

## **Eildon Assessment Panel Recommendations**

Neighbourhood Support Fund 2022/23

### **Live Learn Earn**

£11,550.00

Selkirk Community Garden Art Project will be a cross-generational initiative to create artistically designed practical pieces within Selkirk High School Horticultural and Selkirk Community Shed garden areas. A consultant would be commissioned to provide metalworking skills to attendees who would design and produce the pieces themselves. Marginalised pupils would be selected to take part.

#### Panel thoughts:

- The consultancy fees are very high and the panel feel that the outcomes of the project do not justify such a significant rate of pay.
- 12-14 young people would be involved in the project per term.
- The intergenerational element of the project is valuable.
- It might be possible to provide metalworking training through Borders College. This should be investigated.
- This project is aimed at a relatively small group of high school pupils and may not be of significant benefit to the wider community.

An application could be submitted if the high consultancy costs were revisited and there was stronger evidence of the wider community benefit.

**The Panel recommends not to fund this project.**

### **Channelkirk Primary School Parent Council**

£5,616.00

To address the lack of after-school childcare at Channelkirk Primary School, the proposal is to provide a free transport service between Channelkirk and Lauder Primary School, during term time, allowing the children to attend Lauder Out-of-School Club. Peter Hogg of Jedburgh would be able to operate the service between one of their Earlston School runs, which would reduce the cost to £108 per day. This is a pilot project.

#### Panel thoughts:

- The project has been very well researched with a survey of parents/wider community.
- It will help working parents and encourage them to send children to Channelkirk Primary School.
- It is important to do everything possible for children to enable them to take part in a wide range of activities with others.

**Recommended to fund - £5,616.00**

**Stable Life**

£15,000.00

Stable Life will deliver a structured programme for at least 100 referred young people (51% from the Eildon Area) which will include Equine Assisted Therapy/Learning, riding lessons and psychosocial based interventions. They will also offer transitional work placements for young people who would normally struggle in traditional work situations and volunteering opportunities for children they have supported as well as the wider community. The application is towards project workers' salaries.

**The Panel have deferred the decision regarding this project to the next Eildon Area Partnership meeting in order to request further information.**

**The Heartland Market**

£13,360.00

To purchase 20 market stalls to ensure the monthly market (started in March 2022) can continue to run. Currently the stalls are rented but this is not proving to be financially viable. If owned, the Community Interest Company would give access to the stalls to any charity or groups in Galashiels. The CIC would build an easy to use website to manage bookings and would promote the stalls as a community asset, managing the storage, bookings and maintenance.

Panel thoughts:

- The monthly market has proved to be popular and should continue.
- Galashiels needs initiatives like this, which will energise the town.
- This is an excellent way for people in Galashiels to find out about local community groups and charities.
- This is of benefit to the whole community.

**Recommend to fund - £13,360.00**