



# grant assessment form

## 1 Aims and objectives of the organisation

The objectives of the club shall be to provide facilities for playing the game of bowls and ancillary activities and to provide and maintain premises for the use of convenience of members of the club.

## 2 Purpose of the grant (including breakdown of costs)

A grant of £45,800 is requested to support continuing refurbishment works in Glenfield Bowling Club, Victoria Road East, Kilmarnock.

The bowling club building sits in an isolated spot and is occasionally subject to vandalism. In September 2020 the club were awarded £70,000 from the Renewable Energy fund to replace external shutters, windows, external doors, gutter linings, heating system, and toilet refurbishment. The application advised that the club would use their own funds to renew the dance floor, replace ditch mats and replace the sink in committee room. This grant has supported significant improvement works to the club.

This application is to support further improvement works as follows: -

Kitchen Remodelling & Refitting	£ 25,200
Renewal of Lounge Ceiling	£15,600
Replacement Lounge Radiators	£ 4,400
Replace Lounge Floor	£12,430
Renewal of Bowling Green Edges	<u>£ 6,000</u>

**Total Project Cost** **£63,630**

The cost of kitchen cost includes works to demolish an existing wall to open out and reconfigure the kitchen area and make it a more accessible and practical space.

The club is used for weekly line dancing classes, offer bowling taster sessions in conjunction with Loanhead and Whatriggs primary schools and available for hire to local organisations and members of the public for social events.

Earlier discussions with the club in 2020 had advised that works to the lounge area would be ineligible for grant support as the main use of this area was for social functions that was served by a bar serving alcohol. Only areas that are required to support bowling activities are eligible for grant support. During assessment discussions, the applicant was reminded that project works for the lounge area will not be generally be considered for grant support.

## 3a How many people are on the organisation's Management Committee?

9

3b What is the organisation's total membership? 105

3c How many members usually attend the organisation's meetings or events? 7-90

3d How many members of the organisation would benefit from the grant? ALL

3e How many members of the community would benefit from the grant? All who use club

4 How will the grant :-
(a) develop the organisation; or
It will support the cost of refurbishing the clubhouse.
(b) benefit the local community.
It will provide a refurbished club longer term for anyone wanting to use the facilities.

5 Total cost of project £63,630
Amount of grant requested £45,800
Bank Balance(s) Date 25/01/2022 £52,791.93
Where the group has more than one bank account all balances should be recorded
Cash in hand Date £
Value of any other financial assets Date £
Name of other funding sources
Amount and date of grant
£ Date

6 If latest balance (including other financial assets) exceeds the cost of the project or is substantial, are these funds ring-fenced for the normal activities of the group or can they contribute to the cost of the project?
Monies to support club activities and pay for ongoing refurbishment works.

7 Recommendation
Support ✓
Refuse
Defer
Amount £31,200
Recommended
Reason for recommendation
This project meets the 'community led sports and leisure' element of Renewable Energy Fund criteria. Funds are requested from Whitelee income.
As with most bowling clubs funders have been reluctant to support refurbishment works for clubs who operate a bar and function space. This has resulted in local bowling clubs struggling to identify funds to maintain land and buildings longer term. Accounts show that the income from social activity is used to support the annual costs of running and maintaining the bowling club and its sporting activities, without which the club would not be sustainable. REF funding does not generally support works to the bar and lounge area of bowling clubs who receive income from the sale of alcohol and predominantly use the lounge for social functions but can consider support for other club areas required for the sport of bowls.

The works to the lounge have not been considered for grant funding but the club do hold enough reserves to meet the cost of undertaking this work themselves.

Accordingly, a grant award of £31,200 is recommended to support the kitchen refurbishment and to replace the bankings on the bowling green subject to: -

- the Council's standard conditions of grant;
- confirmation of appropriate planning consents/building warrants;
- Receipt of a further quote for kitchen works, where possible;
- Release of grant will be on submission of contractors invoices; and
- As far as is possible and reasonable, that any press release, statements or publicity issues by the group relating to project works shall make mention of the grant from the EAC Renewable Energy Fund and/or incorporate the REF logo.

Management Risk Ranking L / M / H  
Risk Ranking based on Grant Application and Financial Information used to determine appropriate levels of monitoring and evaluation.

Child Protection Risk Ranking L / M / H  
Applications with a **HIGH** ranking are not recommended for support

8 **If there are any revenue implications how will they be met in future years?**

N/A

9 **Does the project represent value for money?**

Yes ✓

No

**All questions on this form must be completed**