafted a weekly programme of activities with two or more sessions planned for each day including CV sessions, Tea and Natter, volunteer gardening and homework club.</p>		
Evidence of individuals, groups or communities likely to <u>benefit</u> 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"/>
<p>The Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation shows the Burnfoot community to be in either very low Deciles or the lowest Decile and lowest Quintile in relation to health, income, education and training. BCF are responding to this through the provision of activities and option for the community. SIMD deciles</p> <p>The key offerings are intended for those who were shielding through being vulnerable due to age or illness, single parents with younger children, people affected by mental health and confidence issues, those affected by anxiety and those who are users of their food distribution service who are typically families.</p> <p>The intention is to promote the opportunities and engage the community via word of mouth at food pick up points and with volunteers as well as current contacts and from referrals. Social media may also be used. Programme content and numbers who can attend will be promoted.</p> <p>BCF's offer is based on feedback gathered from the community, the most recent feedback session being on October 22nd. Social Media polls also inform their planning as does questionnaires and direct conversations. Feedback includes requests for combatting isolation, restarting past groups, offering fitness sessions and cinema and finding different ways to bring people together. BCF has also received feedback that there is a lack of volunteering opportunities for the community. Volunteers have commented volunteering provides them with a positive role and allows them to build confidence and ownership.</p>		

Expected <u>impact</u> 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"/>
<p>The intention is to provide a programme of support which will increase the confidence of local people through their participation and interaction in activities and skill development.</p> <p>Personal development measurement tools will be used to assist personal development planning. BCF have successfully delivered community inclusion activities in the past as well as various community events. BCF are looking to make more of the opportunities they currently have to engage with the community to encourage their participation in this planned programme to increase the opportunity for personal progression.</p>		

4. Project Expenditure:

Total Project Cost	£16,500
10% organisation contribution	£1,500
Request to BBBB	£14,850

Item of expenditure	Cost
Staff costs x 2 people @£14.85 ph inc. on costs x 16 hours x 18 weeks	£8,553
Use of Hub and share of utilities and insurance - £165 pw x 18 weeks	£2,970
Training including licenses and access for use of online tools x 12	£441
Participant materials costs x 108 volunteers x £3 pw x 14	£4,536

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
2020/21	Winter Wonderland	£1,500
		£

SBC OFFICER ASSESSMENT	The application does not meet the criteria of the BBBB fund as BCF's annual accounts are out-with the 15 month period allowed with this fund. Their latest set of accounts are imminent with the expectation that the accounts will go to the Board for approval in December with their AGM likely in January.
Comments	The application has been assessed as medium. The community is always at the centre of BCF's activities and they have a successful history of delivery activities with the community. Their plan for assisting recovery from

	<p>the pandemic and how the community has shaped this response is outlined in their proposed programme. The BCF Board and staff continue to work on the final version of this programme and it is this detail that is needed to improve understanding of what impact the programme will have in the community.</p> <p>BCF may wish to link with Volunteer Centre Borders to provide support to volunteers and look at accreditation opportunities.</p>
<p>Additional terms and conditions required</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The applicant must follow Scottish Government Covid-19 guidance • Equipment purchased must be available for wider community use
<p>Evaluation</p>	<p>If successful the group will be asked to report on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The number of sessions delivered and number of participants who attended • The number of new volunteers • Feedback from service users, volunteers, staff • Impact the programme of activities and support has had on the local community