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Community Buildings Grant Application Form	
About You:	
Date:	24 August 2021
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How long has your organisation has been active?	<p>Toothill was awarded £1,000,000 National Lottery funding in 2010 to improve the area through Toothill Big Local, which by many years' consultation, established the community's wish for facilities fit for the 21st century at Toothill Village Centre.</p> <p>TBL initiated The Hub @ Toothill CIC (set up 16-10-2018) to acquire the Village Tavern site and establish plans to regenerate this rundown facility into a vibrant community hub.</p>
Please tick the boxes to confirm you are submitting all of the following with your completed application:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Governing Document e.g. Constitution/Terms of Reference
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Management Group or Committee Membership details
Annual Turnover of your organisation	2020 £ 59069 which is £43761 of grant income from the lottery drawdown, £5308 of furlough and £10000 of covid grants.
Reserves held at 31.03.18	Not applicable
Your Grant Project:	
Name of project or activity?	The Hub @ Toothill
<u>Who</u> is it for? and <u>where</u> is it happening? (500 words max.)	As a lasting legacy from the Big Local programme, the facility will provide benefit to residents and visitors to the area as an attractive and safe social hub. There are no factors or barriers whatsoever as to who may benefit from the asset, other than patrons must comply with the law and comply with house rules, which includes behaving in a manner acceptable to fellow users.

	<p>Everyone, including members of underrepresented groups will be welcomed and encouraged to use the facility. It will be open to all. This will be appreciated by residents and promote & support integration within the community and local area as a whole.</p> <p>Toothill village centre is in a fair condition despite it being 40 years old, other than the Village Tavern (Dunwich Drive, Toothill, Swindon SN5 8SX) which is in a very poor dilapidated state of repair, an eyesore and an establishment in urgent need of attention. Restoration and conversion of this facility to meet current community needs will substantially improve the village centre and generate community pride, not least if this is achieved through community funding. This would enhance the perception of the village centre and Toothill as a whole, and make it a better place to live. Utilisation of community funds to achieve this will generate a sense of social trust, a sense of the community coming together to achieve a common goal, and a sense of belonging as a consequence of their input and support.</p> <p>Restoration of the facility will provide opportunities for indoor activities such as pool, darts, fitness and health and wellbeing. However, the hub may form its own football and other outdoor activity teams. It will however strongly support community life by way of social integration, including arts and culture.</p> <p>The economic outcomes of this project are favourable. We will employ several members of staff, encourage and support apprenticeships, and welcome volunteering opportunities. All of which can help build skills and employability. Economic benefit is likely to extend to the local takeaway and shop as footfall increases.</p> <p>A community hub is critical to the social welfare and mental health of the community. Such a hub as we intend to deliver will reduce loneliness and social isolation.</p>
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<p>How will residents in West Swindon benefit from this? (500 words max.)</p>	<p>Toothill has a broad social mix of households, is one of the oldest neighbourhoods within West Swindon Parish and needs help to bring it back to a standard enjoyed by other neighbourhoods. In 2019, End Child Poverty, reported that 29% of Toothill children lived in poverty. Many families don't travel, relying on locally based accessible resources for play and recreation. Residents want somewhere to drop in for a chat, others speak of their loneliness and hope for accessible local activities and support.</p> <p>With many vulnerable people in Toothill, and crime at a higher rate than the average in the South West, this makes a very strong case for additional local support in the area.</p> <p>Work is underway with SBC's Health and Wellbeing and Children's services to establish how to work together to deliver</p>
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	<p>these. Some examples include summer schools, dementia cafés, digital inclusion and general advice. Investment in the Hub can deliver an integral, inclusive and sustainable facility open to all, not limited to Toothill residents.</p> <p>There is a great deal of local pride, a clear desire to make Toothill a better place to live and help the many vulnerable people in the locality. There are no premises in West Swindon offering community space, support and activities, office and meeting space, a family pub, café, courtyard, landscaped gardens and children’s play facilities in a single location.</p> <p>Residents are delighted with the amazing regeneration plans for the hub, a community owned asset where operating surplus will be invested in the community for purposes determined by the community bringing much needed, wanted and sustainable facilities to the area. Furthermore, it is seen as beneficial in reducing the current crime rate. Increased footfall will also be beneficial to local businesses.</p> <p>Working with SBC and the Parish we believe that the Hub @ Toothill is ideally placed to provide support in a variety of areas. With additional funding The Hub @ Toothill will restore pride in the community, provide a missing amenity for social integration, and significantly contribute to the social welfare and mental wellbeing of users. :</p>
<p>When you aim to start and finish?</p>	<p>2022 – Phase 1 construction is forecast to take 6 months. Work can begin as soon as all Phase 1 funding is in place. This application applies to Phase 1.</p>
<p>What funding are you requesting from the Parish Council?</p>	<p>£15,000 for commercial kitchen appliances as recommended by Steve Skull Catering & Hospitality Manager , The Lydiard House & Park Museums & Heritage , Swindon Borough Council</p>
<p>Please detail any match funding you will bring to the project e.g. donations, in kind funding, volunteer hours.</p>	<p>Full Phase 1 project costs are £962,004, of which £890,216 is for all activities relating to construction, £27,227 for project management and £44,511 for contingency (5% of construction costs). Construction costs have been assessed by an independent quantity surveyor and judged to be realistic.</p> <p>Local Trust has provided us with a grant of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Letter of support attached. [REDACTED]</p> <p>Swindon Borough Council has pledged a donation of £32,951 which reflects the fees payable by Local Trust for provision of Local Trusted Organisation services.</p> <p>The Hub @ Toothill CIC has applied for £298,100 from the Government Community Ownership Fund: £250,000 towards capital costs and £48,100 towards revenue costs. We have also submitted a £5k grant application to Places called</p>

Home and are in the process of completing a £15k grant application to The Fore by 6 September 2021.

Should our grant application to West Swindon Parish Council be successful that will assist in the delivery of this amazing opportunity for not only Toothill but the wider West Swindon Community.

As of May 2021 over 25,000 volunteer hours have been freely given to bring this project to fruition. This donation has and will continue through the construction, set up and operation of this facility.

Thank you. Please return your form in person, post or email to: Grants, West Swindon Parish Council, to the contact details at the top of the form.