

BELPER TOWN COUNCIL

APPLICATION FOR SMALL ONE OFF GRANT

1. NAME of ORGANISATION: Blend Youth Project

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

Founded in 2000, Valley CiDS is a Derbyshire / Nottinghamshire based charity committed to supporting children, young people and families through outreach work in schools and the wider community. The charity's mission statement is 'To build and strengthen community through serving, inspiring and equipping children, young people and families to develop their full potential in society today.' The charity generates revenue through its network of Lighthouse Charity Shops to develop and sustain its core charitable activities.

Established in 2007, Blend Youth Project represents the youth provision of the charity Valley CIDS, we provide a range of youth work activities, and support services for young people in their local communities, which are designed not only to create safe spaces for young people, but also provide signposting and support. We also provide education and training opportunities for young people who may be disengaged with learning or struggling to access mainstream education

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

Employed full-time worker	65	Volunteers	350
Employed part-time worker	83	Members	<input type="text"/>
Support or external worker	<input type="text"/>	Informal helpers	<input type="text"/>
Committee Members	<input type="text"/>	Others (please state)	7 x Trustees

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

Valley CiDS provide an outreach service for young people in Belper through the Blend Youth Project arm, this is funded by Belper Town Council.

The grant will be used for our Belper Parks and Belper Town youth groups and will be used to fund a one-off trip for a group of 12 young people and 2 youth workers on a trip to Megazone in Derby to have two games of Lazer tag.

This will take place in the lead up to the Christmas holidays on December 13th from 4:30-7:30pm.

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9. When will the project start: Month December Year 2022

10. When will the project finish: Month December Year 2022

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

Taking young people from both of the Belper sessions we would be going to the following venue:
Megazone Derby
Willows Sports Centre,
1 Willow Row,
Derby,
DE1 3NZ

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

The projects have been running since March 2020, and young people have good relationships with youth workers. Our hopes are that this project will enable young people to strengthen their relationships with each other and to provide a positive joint experience which will promote team building.

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

As part of our work across Belper we welcome working with other partner agencies and providing young people with opportunities to develop their skills set and to be involved in their communities.

For example, in our current work in Belper, we have worked with Fleet Arts, contributing to the Jubilee celebrations by helping to make a crown! And also contributing to the 'Friesian Fleet' art installation in the town centre.

We have had PCSO's from Belper Safer Neighbourhoods Team accompany staff on our street-based sessions, speaking to young people about antisocial behaviour and to build stronger relationships between the police and young people.

A member of staff from the Wildlife Trust has run sessions with young people on the Parks Estate, teaching them about nature and the wildlife that can be found in the woods near the estate. We have also had a member of staff from CGL (specialised drug support service) join us for a few sessions in Belper to raise awareness and to offer support around substance misuse.

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

We have worked in Belper for over two-years and during this time built positive relationships with young people. When offered trips which have a cost to them we have had low uptake due to lack of finances of families. When providing free or very low cost trips we have had a higher uptake and young people appreciate being able to have opportunities for low cost.

Young people from Belper have expressed a keen interest in this trip and we have spoken about it lots, however the cost of the trip would be around £15 per person which young people are unable to afford.

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15. How many people will benefit from the project/grant? 12 young people directly

16. Who will benefit from the project/grant in Belper Parish? 12 young people. All 12 young people live within the Belper Parish Council.

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

Provide young people with an accessible and affordable trip which will promote inclusion as young people are not excluded through financial cost implications.

Young people will make memories with their peers and youth workers which will help continue on building positive relationships.

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

Blend Youth Project has an Equality and Diversity Policy, which states that we are committed "to providing an environment of service delivery and employment that promotes equality, inclusion and diversity and combats discrimination in all its forms. Blend Youth Project values diversity, welcomes interest from all sections of the community and is committed to building and reinforcing a culture where people treat each other with respect."

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

At this point Blend workers have not carried out Belper Town Councils Accessibility training, but do undertake recognised training in Equality and Diversity. Staff would be willing to complete this training, however the link provided in Section 9 does not work.

B) Please confirm you have completed the Questionnaire referred to in Section 9 of the notes below

Unfortunately the link to the Questionnaire does not work and provided an error message.

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

Young people will engage in a range of evaluative activities to determine what new skills and knowledge they have taken from each session.

This event is part of the progression of the group and will support the development of relationship building between young people and youth workers and with young people and their peers.

21. How much will your project cost in total? : £337.75

22. How much do you require from Belper Town Council? : £ 241.75

23. Where will the rest of your funding come from – if applicable? £96 (+VAT)

Funding for youth workers time will come from the pre-existing grant given to Blend Youth Project from Belper Town Council.

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Please provide breakdown of items required:

Item Description	Quote Y/N	Cost £
Minibus hire from Belper Parks estate to Megazone and back for 12 young people and 2 staff members	Y	£99.00
14 people (12 young people, 2 youth workers) for 2 x laser tag games at Megazone Derby	Y	£142.75

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

At Blend we always seek to be as sustainable as we can by the resources that we use and by raising awareness with young people through the work that we do.

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

Established in 2007, Blend Youth Project represents the youth provision of Derbyshire based charity Valley CIDS and we have been effectively delivering community based youth provision, predominantly in the Amber Valley area throughout this time.

We have been working in Belper since March 2020 and we engage with an average of 25 young people weekly.

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26. Explain why this project cannot be funded from your own funds:

Blend Youth Project's core funds are already allocated to existing projects.

27. Please state your group/organisation finances for the last financial year:

Accounts date Month: March Year: 2021

Total (gross) income - £3,375,912.00

Total expenditure - £ 3,048,488.00

Surplus/deficit at year end - £ 327,424.00

Unrestricted Savings/Reserves - £ 282,487.00

Restricted Savings/Reserves? - £0

If you have restricted reserves – please explain what they are restricted for:

Declaration:

I declare that I have the authority of the organisation to apply for the grant and that the information contained herein is accurate.

Enclosed:

Copy of the latest published ACCOUNTS: YES

Copy of the organisations CONSTITUTION: YES

The organisation will, if requested by Belper Town Council, produce evidence to show that the grant has been spent on the declared project.

Signed H Wildsmith

Dated 30-09-2022

- 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.