

# 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

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| <b>Organisation name</b>      | Connect Berwickshire Youth Project |  |   |   |   |  |
| <b>Organisation structure</b> | Registered Charity SC020840        |  |   |   |   |  |
| <b>Application reference</b>  | BBBB-BER--7                        |  |   |   |   |  |
| <b>Theme of application</b>   | Sport<br><input type="checkbox"/>  | Arts & culture<br><input type="checkbox"/> | Environment<br><input type="checkbox"/> | Community capacity<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Community resilience<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Intergenerational activity<br><input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>Project start date</b>     | 01/01/2022                         |  |   | <b>Project end date</b>                                   | 31/05/2022  |  |

### 2. Organisation's Finances

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| <b>End of year balance</b>                                      | £ 319,053    |
| <b>Current bank balance</b>                                     | £ 103,282.62 |
| <b>Total cash/Unrestricted reserves available &amp; purpose</b> | £ £8342      |
| <b>Total restricted /committed funds &amp; purpose</b>          | £207,863     |

### 3. Project:

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| Connect Berwickshire Youth Project want to use BBBB funding to start an S1/S2 youth club, offering support to young people who are making the transition from Primary school to High School as well as running a programme of fun activities and projects.   |   |                                     |
| <b>High</b> <input type="checkbox"/>   | <b>Medium</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <b>Low</b> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Connect Berwickshire Youth Project would like to support families in Coldstream and build extra youth work provision there, as the Borders Recovery Matrix identifies Coldstream as the most at risk community in Berwickshire (at 23 points). They want to help develop a new youth and family hub, using the annexe next to the Primary School in Coldstream, working alongside Community Learning and Development who are also looking to use the facility. Permission has not yet been given for either service to use the annexe but conversations are ongoing however for the past ten years they have been using a dedicated space at Coldstream Community Centre and will continue to use it going forward until a decision is reached one way or the other re the annexe. |   |                                     |

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| <p>Connect Youth intend to use BBBB funding to pay:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Youth Worker salary to deliver 1 youth work session for S1 and S2 pupils per week for 5 months and 1 youth club session per week which will be free of charge to families who are unable to pay</li> <li>• Play Leader salary to deliver an after school club Monday – Friday during term time (3.15-6pm) and a holiday club during school holidays (9-4pm) for 5 months</li> <li>• A Lead Worker salary to co-ordinate the two projects for 5 months</li> </ul> <p>Connect Berwickshire Youth Project have match funding in place to extend the two services beyond 6 months of delivery. Connect Berwickshire Youth Project have match funding in place to extend the two services beyond 6 months of delivery.</p>  |  |  |
| <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:</p>   |  |  |
| <p><b>High</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>  | <p><b>Medium</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> | <p><b>Low</b> <input type="checkbox"/></p> |
| <p>Connect Berwickshire Youth Project say they currently see many children who are feeling anxious and isolated. They believe there is a great need for safe youth work opportunities as there are limited opportunities for young people in the area and they have missed out on social connections and experiences during Covid-19 which had led to an increase in lower levels of mental health and well-being. Connect Berwickshire Youth Project want to make sure that low income doesn't prevent access to their services and aim to ensure all local children and young people will have more chances to get involved in regular activities and youth work sessions locally. The young people will be able to plan and participate in the sessions Connect Youth will deliver. There will also be volunteering opportunities and chances to enrol on Youth Achievement Awards, Dynamic Youth Awards and Saltire Awards and gain accreditation for their work.</p> |  |  |

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| <p>Expected <u>impact</u> of the new initiative and how will it help those most in need recover from the pandemic</p>   |   |  |
| <p><b>High</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>  | <p><b>Medium</b> <input type="checkbox"/></p> | <p><b>Low</b> <input type="checkbox"/></p> |
| <p>Coldstream has been identified as a community most at risk of a difficult recovery in Berwickshire and Connect Berwickshire Youth Project hope that their new service will increase wellbeing for children, young people and their families. Low income affects many families (15.2% according to the Borders Recovery Matrix) and they have successfully brought in funds to enable these families to access their services through an alliance led by BAVS with the Scottish Government Recovery fund.</p> <p>The weekly S1 and S2 session will create opportunities for local young people to get involved in planning and participating in fun activity sessions. There will also be volunteering opportunities and chances to enrol on Youth Achievement Awards, Dynamic Youth Awards and Saltire Awards and gain accreditation for their work. They want the young people who come to their sessions to feel valued and to have chances to improve their social skills in a safe environment. Young people will have opportunities to make more links across their community out with their regular social groups and develop important relationships with youth workers and volunteers who will be positive role models and mentors. Covid has impacted on Coldstream's young people confidence and they are finding it difficult to go out and socialise again. Connect Berwickshire Youth Project want young folk to get involved with our services, to have a say and shape youth work opportunities in their town, increasing their own wellbeing and community participation. S1 and S2 pupils missed out on the Primary 7 work being done to help with the transition from primary school to High school and the project's work will ensure that there is support for this group of young people as they settle into the challenges of High school.</p> |   |  |

#### 4. Project Expenditure:

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| <b>Total Project Cost</b>            | £ 39630 |
| <b>10% organisation contribution</b> | £ 3963  |

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| <b>Request to BBBB</b> | £ 14,250 |
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| <b>Item of expenditure</b>                            | <b>Cost</b>  |
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| Lead worker salary 6 months (gross) – contribution    | £ 13973  |
| Play Assistant salary 6 months (gross) - contribution | £ 4940   |
| Youth Worker salary 6 months (gross) - contribution   | £ 1527   |
| Utilities and office support                          | £ 1000 – breakdown of costs in supplementary information |
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Match/other funding sought:

| <b>Funder</b>        | <b>Funding Requested</b> | <b>Status</b>          |
|----------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| BBC Children in Need | £ 10k per year x 3 years | 10k per year x 3 years |
|                      | £                        |                        |
|                      | £                        |                        |

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>       |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 01-04-20212020/2019 | Commissioned Services Grant (CYPLG) | £ £15,500 per annum |
| 01-06-2020          | SBC Community Grants Scheme         | £ 6,099             |
| 01-07-2019          | Localities Bid Fund                 | £ 7,270             |
| 01-04-2020          | Service Level Agreement             | £ 9,000             |
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| <b>SBC OFFICER ASSESSMENT</b>                   | The application meets the criteria of the fund   |
| <b>Comments</b>                                 | The application has been assessed as medium. Connect Youth have a successful history in delivering youth work opportunities in the Coldstream area. Their intention to deliver youth work sessions and an after school club will provide support to young people and families to recover from the impact of the pandemic. Additional detail on the planned youth work and after school activities could move this project to being assessed as high. |
| <b>Additional terms and conditions required</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The applicant must follow Scottish Government Covid-19 guidance</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Evaluation</b>                               | <p>If the applicant is successful,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Number of people attending the youth work sessions</li> <li>Number of people attending after school club</li> <li>Feedback from service users and staff</li> <li>Range of activities delivered</li> <li>Sustainability plans</li> </ul>  |

