

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	Innerleithen Lawn Tennis Club					
Organisation structure	Constituted Club					
Application reference	BBBB/TW/24					
Theme of application	Sport	Arts & culture	Environment	Community capacity	Community resilience	Intergenerational activity
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Project start date	June 2022			Project end date	August 2022	

2. Organisation's Finances

End of year balance	£25,051
Current bank balance	£24,961
Total cash/Unrestricted reserves available & purpose	£15,757
Total restricted /committed funds & purpose	£9,204 The club has a sinking fund for the purpose of resurfacing the two full-size tennis courts on an approximate 10-year cycle. Of the remaining cash balance, £14,000 is ring fenced for a planned project to install a double mini-court area and tennis development wall for the benefit of children in the community.

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 **Medium** **Low**

Comment:
Innerleithen Lawn Tennis Club request BBBB funding to improve their club facilities. They would like funding to construct 2 mini tennis courts and a practice wall which they hope will help to

retain increased membership numbers whilst encouraging new members to join. By providing these new facilities they are hopeful they will meet the needs of the wider community by offering a place for children to engage in sport and exercise. Innerleithen Law Tennis Club plan to offer use of these facilities free of charge thus ensuring inclusion of everyone into their club. The facilities will be accessible to the wider community at and time so long as there are no coaching sessions taking place.

The club is supporting recovery through the provision of a junior coaching programme which will be enhanced by the new facilities. As the club has only two full-size courts, it is currently limited in the coaching sessions it can offer. The new facility will allow them to extend the coaching offering, particularly for holiday and half-term camps. It will also allow additional space for children to play at any time. When the facility opens, their coach will deliver a programme of tennis starter sessions free of charge as well as free inclusion sessions. They will also help to create school links to promote the facility and encourage wider use within the community. If the initial taster sessions are a success and they gain new members they will continue to run these sessions once a month.

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

High

Medium

Low

Comment:

It has been recognised that young people have been disproportionately affected by the pandemic with many of their sporting activities being curtailed throughout. Schools still have limited capacity to offer sports and it is essential that sports clubs offer activities that redress this short fall. The club currently has 131 members, 70 of which are children. They hope to attract an additional 5-10 children from the P1-3 year group with the completion of the new facilities. The introduction of mini-tennis courts will absolutely spur the development of mini-red players (players under 8 years old) wishing to take their tennis to a competitive level and a personal development level. The area is expected to be used on a weekly basis for coaching sessions for the 20-30 mini- red players already involved in the club. Out with coaching sessions any member can use the area as well as any member of the public as the facility will have unrestricted access. The mini tennis courts, the practice wall and the activity areas will be open to all.

The introduction of a practice wall will develop younger players' basic fundamental skills.

Moreover, the practice wall is beneficial to all members of the club whether they are younger or older, competitive players or social players. It is a good facility for players to use to warm up prior to and during sessions.

The mini-tennis courts will allow the club to host more mini-red competitions which will build confidence in competing in tournaments. The club entered 20 club members into the U10 Tennis Event at Earlston High School which is a high entry for a small club. Having competition ready mini-tennis courts will familiarise young players with what can be expected in the step up to competing. It will also allow them to host their own inter competitions for their club members in the P1-3 age group.

They envisage that their adult members, particularly women, will also benefit as they can bring children to safely play on the junior zone whilst they participate in their popular social ladies tennis sessions.

The club benefitted from an increase in adult membership of 58% in 2020 which they have sustained into 2021. Child and Junior memberships have also increased since 2019 by 15% and 67%. They have recognised as a club that they need to improve their facilities in order to retain these new members.

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"/>
<p>Comment: The new facility will be available at no cost offering outdoor activity and physical exercise, both of which contribute to good health and mental wellbeing. The facility will also allow Innerleithen Lawn Tennis Club to offer tennis to more junior members and extend their coaching programme. Parents often become interested in playing tennis when their children develop an interest in the sport. This leads not only to a healthy, shared family activity, but also to an opportunity for the parents to make friends and enjoy social life at the club.</p> <p>The club plan to measure the impact of this project through club membership numbers and coaching attendance. During the summer term, the club organised a free activity day for children at the local primary school, providing fun coaching sessions. As a result they were able to set up two new yellow ball sessions during the week, which added to our inclusive programme. Both sessions were highly sought after and filled up quickly, providing 14 new child and junior members with the opportunity to play social and competitive tennis.</p> <p>This project will help to bring younger members to the club whilst promoting health and exercise. It will help to reduce isolation suffered by children and their parents during lockdown by providing a social activity available to everyone at no cost. It will not only allow children and adults to develop their tennis to a competitive level but also allow those using the facility to socialise and form friendships within the community of the tennis club.</p>		

4. Project Expenditure:

Total Project Cost	£60,000
10% organisation contribution	£14,000
Request to BBBB	£15,000

Item of expenditure	Cost
Construction of 2 mini tennis courts and practice wall	£60,000
	£
	£
	£
	£

Match/other funding sought:

Funder	Funding Requested	Status
Clubsport Tweeddale	£5,000	Application sent
SBC Community Fund	£7,500	Application sent
Sport Scotland	£20,000	Application in process

Grants received from Scottish Borders Council or any other funder within the last three years

Date	Project Title	Amount
January 2021	Replacement of floodlights	£19,000
March 2018	Resurfacing of tennis courts	£10,000
February 2018	Resurfacing of tennis courts	£5,000
		£
		£

SBC OFFICER ASSESSMENT	The application meets the criteria of the BBBB fund
Comments	<p>This application scored medium because they have carried out a consultation with school children to establish the interest in being involved with the club.</p> <p>The have ran taster sessions from a local primary school which sold out very quickly and resulted in 14 new memberships.</p> <p>They also plan to be inclusive to those out of work or on low incomes by offering the facility free of charge and providing free coaching sessions once the facility is open.</p>
Additional terms and conditions required	<p>the applicant must follow Scottish Government Covid-19 guidance</p> <p>If successful in their application the tennis club must provide information on</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of new members as a result of the new facility • Number of non-members that have accessed the facility • Number of free sessions provided