

Tweeddale Community Fund – Assessment panel recommendations - June 27th 2022

Project	Request	Summary	Recommendation
<p>Walkerburn Community Craft Club</p>	<p>£4,500</p>	<p>Request 4,500 towards £5,000 project to expand the group and publicise what they are doing. Itemised spending</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 x £1,500 sewing machines • £1,000 equipment haberdashery • £600 tutor costs • £400 Hall hire <p><u>Panel Comments</u> The panel recommends to fund the community craft club at Walkerburn.</p> <p>The panel would like the group to explore looking at purchasing second hand equipment. For example the Reuse Hub Peebles offers a constant supply of second hand, non-industrial sewing machine units in the community which can be had fully serviced.</p>	<p>To fund - £4,500</p>
<p>Interest Link Borders</p>	<p>£7,000</p>	<p>Befriending projects for children 8+ with learning disabilities, active since 1990. 4 branches across the Borders and a good reputation. Request £7,000 towards large £60K+ project. The application states the request is for activities and cites rent and tutor fees.</p> <p><u>Panel Comments</u> The panel recommends an award of £5,000. The panel are aware of the positive work that Interest Link provides across the Scottish Borders. As per the Tweeddale NSF criteria, applications over the value of £5k need to show that project funding is also being sourced elsewhere. In this instance, it appears that additional funding is for the entirety of service delivery and not a specific project.</p>	<p>To fund £5,000</p>

<p>West Linton Enterprise Group</p>	<p>£1,500</p>	<p>West Linton Enterprise Group runs The Knot in West Linton – a mix of gallery for local artists and centre for recycled items of value to the community. The group wish to improve the building they rent by insulating the loft with loft insulation, flooring and an access ladder. They have a long term plan to purchase the property. Request £1,500.00</p> <p>Panel Comments: WLEG is in the process of acquiring Community Ownership of the property. Were it to be in Community Ownership, it would need to have a 25 year lease to avoid the possibility of the landlord terminating the rolling lease immediately the improvements were completed. As there is not fixed term lease, the panel would be uncomfortable to fund currently.</p>	<p>Not to fund</p>
<p>Peebles Biodiversity and Ecology Group</p>	<p>£1347.30</p>	<p>The application is for a commercial strimmer with battery and charger for the recently planted wild flower meadow.</p>	<p>To fund £1,347.30</p>