

Forum Area or Division:	Barrow-in-Furness - Barrow-in-Furness
Reference:	CGA/366-21
Group Name:	Books are Brill
Community Development Officer:	Alison Meadows
Community Development Assistant:	Michelle Rigg
Amount Requested:	£2,500.00
Total Project Cost:	£4,250.00

APPLICATION REPORT

Application Summary

Books are Brill is an independent children's book business part of their work is with schools and the community as well as local charities. All their work with these organisations is on a not for profit basis in order to support, enhance and promote literacy and children's well-being.

Members will be aware that due to COVID children and young people's mental health is affected and it is important to ensure that they can access all available resources.

The funding being requested is to provide a number of sets of books that support children's mental health to each Primary and Secondary School in the Barrow Borough area. There would be sets of the Unworry Books into each Primary School and Looking After Your Mental Health into Secondary Schools. Inspiring Barrow are also supporting the Primary Schools with the Unworry books so this funding would provide additional books into Primary Schools.

In addition it has been requested to the organisation that funding is also used to provide books as appropriate to ages to the following organisations:

Furness Young Carers
Leonard Cheshire Disability
Dropzone
Family Action for Children's Centres

The organisation will provide these books at cost and by purchasing them in bulk will provide an additional 70% of the grant value in free books therefore reducing the cost per book even further.

Key Themes Met

The project meets the key themes of safeguarding vulnerable children and ensuring support is provided to those most in need. By providing each school in the Barrow Borough with resources that will support children who are struggling with their mental health it is hoped that this will encourage young people to talk about how they are feeling, understand why they are feeling like they do and support them with strategies to cope with this.

Number of People Benefiting

100 +

Breakdown of Project Costs

150 Unworry books into Primary Schools
300 Look after your mental health books into Secondary Schools
Books into organisations as outlined in application summary.

Previous CCC Funding

N/A

Grant Amount Recommended

£2,500

Officer comments

Comments from Elected Member(s) / Neighbourhood Forum / Grant Panel

Member Signature:

Date: