

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	Café ReCharge				
Organisation structure	CIC				
Application reference	BBBB-EIL-25				
Theme of application	Sport	Arts & Culture	Environment	Community Capacity	Community resilience
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Project start date	February	Project end date			June

2. Organisation's finances:

End of year balance	£18,120
Current bank balance	£19,308
Total cash/Unrestricted reserves available & purpose	£6,050 To cover existing staff member salary and other miscellaneous kitchen equipment that is required
Total restricted /committed funds & purpose	£13,258 First Port Funding - Wages and Utilities: £10,462 SBC Community Fund - £296 Kickstart Training £2500

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Medium <input type="checkbox"/>	Low <input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Comment:</p> <p>Café ReCharge are seeking BBBB funding to employ a paid Volunteer Co-ordinator/Cafe Supervisor for 30hrs/week @26 week at £10p/h. The group are also looking for funding to cover food hygiene course for 20 volunteers.</p> <p>The volunteer co-ordinator will play a key role in recruiting and training volunteers, managing volunteer time and co-ordinating daily work rota within the kitchen and front of house and to include the co-ordination of the food collections from retailers. Café ReCharge have received a number of volunteering requests, but due to lack of dedicated time they are unable to meet this demand currently.</p> <p>This post will also require the successful applicant to supervise the front of house during busy times, allowing the café to have an extra member of paid staff to meet increased demand as a result of Covid. Employing a volunteer co-ordinator will not only increase the services and capacity inside the cafe for groups and customers but will also help potential volunteers who have been adversely affected by unemployment due to Covid, helping volunteers learn new skills, update their training, build self-esteem and confidence and make meaningful connections within their local community.</p> <p>BBBB funding will look to cover;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Salary costs • Laptop for new employee • Food hygiene training for 20 volunteers 		

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>Comment:</p> <p>The application will look to have positive benefits on a number of individuals and users groups. The group aim to engage with 20 volunteers, these are individuals who have contacted the café already about volunteering opportunities. However the café are also engaged with Volunteer Centre Borders and the Nobody Left Behind group that focusses on providing young people meaningful experiences.</p> <p>Volunteering offers opportunities to learn and develop new skills and training within the hospitality sector including food preparation, specific training on commercial equipment and food hygiene certification. These skills can be added to volunteers' CVs, improving their future employment prospects. It also reduces social isolation and boosts self-confidence and self-esteem while improving customer service and communication skills.</p>		

In being able to employ a member of staff who can support volunteers the café will be able to open at least one day at the weekend which will ensure working families can also benefit from visiting the cafe. People living with food insecurity will be able to access to the surplus shelves at the weekend. Additional capacity with staff will allow the café to increase its offer to the local community with the potential of hosting restaurant nights and brunch events.

Expected impact of the new initiative and how will it help those most in need recover from the pandemic

High Medium Low

Comment:

If successful the application will have a positive benefit, primarily to volunteers. The role will create purposeful volunteer opportunities which are supported and managed with an opportunity to learn or build on skills. In supporting a greater number of volunteers it will allow the café to be open longer, thus having a positive impact to local community. This will increase the opportunity for individuals to access surplus food, either for free or at low cost.

It is hoped that the volunteer co-ordinator will build positive relationships with volunteers over a 6 month period, building on individual skills and providing opportunities that are structured building on strengths and weaknesses of the individual. It is hoped that by supporting volunteers this can lead into paid positions within Café ReCharge, funding dependant, or the individual has built up considerable skills that they can apply for paid positions elsewhere. Café Recharge also hopes that this role will help to develop positive relationships in the community and also to demonstrate to volunteers their own contribution to supporting those in Galashiels and the wider Eildon area.

Project Expenditure:

Total Project Cost	£8,966
10% organisation contribution	£896
Request to BBBB	£8,070

Item of expenditure	Cost
Salary for Volunteer Co-ordinator/Cafe Supervisor 30hrs/week @26 week	£7,800

National Insurance	£466
Laptop for co-ordinator as an essential tool	£400
Food Hygiene training for 20 volunteers @ £15 each	£300
	£

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
2021	First Port Build it Fund	£25,000
2020	First Port Start It Fund	£5,000
2020	Eildon Community Fund (evaluation completed)	£14,067
2020	SBSEC Seedcorn Fund	£3,700
2020	Corra Wellbeing Fund	£2,000

SBC OFFICER ASSESSMENT	The application meets the criteria of the BBBB fund
Comments	<p>The application scores high/medium</p> <p>Funding will allow the café to be accessible for longer hours and over a weekend, thus allowing more members of the community to access surplus food.</p> <p>The post will help to support volunteer opportunities and to build skills of individuals that are seeking employment.</p>
Additional terms and conditions required	<p>If successful in their application, we would be looking for the group to report on;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of volunteers that have been engaged with over a 6 month period • Number of volunteers that have progressed into paid employment

