

## Baildon Town Council Community Development Funding 2022/23

### Introduction:

BTC introduced an area based approach to Community Development Funding of £40,000 in 2018 for a 3 year period, which sought to ensure that such support was offered in every part of Baildon. In view of the pandemic this was extended a further year to March 2022.

There was a strong emphasis on outreach and community engagement, and the successful providers ( Baildon Link, St Hughs and HALE) were asked to ensure that the funds were used to identify those in greatest need and offer support.

The last two years have of course proved enormously difficult for everyone during the pandemic.

BTC recognises that community hubs have and continue to be an essential ingredient in providing a supportive community infrastructure across Baildon.

It is vital that community hubs work together to support those in need wherever they live.

Accordingly, BTC has agreed to promote a new criteria for CD funding from April 2022.

Applicants must show they meet the following criteria: - :

- They operate a community centre or hub which is well known and advertised across Baildon and is open to all for at least 15 hours per week
- As well as general hiring or use by community groups and individuals for activities ( eg yoga or a café), the hub must be able to evidence provision for vulnerable groups, however defined, for at least 10 hours per week
- The community hub should be able to provide total numbers visiting for any provision on a week by week or monthly basis
- The community hub should be able to submit annual accounts for the last 3 years ( or an extract from such accounts if not separate)

In relation to the funding bid, the community hub should clearly set out:-

- How funding of up to 10k would be used to enable the hub to meet the criteria above in the year to come, including any development plans which such funding could enable
- How such funding can contribute to addressing a funding gap in running costs, as long as this is clearly identified

Renewal:

- Whilst a 3 year funding model is proposed, applicants should note that renewal of funding will depend on a satisfactory report being received by BTC before the end of the applicable calendar year ( ie by December 2022 for 22/23 funding year )

A Further £10,000, Development Funding will be made available for application in early 2022 for smaller projects (£500-£3000) focussing on needs and support of our Community.