

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	Cheviot Togs				
Organisation structure	Constituted Charity				
Application reference	BBBB/T&L/12				
Theme of application	Sport	Arts & Culture	Environment	Community Capacity	Community resilience
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Project start date	Jan 2022	Project end date			July 2022

2. Organisation's finances:

End of year balance	£0
Current bank balance	New organisation, waiting on funding to arrive in the account.
Total cash/Unrestricted reserves available & purpose	£0
Total restricted /committed funds & purpose	<p>£2410 has been raised through grant and crowd funding. This is still to be transferred to the group as their bank account has only recently been set up.</p> <p>£1200 ring fenced for rent and insurance for December and January.</p> <p>£468 ring fenced for laundry trolleys. Remaining balance £732 ring fenced for organisation running costs and 10% match funding to Community Fund application.</p>

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:

Cheviot Togs plans to create a clothing bank for children and young people in the style of a boutique shop, in Teviot Crescent in Hawick. The project will operate across both Cheviot and Teviot & Liddesdale; the application for funding has been split pro rata across the two community funds.

They aim to reduce the amount of good quality clothing going to land fill while helping those in need of support with clothing for children and young people.

Cheviot Togs aims to reduce the stigma of second-hand clothing.

Cheviot Tog aims to provide free, clean and suitable clothing to children who find themselves in need of clothing due to domestic violence, flood or fire, homelessness or financial difficulties facing the family. Clothing is sourced by donations, and partner organisations. Jedburgh Grammar has asked Cheviot Togs to manage all school excess uniforms. There are plans to engage with Kelso and Hawick high schools, as well as working with local supermarkets and shops to use excess stock.

Clothing will be provided via delivery, and in person at the Hawick base if people are able to travel, as well as pop up shops, and events, in Cheviot pending setting up a base in Jedburgh, and Kelso.

Cheviot Togs have worked with and consulted to establish need: Future Hawick, Burnfoot Community Hub, NHS Borders, Jedburgh Grammar Campus, School Nurse Hawick High School, Morrisons, The Co-op, Jedburgh Foodbank, Live Borders, Salvation Army, Borders Women's Aid, Cheviot Youth and Tweed Togs in Peebles who mentors the project and whom Cheviot Togs based the business model on. The organisation has also discussed the project with local community councils.

There is currently a referral process based on the operation of best practice used by Tweed Togs. This is through health, youth workers and education professionals. However, the organisation is keen to look at a mechanism for self-referral considering the dignity and confidentiality of the people using the service.

The organisation believes that access to clothing is a human right and all children should have access to clean, appropriate clothes to help them participate fully in life.

Cheviot Togs wants to provide autonomy, choice and dignity wherever possible.

Cheviot Togs are based in Hawick but will be taking over the service in Jedburgh and Kelso areas, currently operated by Tweed Togs, from January, covering a greater area of the Cheviot locality.

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:

Children aged 0-18 - children have been adversely affected by Covid-19, missing out on full school, social and sports activities for nearly two years. They should not be restricted or socially excluded because of a lack of clothing.

Families facing financial difficulties. People who are self-employed, working in the service industry and those who didn't qualify for furlough payments should have access to clothing for their children if needed.

Families facing a rise in the cost of living and having to make choices about food, heating and rent. To offer help with basic clothing needs for children would give them less to worry about and ease stress upon that family.

Refugees, people being relocated to The Borders during the pandemic may not have direct access to community support as previously. They should also have access to clean, suitable clothing for their families.

Cheviot Togs will give people access to clothing in a dignified way, aiming to recreate a boutique experience.

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 being based closer to, and working actively in, Teviot & Liddesdale the number of referrals received by Tweed Togs will be increased from when they were delivering the service in the area during 2020/21:

TD9 Teviot & Liddesdale – 72;

Project Expenditure:

Total Project Cost	£5,500
10% organisation contribution	£550
Request to BBBB	£2,722.50

Item of expenditure	Cost
Laundry Equipment	£2,000
Rent	£1,500
Shop and Storage Furnishings	£1,700
Packaging, Stationery, Travel	£300
Total	£5,500

Match/other funding sought:

Funder	Funding Requested	Status
Crowdfunding	£5,000	Ongoing
Cheviot Community Fund	£2,227.50	Awaiting decision

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

Date	Project Title/Funder	Amount
	Arnold Clark	£1,000
	Oregon Timber	£1,000
	Crowd Funding	£410

SBC OFFICER ASSESSMENT	The application meets the criteria of the BBBB fund and has been scored high as it will support families in need via the provision of clothing for children and young people.
Comments	<p>This project is new and fulfils the criteria as will aim to build community capacity and engagement. The project will also aim to reduce waste and change attitudes to recycling clothes. There is evidence of need based on SIMD statistics and uptake delivered by Tweed Togs.</p> <p>Cheviot Togs is reliant on funding to begin and during the initial phase the sustainability will be dependent on being successful in fund applications to have a level of reserve to build resilience. They are in the process of applying to the Ladhope Wind Farm, as well as in discussions and planning to apply to the National Lottery Community Fund.</p> <p>Cheviot Togs has been set up recently, meaning it has no financial history. They have a detailed business plan, with financial projections.</p>

Additional terms and conditions required	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The applicant must follow Scottish Government Covid-19 guidance when delivering the service.• Moveable equipment to be passed to another community group/organisation should this project cease to operate.
Evaluation	<p>If successful, we recommend the applicant include in their funding evaluation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Number of children and young people supported• Feedback from staff and service users where appropriate• Feedback from referring organisations e.g. GPs and Social Work staff.