

BELPER TOWN COUNCIL

APPLICATION FOR SMALL ONE OFF GRANT

1. **NAME of ORGANISATION:** _ _ _ _ _ Belper Refugee Welcome

2. **NAME and ADDRESS of CONTACT:**

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6. Briefly Outline what the current activities of your group are:

We are applying, through the Government's Community Sponsorship Scheme, to settle a refugee family in Belper. The family will have been identified by the UN Refugee Agency as in need of a safe and supportive home. Our application to the Home Office requires us to raise at least £9000 and we also need to raise £1500 to pay our lead sponsor, Citizens UK Sponsor Refugees. We anticipate having to continue to fundraise to support the family, until they can support themselves. Our current activities are therefore focused on fundraising as well as researching provision for accommodation, medical help, education and employment.

7. How many people are currently involved in the running of your group?

Employed full-time worker		Volunteers	50+
Employed part-time worker	<input type="checkbox"/>	Members	<input type="checkbox"/>
Support or external worker	<input type="checkbox"/>	Informal helpers	<input type="checkbox"/>
Committee Members	<input type="checkbox"/>	Others (please state)	committee of 8

8. What will the grant be used for, how are you going to do it and where?

- Printing and publicity costs for the promotion of the project in general and organised events in particular. We will promote throughout Belper and at our events.

- Sundries for collection of donations, such as buckets, used at events
- Card reader, enabling donors to pay by card.
- A foldable table for display and to use at events
- Public Liability Insurance

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9. When will the project start: Month ___ July_____ Year__2021_

10. When will the project finish: Month _____ Year_____

This is subject to Home Office approval and the family's arrival and settlement. We anticipate Home Office approval to take between 12-18 months

11. Where will your project take place – address and postcode, if different from the contact address given:

This will be at various venues across Belper and district

12. How will you advertise the project and encourage involvement?

We have posters, leaflets and a banner all professionally produced by a graphic designer who has donated his skills. We have a website (belperrefugeewelcome.com) linked to a Just Giving page. We are preparing to give talks and presentations to local organisations, including churches, youth groups, community and business organisations. We are also considering use of social media. We will be doing call-outs to Belper people via the website and mailing lists when we need particular skills or help.

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13. Do you work with any other groups or agencies? If so, please outline how you work together:

We are working with Reset, the UK Community Sponsorship learning hub, which provides training, advice and networking with other successful projects.

We are also working with Citizens UK Sponsor Refugees. This organisation is our lead sponsor and is guiding us through the project.

We are also working with local groups and agencies, such as AVBC and DCC, both of which will have to sign our application to the Home Office

Accessible Belper have been in touch

Other local groups and organisations are expressing interest and looking for ways to collaborate. These include Schools, Scouts and Guides, Belper and District U3A, Number 28, Belper Fringe and Unite. We have been invited to talk to Churches Together and are planning to talk to other groups in the area.

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14. How do you know that the project is needed?

The news makes us all aware of the refugee crisis that the world is currently experiencing. Although refugee camps offer temporary safety, they can be hugely dangerous places in which refugees sit in limbo unable to start a new life.

There is a marked feeling of impotence among many local people about the appalling suffering we witness on the news, recently made more graphic by the situation in Afghanistan.

The government scheme is a chance for Belper to give practical help.

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15. How many people will benefit from the project/grant?

As far as the family is concerned, it is difficult to be specific, until they are identified by the UN.

As far as the people of Belper are concerned, we already have over 50 people from the area actively working to fulfil the project. In our post-Covid society, this community engagement is already building links and opportunities for activity unavailable in the past months. We anticipate that many more people will become involved as the project gains momentum.

16. Who will benefit from the project/grant in Belper Parish?

As well as benefiting the volunteers mentioned above, numerous local events and activities are being organised which all Belper residents will be able to access. We have already successfully held the Poem-a-thon at Number 28, and the Bondapalooza at the Ritz.

We are planning concerts, sponsored events, publicity stalls, as at the Christmas lights Switch-on, homemade produce/plant sales, sponsored events etc. All of these activities will enhance Belper's reputation as a town where positive things happen.

We have extensively researched the impact of the Community Sponsorship Scheme on other communities, including those similar to our own, that have welcomed a family, and it appears to be overwhelmingly positive.

This is a statement from another community that was involved in the scheme early on:

'As one of the first community sponsors in the UK, I can confirm that the experience has been completely transformative for my community. It has brought together different elements in our community in extraordinary ways. Whatever we have given has been returned ten-fold, by the most remarkable, inspirational and resilient family I have ever met.'

We are offering support to local people to organise their own fundraising activities among friends and families.

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17. How will they benefit from the project/grant?

The family will be given safety, security and the chance for a positive future. They will look to integrate, to find work and to contribute from their own culture to our town.

We believe that the scheme will enrich the lives of Belper people. This is reported as the experience of many communities like Belper which have used this scheme. Many Belper people have already responded with enthusiasm to the project. It has already brought Belper residents together across divisions of age and gender, especially post lock down, and is giving them a focus to work together. It has the potential to go much further in this regard. It has the potential to foster tolerance and empathy and the recognition, even when we feel helpless watching the news, that something can be done to improve life chances for a family living with no hope. Belper will have a global reach.

18. Describe how the project/grant will benefit people with a Disabling Condition? -----

It is quite likely that the family will have medical needs and vulnerability is one of the criteria by which the family is selected by the Home Office and the UN. We have groups investigating issues such as safeguarding and health, and the Housing group will consider accessibility as an important criterion.

19. Please confirm that you have carried out the Accessibility Training referred to in Section 9 of the notes below

- 19A) Core Group have done the Accessibility training and it has been suggested that the whole membership do it.
- B) Survey completed.

20. How will you show that your project/grant has made a difference?

We would look for an increase in donations and also an increase in support of and participation in the project. We will encourage participants to contribute to the newsletter, giving their views and feedback.

21. How much will your project cost in total? £10,500 in the 1st instance

22. How much do you require from Belper Town Council? £_ £477.50_-----

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- Printing costs
- Booking of stalls at Farmers' Market
- Purchase of sundries for collecting donations
- Purchase of a card reader
- Purchase of a folding table
- Public Liability Insurance

23. Where will the rest of your funding come from – if applicable? £_-----

_Donations (If through Just Giving we can claim gift aid), organised events, application for grants, trust funds.

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Please provide breakdown of items required:

Item Description	Quote Y/N	Cost £
Publicity printing costs		237.30
Collection buckets, with promotional labels x6		81.20
Folding Table		50.00
Card reader		29.00
Public Liability Insurance		80.00

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24. How is your project responding to climate change and the global climate emergency?

We are very mindful of climate change and the global climate emergency.

We are also aware of the importance of small steps making a difference and will encourage organisers of all fundraising events to take whatever steps they can to minimise impact.

- Wherever possible we will go paperless, although we are aware that we need to use paper in our publicity materials.
- We will hold meetings by Zoom whenever possible, to reduce travel.
- We will use recyclable materials whenever possible, such as compostable bags if selling home produced goods.
- We will be holding a plant sale, using recycled plant pots and peat free compost.

As far as the family is concerned, we will follow the advice to 'recycle, re-use, repair.'

When we have a property for the family, we will:

- Ensure the property is well insulated
- Sign up to a company using renewable energy
- Have a smart meter and water meter installed
- Explain to the family about recycling and show them how it works
- Furnish with upcycled furniture
- Provide a water butt
- Encourage vegetable growing if the house has a garden

25. How long has the organisation existed and how many Belper residents does it serve:

The Community Sponsorship scheme was started in 2016. Belper Refugee Welcome started in July 2021_ _ _ _ _

All Belper residents will have the opportunity to contribute to the success of the project and the events and to experience the wellbeing that comes with knowing that we are making a difference to people caught up in some of our world's worst situations.. _ _ _ _ _

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- 1 Belper Town Council budgets a set amount each financial year to give as grant aid in support of local initiatives. To enable the Council to maintain proper management of its budget no application will receive more than is requested in each application.
- 2 The application form must be completed **IN FULL** giving as much detail about the proposal as possible. A separate sheet may be attached.
- 3 Organisations applying should attach to the application form a copy of their latest balance sheet and profit and loss together with a copy of their constitution.
- 4 **Completed application forms should be returned to the Town Clerk, Belper Town Council, The Butts, Belper, Derbyshire DE56 1HX and emailed to clerk@belpertowncouncil.gov.uk.**
- 5 The Council's Clerk has delegated power to review applications, request further information, give advice and refuse applications that do not meet the Grant Aid criteria. The Clerk will refer applications to the Council's Full Council meetings on a monthly basis for decision. Applicants will be notified of the date and time of the meeting and be given an opportunity to address the meeting on the application. The decision will normally be made known to the Applicant in writing within seven days.
- 6 Grants will only be considered for projects and proposals which will enhance the quality of life of the people served by the Town Council. Applications from bodies outside the town boundaries may be granted where the proposals show a distinct benefit to the residents of the town.
- 7 Grants will normally only be considered for new / start up organisations and/or projects and/or one off events that meet one or more of the following criteria: The organisation/project or event
 - goes some way to filling in gaps in existing provision
 - is innovative and exciting
 - considers the needs of disadvantaged individuals and groups
 - takes positive steps to promote a healthy environment
 - promotes equality of opportunity and access for all
- 8 Grants will be considered for organisations/projects and events that can either show match funding is available, either through own resources or other grants and that the organisation/project/event is viable without further recourse to Council funding.
- 9 Belper Town Council has produced an Accessibility Strategy and agreed to apply it to every area of its works and the services it provides. Working in partnership with Accessible Belper we want to encourage all organisations in the Town to appraise what they do and consider how accessibility can be improved in relation to people who have disabling conditions. To help you in this process we would ask that you:
Carry out the training – <http://www.accessiblebelper.org/video.html>
Complete the business questionnaire – <http://www.accessiblebelper.org/questions.html>
- 10 Please complete the SLA grant form if your application is for one of the below:
 - fund general running costs of organisations
 - support applications from organisations which then go on to make donations to other charities and groups
 - give more than one grant in any one year to the same organisation
 - give a grant to an organisation that receives an annual grant (SLA) from the Council
- 11 **All successful projects MUST recognise Belper Town Council's funding in their literature and publicity and should also keep the Council informed of the development of the**

project funded by the Council. A timescale for reporting back will be given in the funding agreement.