

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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| Organisation name | Jed Thistle Rugby Football Club | | | | | |
| Organisation structure | Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) | | | | | |
| Application reference | BBBB/CHE/09 | | | | | |
| Theme of application | Sport | Arts & culture | Environment | Community capacity | Community resilience | Intergenerational activity |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Project start date | April 2022 | | | Project end date | October 2022 | |

2. Organisation's Finances

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| End of year balance | £25,027.34 |
| Current bank balance | £38,177.53 |
| Total cash/Unrestricted reserves available & purpose | £24,769.12 |
| Total restricted /committed funds & purpose | <p>£10,900</p> <p>The £10,900 restricted funds is made up of the £9,900 and £1,000 received from the National Lottery and The Arnold Clark Foundation respectively towards the extension project. There is also £3,200 pledged from ClubSport Roxburgh which has yet to be drawn down.</p> <p>Jed Thistle Rugby Football Club (the Club) has successfully built up its funds over the last few years to contribute to the proposed extension. However, it normally takes about £15 - £20K per season to run the club, so it is important that some funds in reserve to cover any unforeseen circumstances.</p> <p>The major financial impact due to COVID has been that the Club was unable to hire out the Hall to other user Groups since lockdown in March 2020. This has seen a</p> |

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| | drop in net income of approximately £2,400 compared to the previous season. |
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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)

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| High <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Medium <input type="checkbox"/> | Low <input type="checkbox"/> |
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Comment:

To help young people Get Fit For The Future the Club is seeking funding like to build a multi-purpose extension onto the side of the current premises. The building is now 30 years old and requires a general upgrade including additional windows and insulation for comfort and sustainability, as well as improving its cosmetic appearance. Currently all tables and chairs have to be stored round the sides of the main hall, while all large equipment and scrummage machine are stored in an old container at the far end of the pitch. The extension will provide a fitness area for the players to train indoors during poor weather- helping to keep their fitness schedules up to scratch, and allowing the Club to continue with activities throughout the winter months.

The extension will also provide be new storage space for user groups as well as our equipment and a more comfortable, lighter environment in the main hall for all users.

The Club owns the premises and have also purchased the additional land needed for the extension. All preparatory costs will be met from Club funds. Full planning permission is in place.

The total estimated project cost is £92,000 although some labour costs will be reduced by utilising skills of club members. As it has not been possible to identify to identify a single funder a package of funding is being sought. The Club is applying to the Build Back a Better Borders Recovery Fund for a contribution towards the cost of building materials.

The improvements will provide more space for activities in the extension and main hall. A light and airy environment with additional windows and patio doors will make it easier to move between the indoor space to a new terrace looking out on to Lothian Park.

With the focus now on more space and better ventilation, this project will deliver for all whatever the weather, and whatever happens with the pandemic into the future.

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

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| High <input type="checkbox"/> | Medium <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Low <input type="checkbox"/> |
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Comment:

Jed Thistle Rugby Football Club caters primarily for young people between the ages of 14 and 18 (52 players at present) and a further 40 in their Touch Rugby summer programme. Activities are open to all young people without discrimination and the Club welcomes both male and female players.

The Club has been in existence since 1931 and has been supported entirely by volunteers as management committee members, coaches, child protection and welfare officers.

The additional space will also enhance the attractiveness of the premises to other user-groups within the local district. Large car parking facilities are available adjacent to the, wheelchair access and disabled facilities (including toilets) are available within the premises.

The Jed Thistle RFC use the premises two nights a week plus fortnightly during the season. Local groups who regularly use the premises include Jedburgh Pensioners Lunch Club, Jedburgh Toddlers Group, Jethart Callant's Festival, Jedburgh Ladies Group, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service community outreach and the South of Scotland Semi-Junior League. Regular users of the clubrooms have feedback that the lack of storage for equipment and not having the Main Hall clear of obstructions for physical activities impacts on their use of the space. Before Covid the space was being used by local organisations 2-3 times a week. The new space would make the facility more attractive and increase the number of bookings. Booking income was increasing year on year pre Covid with income during 2018/19 being £2,900 rising to £3,440 in 2019/20.

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 estimated that over 200 people will benefit on a regular basis from the extension and upgrade to the facilities, with a significant additional number on an ad hoc basis.

Jedburgh has recently seen two main employers in the town close and move their business elsewhere, creating a lot of uncertainty. Creation of a new space will provide an important social hub for the whole community as well as enabling the Club to support more players. From the Club's U-16 and U-18 players' perspective they consider their:

Financial Welfare

1. All players and committee are provided with a hot meal after playing a match, as well as energy drinks and energy bars after training
2. If players are struggling to afford kit or go on a tour, a discretionary fund is able to provide assistance

Emotional Wellbeing & Relationships

1. Players are encouraged to speak with their teammates and opposition in the Main Hall after training and matches. Players tend to form a protective bond with one another and support those with problems
2. The Club has a trained Child Protection Officer who is also trained in Mental Health Awareness. Their job is to get to know the players and their backgrounds, any issues are reported to them.

Education and Work Pathways

1. Local employers looking for youngsters often ask the Club if there is anyone they would recommend for an opening, especially apprenticeships.
2. Players already in work pass on information about what they do to those seeking employment, should a vacancy arise.
3. Trustees are able to support members develop their interests.

The enhanced facilities will strengthen a vital support mechanism for the town and surrounding district.

4. Project Expenditure:

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| Total Project Cost | £35,745.41 |
| 10% organisation contribution and match funding | £20,745.41 |
| Request to BBBB | £15,000 |

| Item of expenditure | Cost |
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| Building materials (detailed quotes provided) | £35,745.41 |
| | £ |
| | £ |
| | £ |
| | £ |

Match/other funding sought:

| Funder | Funding Requested | Status |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| National Lottery | £9,900 | Awarded |
| Arnold Clark Foundation | £1,000 | Awarded |
| ClubSport Roxburgh | £3,200 | Agreed – to be drawn down |
| Bank of Scotland Foundation | £25,000 | Unsuccessful |
| Weir Trust | £25,000 | Unsuccessful |
| Virador (Stage 2) | £36,000 (award max 50%) | Awaiting decision |

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

| Date | Project Title | Amount |
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| 04/02/2020 | Scottish Rugby Union – disabled toilets | £2,000 |
| 25/09/2020 | ClubSport Roxburgh | £1,770 |
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| SBC OFFICER ASSESSMENT | The application does not currently meet the criteria of the BBBB fund as although it is hoped that the work will be completed within six months additional time has been built in as a contingency. |
| Comments | The application has scored medium/high as it addresses three key aims of the Fund, these being sport, community capacity and community resilience. The extended premises will enable the Club to build on the support it provides to young people as well as the wider community as part of the recovery from Covid. |
| Additional terms and conditions required | The applicant must follow Scottish Government Covid-19 guidance. |
| Evaluation | The project evaluation should include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of groups using the new space • Number of new players recruited • Feedback from club members, players and community groups |