

Assessment Panel recommendations for NSF award: TAP meeting 28.3.23

Peebles Orchestra

£1,250

Peebles Orchestra are planning to perform a concert of Mendelssohn's oratorio "Elijah", which combines the orchestra with a choir, and four solo singers. This type of orchestral and choral work is rarely heard in Peebles as it requires resource beyond the normal needs of the Orchestra. The application is for the fees of the four professional soloists.

Panel's comments;

- Paid event to attend
- Unsure of wider community benefit

Recommended **not** to fund

Cardrona Village Association

£2,300

The Cardrona Village Hall suffers from high levels of noise and echo owing to the hard surfaces, vast space and high ceiling. In conjunction with a sound engineer the group have identified a short-term project to cover the windows and doors, as well as some of the walls, with theatrical curtain to improve sound dampening.

Panel comments;

- Recommend research on sound dampening from specialist companies – a list will be supplied.
- Look to apply to Peeblesshire Village Hall Association

Recommended **not** to fund

St Ronans Silver Band

£1,800

The ClassBrass project is designed to give up to twenty children the opportunity to learn to play a brass instrument in a supportive, progressive and highly motivational environment.

Recommend to Fund

St Ronans Wells Garden Volunteers

£3,771

Refurbish 150 square metres of paths at St Ronans Wells Garden. The paths are in a poor state of repair having deteriorated over many years. They are eroded, uneven, unsightly and potentially unsafe. The group have been looking to undertake this work for a while and it would encourage more people to use garden.

Panel comments;

- Supportive of project
- Confirm ownership with Live Borders and SBC

Recommend to fund

Peebles Bowling Club

£7,500

Extend the Clubhouse facilities of the Bowling Club i.e. Locker Room changing facilities; new toilets incorporating disabled access; new lounge for social interaction of teams and members; new kitchen facilities to provide refreshment for visiting teams and social events for members. Application has been made to Sport Scotland for the bulk of the costs.

Panel Comments;

- Require project plan including costings and time frames – funding needs to be spent within 12 months.
- No other funding has been secured yet

Recommend not to fund

Food Hugs

£1,520

Food HUGS pilot project for 12 months requests funds for equipment and room hire (£650) plus £1040 for additional weekly food items so that the Food HUGS team can prepare and cook from scratch 20 portions of healthy meals suitable for reheating. These meals will be distributed every Wednesday via the Sharing Shed (accessed by anyone who needs it free of charge).

Panel comments;

- Supportive of project but unsure of long term sustainability
- Project would add value to the community in Walkerburn
- Unsure if Neighbourhood Support Fund is the best place for this application – it's a cost of living application.
- Make sure that Food Hugs is linked in to the wider food conversations and networks
- Similar application to Innerleithen sharing shed

Recommended **not** to fund

Upper Tweed Community Enterprise Ltd

£6,577.06

Plans have been prepared and permissions secured to extend Broughton Village Store. While works are carried out to the shop it will trade from the Village Hall Cottage (summer 2023 to spring/summer 2024). The request is for a contribution towards the costs of preparing the Cottage for use as a shop (flooring and shelving).

Panel comments;

- Two panel members declared an interest
- Could the group get support from the local Men' Sheds?
- Group may be able to claim back VAT

Recommended to fund

Walkerburn and District CC

£4,960

Funding is sought for room hire and cleaning costs to assist the Walkerburn Public Hall Trust and the Cyrenians in the establishment of a Community Pantry in April leading on to the start-up of a Community cookery and friendship group linked to the Pantry.

Panel comments;

- Not supportive of covering cleaning costs (£800). Recommend borrowing high pressure cleaning equipment from Newlands
- This would be a one-off support from the NSF for 12 months
- Would help to create community activity in Walkerburn

Recommended to fund £4,160

Nomad Beat

£3,841.20

Mind the Music! is a free-to-attend group that employs the therapeutic benefits of social music-making to enhance the lives of adults (18+) in the local community with mental health issues. It comprises of once-weekly 1-hour group music making sessions which are followed by a 15- to 20-minute mindfulness and relaxation session and an informal period of socialising (refreshments and snacks are provided free-of-charge by Nomad Beat).

Panel Comment;

- Group has a positive reputation in the community
- Funding would offer an additional group and would add value to their existing offer

Recommended to fund

Sustainable West Linton and District

£2,702

To create seating areas at Roamers Wood, a newly planted community woodland of 5.3 ha, along with erecting information posts to present the tree alphabet and identify trees and plants associated with herbal medicines, witchcraft, and traditional medicines

Panel Comments;

- Project requires a project plan and further development before being able to support
- Unsure of wider community benefit at this stage

Recommended **not** to fund

Clubsport Tweeddale

£1,000

The group has commissioned Turner & Townsend to produce drawings and artist impressions of the new proposed facilities at Violet Bank Peebles and Whitestone Park Peebles including enhancements to the Gytes Leisure Centre. The overall aim would be to enhance equipment storage, changing facilities, hospitality at Whitestone Park, potential relocation of Peebles Rovers Football Club to Violet Bank along with some enhanced sporting facilities. This would

also include winter provision and usage of facilities at Peebles High School. All of the above will be done in harmony with the new school build.

The group require finance for printing costs to present the proposal as a consultation in the form of A1 size posters, invites for the residents nearby the proposed Violet Bank, hand out materials and forms to record attendee's comments.

Panel Comments;

- Project needs to be linked in with wider Place Making conversations
 - More appropriate places to access funds for this ask
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Recommended **not** to fund

Carlops Community Garden Group

£1,048

'Cultivate and Create' Phase 2 requests funds to provide secure storage shed and hand tools, wheelbarrows, watering cans, buckets and protective netting for those using the community garden who do not have their own resources.

Panel comments:

- Encourage growing projects
- Group is linked in to SBC Growing officer
- Feedback from Phase 1 apiary project required

Recommended to fund

Linton Hotspur Community Football Club

£7,500

Acquisition, transport, site preparation and enabling works for 2 modular units being acquired by Linton Hotspur FC to facilitate expansion of existing changing and welfare facilities.

- Supportive of aspiration of group
- Has wider community benefit
- Group has secured funding via local means and goodwill

Recommended to fund pending planning permission