

Eildon Community Fund – Assessment panel recommendations February 10<sup>th</sup> 2022

Project	Request	Summary	Panel Recommendation
Scott's Selkirk	£5,000	<p>To purchase 10 gazebos that would be used at the Selkirk market and be available for wider community use. The current gazebos are regularly used and in need of being replaced. The market is growing in size and very popular with attendees coming from all over the borders.</p> <p>Panel thoughts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Selkirk market is vibrant and that having gazebos that are easy to erect and are in good condition adds value to the market.</li> <li>• Encouraged that the gazebos would be widely available for other community use</li> <li>• The group have gazebos that can continue to be used</li> </ul> <p>The panel wishes to support this project by recommending to fund 5 gazebos.</p>	<p>The panel <b>recommends to fund</b> 5 gazebos to a value of; <b>£2,500</b></p>
PND Borders	£15,000	<p>PND Borders are looking for funding to cover staffing costs. PND Borders provides support and therapy for mothers with postnatal depression and anxiety across the Scottish Borders.</p> <p>Panel thoughts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The panel are very supportive of PND Borders and the support that they are able to offer to individuals and families across the Borders</li> <li>• PND Borders is a Borderswide project and the panel discussed whether supporting a proportion of the application would be more suitable</li> <li>• PND Borders were asked if a proportion of funding would be welcomed but unfortunately, the group didn't find this agreeable</li> <li>• PND Borders were unable to specify how many referrals are from the Eildon area</li> <li>• The request for funding is to cover future costs - the group currently have enough funds for the forthcoming year</li> </ul>	<p><b>Recommended not to fund</b></p> <p>The panel recommend that the Communities &amp; partnership team work with the group to explore other possible funding options and opportunities, especially health based funding.</p>
Lauder Primary School Parent Council	£4,960.40	<p>The parent Council aim to raise levels of literacy attainment by improving and increasing the quality, quantity and diversity of non-fiction and fiction titles available in the school library and organising visits to local literary festivals and events.</p> <p>Panel Thoughts;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The panel are supportive of the project and the importance of access to appropriate and relevant reading material for young people</li> </ul>	<p><b>Recommended not to fund</b></p> <p>C&amp;P are in dialogue with the group and offering assistance with other funding options.</p>

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The Lavender Touch	£6,800	<p>The Lavender Touch are looking for funding to upgrade its shop and Hub in Galashiels which they view as being central to increasing awareness of the services it provides to those living with cancer in the Scottish Borders.</p> <p>Panel Thoughts;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lavender Touch is a borderswide charity although the specific shop is in Galashiels the panel were willing to offer a recommendation of proportional funding</li> <li>Aware of the importance that a shop layout can have on custom and how shop layout can generate income</li> <li>From visiting the shop the panel are in agreement that the shop requires a re-fit</li> </ul>	<p><b>Recommended to fund £1,579.79</b></p> <p>This grant award will assist in making the shop more environmental friendly by covering the costs of a Hive Hub, smart plugs, lighting &amp; in-shop energy improvements with the remaining amount to be put towards electrical cabling for the window display.</p>
Brighter Blainslie	£4,598.12	<p>This project will give the residents of Blainslie an improved environment, including flower displays, outdoor seating centrally in the village, environmentally friendly green spaces and improved access to local village pathway.</p> <p>Panel Thoughts;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The panel acknowledges the importance of creating spaces within a community that everyone can access</li> <li>the application had demonstrated that a number of volunteers will be involved in the project and that the group hope to maintain this involvement</li> </ul>	<p><b>Recommend to fund £4,598.12</b></p> <p>Panel requests that the group work SBCs Greenspace officer to make sure that all flowers and planting is sustainable</p>
St Peters Council	£2,718	<p>The Parents Association of St Peter's Primary School is submitting this funding application to support the continuation of a Breakfast Club service within our school. Funding will pay for staff to continue the breakfast club.</p>	<p><b>Recommend to fund; £2,718</b></p>

		<p>Panel Thoughts;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The initial request was £5,718 - The panel encouraged the group to apply to the Welfare Trust of which they were successful with an award of £2,500</li> <li>• The panel are aware that demographics in the school have changed as a result of covid</li> <li>• It's important that young people have access to food before learning, as this increases the ability to learn</li> <li>• The group are keen to support this project as a short term solution</li> <li>• The panel encourage the school to explore a sustainable funding model</li> </ul>	
Borders Talking Newspapers	£4,000	<p>The group are seeking funding to cover running costs so that they can continue to offer a talking newspaper service to residents across Eildon. The funding request is a proportion of the running costs. There are currently 230 registered listeners of which 73 are in Eildon.</p> <p>Panel Thoughts;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The panel value the service that this provides to residents across the Eildon community</li> <li>• The panel are also aware of the need for equality across Eildon and for everyone in the community to have access to local news</li> <li>• The panel feel that this is a valuable service and commend the volunteers that are involved</li> </ul>	<b>Recommend to fund; £4,000</b>
Tweedbank Guides	£15,000	<p>The group wish to offer residential opportunities to the Guide groups. Offering an at home experience and one in London.</p> <p>Panel Thoughts;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Residential opportunities are important and valued, especially as these opportunities have been impacted as a result of Covid.</li> <li>• The panel would like to support the Guides and value the benefit of having a local day and providing costs so that everyone can attend this</li> <li>• Unsure of equity in terms of what parent/young person pays for the activity and who accesses the trips at no charge</li> <li>• Due to the fund being over-subscribed the panel are keen to show their support to a positive organisation in Eildon and wish to offer the remaining balance which would allow the group attend a local day event.</li> </ul>	<b>Recommend to fund; £600</b>

Friends of Yarrow	£2,078.38	<p>Due to a rise in the Yarrow Primary school role, the decision was taken that the road from the school to the hall was unsafe for the pupils to walk along. A bus is now provided to transport the children to the hall. This is an awkward arrangement due to timing, numbers the bus can fit and the fact that it is a 30 second journey. The landowner who owns the field running parallel to the road has agreed to give up a portion of land running alongside the wall as a pathway to the hall. The group are seeking funding to fence this area so that the farmer can use the field and the children can safely walk along it.</p> <p>Panel Thoughts;  The panel feel that it is advisable to encourage walking to school instead of the young people attending by bus  The panel are keen to support the creation of a safe walking area to and from school which will be beneficial to young people but also the wider community and walkers.  Recognise that it is a small community working together to solve a large local problem</p>	<b>Recommended to fund; £2,078.38</b>