

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	Earlston Tennis Club					
Organisation structure	Constituted Sports Club					
Application reference	BBBB/EIL/27					
Theme of application	Sport	Arts & culture	Environment	Community capacity	Community resilience	Intergenerational activity
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Project start date	16 May 2022			Project end date	20 June 2022	

2. Organisation's Finances

End of year balance	£17,640.76
Current bank balance	£8,625.20 (Current Account) & £9,015.56 (Savings Account)
Total cash/Unrestricted reserves available & purpose	£2,640.76
Total restricted /committed funds & purpose	<p>£15,000</p> <p>£4,000 – 12 replacement light bulbs £1,000 – Maintenance (court cleaning, fence repairs, weed killing) £1,000 – Running costs (water and energy) £9,000 – Sinking fund for resurfacings and repainting courts</p>

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.

High <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Medium <input type="checkbox"/>	Low <input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Earlston Tennis Club would like to deliver free tennis coaching taster sessions to tots, children, beginners and older people as well as cardio tennis. Sessions will be for two hours each and will be delivered by two coaches over a five-week period, starting in May.</p> <p>Up to 15 individuals can attend each taster session. The taster sessions will be split in to their age groups - Under 8s and Under 12s with all adult beginners in the third group (45 people in total). Each age group will have its own taster session each week. Each individual will receive a free t-shirt and free tennis racket which they can keep, to allow full participation in the sessions.</p> <p>Following on from the free taster sessions, a further four-week block of 1 hour sessions would be delivered to these groups for free during June & July. The programme will finish with an organised competition for families, adults and ladies during July. The BBBB Recovery Fund would not be responsible for funding this further four-week block.</p> <p>If the individuals complete the five-week programme and the further four-week block of sessions, they will be invited to join the tennis club for free for the remainder of the season (April to April) – juniors usually pay £25 per year and adults pay £60 per year.</p>		

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

High <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Medium <input type="checkbox"/>	Low <input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Earlston Tennis Club plan to engage with organisations such as Borders Disability Sport, social community groups and schools to promote this opportunity. The club in the past has worked with several groups, including Earlston Primary School, Leader Valley School, Earlston High School, Active Schools, Guides, Brownies, Rainbows, youth groups and Borders Disability Sport.</p> <p>Earlston Tennis Club has identified an interest for taster sessions via conversations with a variety of different community groups and an interest in adult beginner tennis sessions and social tournaments has developed through discussions with parents that have children who play at the club.</p> <p>During the pandemic people had limited or no access to play centres or sports which reduced the amount of daily exercise people were taking and limited social interactions. This planned programme will provide an accessible sporting activity free of charge and the club is deliberately encouraging those who may find accessing sporting opportunities more difficult.</p>		

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>The aim at Earlston Tennis Club is to help children develop skills through play based activities in a fun and safe outdoor environment. The club also hopes that the offer of free taster sessions will encourage people to try a new sport or to get back in to tennis after time away from the game and to meet new people.</p> <p>There is a commitment in the club to make tennis diverse and inclusive in order to encourage more people to play tennis in a manner that is safe, inclusive and fair. The courts sit in the heart of the village so is ideal for locals to walk and enjoy activity close to home. It may also have a knock on benefit to the local shops, cafe and high street as participants would be walking backwards and forwards past these facilities.</p>		

4. Project Expenditure:

Total Project Cost	£3,586.55
10% organisation contribution (15.7%)	£563.53
Request to BBBB	£3,023.02

Item of expenditure	Cost	Notes
Taster sessions coaching costs (Level 4 coach)	£600.00	£20/hr, 6hrs/week, 5 weeks
Taster sessions coaching costs (Level 1 coach)	£450.00	£15/hr, 6hrs/week, 5 weeks
15 x adult rackets	£299.85	
15 x adult t-shirts	£270.00	
30 x junior rackets	£449.70	
30 x junior t-shirts	£420.00	
Equipment (tennis balls, nets, target trainers, hitting tees etc.)	£1,097.00	
Total Project Cost	£3,586.55	

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

Date	Project Title	Amount	Notes
2020	COVID-19 Recovery Grant	£10,000	

SBC OFFICER ASSESSMENT	The application meets the criteria of the BBBB fund
Comments	<p>The application scores high.</p> <p>Earlston Tennis Club wish to deliver a short programme of free taster sessions to encourage participation across a wide range of ages. These sessions will allow participants to build their confidence playing tennis and encourage intergenerational activity after the initial taster sessions when they take part in the competition.</p> <p>The club has worked well in partnership with a variety of community groups across the region to help identify the need for these types of sessions and is willing to offer free club membership to all individuals should they wish to participate in tennis after the initial sessions.</p> <p>Officer recommendation is to fund this project.</p>
Additional terms and conditions required	The applicant must follow all Scottish Government COVID-19 guidance.
Evaluative measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of participants across each age group • Number of participants that progressed from the taster sessions to the further coaching sessions in June & July and took up the offer of free membership • Feedback from participants as to the success of the taster sessions • Photographs of sessions taking place (if appropriate)