

## Grants Application – Multi Fund

Applicant Details			
<b>Organisation</b>	Stainton Institute	<b>Application No</b>	23891
<b>Grants Officer</b>	Ellen Clements	<b>District</b>	South Lakeland
<b>Aims of the group</b>	<p>The aims of the charity 1125601 are;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Provision of a building for services/activities for the benefit of the residents of Stainton Parish (Kendal) and outlying districts of South Lakeland; including education, leisure activities and entertainment without distinction of political, religious or other opinions</li> <li>-To provide a safe meeting place which is run by fully trained volunteers with a programme of stimulating /cultural events and activities which will be inclusive of everyone in the community including.</li> </ul> <p>The elderly, young people, families, parents and carers with babies/toddlers, people with mental health issues and people who are lonely and feel isolated living in a rural parish, people with physical disabilities/mobility issues who are unable to access the building without the support and full access to disabled facilities including disabled access vehicle parking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Preservation of an historic building listed Grade Two</li> <li>-Promotion of integration of measures and technologies into the historic building to reduce the carbon footprint including full cavity wall insulation, roof and ceiling insulation double glazed windows</li> <li>-Free access to hyper fast B4RN broadband and internet facilities (achieved in 2019 with B4RN agreement as long as Stainton Institute remains a community building )</li> </ul>		

Grant Priority	UNSDG
5	Sustainable Cities & Communities

Funding Request			
<b>Project Cost</b>	£20,000.00	<b>Total requested</b>	£7,000.00

Funding Recommendation		
Fund Name	Recommended	Panel Date
Holehird Trust Fund	£1,180.00	20/09/2022
Roselands Trust Fund	£1,000.00	20/09/2022
Johnson Fund	£1,000.00	20/09/2022
<b>Total amount recommended</b>	<b>£3,180.00</b>	

Expenditure
<p style="margin-left: 40px;"><b>Capital costs: £7,000.00</b></p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">4 -Estimate 1 Invoice : Cell pave AP plastic mesh screening 400 units/ haulage and carriage to site £8536 (Approved as stronger /good feedback from contractor who visited other sites in use )</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">-Estimate 2 invoice: Solway Direct: Easy Pave plastic mesh screening 300 units /haulage and carriage to site £4302.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">2 estimates received, meetings held with landowner and contractor site measured again 400 units needed.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Approved estimate 1 More substantial product and allows natural grass to grow through /if planted in wet late Autumn</p>

-Invoice 3 : £6660 Lowther&Dawson Contractor (plus advised contingency sum additional £1000) Total £7660 approved as continuation of disabled ramp already started by contractor with 1 item remaining to complete ; ambulant steps and associated hand rails linking to rear field (letter sent by Andy Caruthers SLDC Building Control Principle Building Control Surveyor attached to application )

-Invoice 4 Sheep/cattle grid (optional) to replace heavy field gate and alleviate continual monitoring of opening and closing gate by volunteers for disabled visitors £3384 excluding fitting. .

Additional work by volunteers: Removal of soil /removal of stones and preparing ground /hire of equipment for work Total £320  
 Invoice 4 -Cattle grid to replace manual field gate : Michael Mudd Invoice £3384

<b>Quotes Received</b>	Yes
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Income		
<b>Amount of funding raised so far</b>	£10,000.00	Unrestricted Funding Reserves Stainton. Institute £10000
<b>Applying Elsewhere</b>	Yes	The Lupton Towwers Trust £1000 The Baldoukie Trust £2000

Project Details	
<b>Project title</b>	<b>External ramp for disabled</b>
<b>What would you like to do with your grant?</b>	<p>Complete external disabled ramp work with the Installation of a rear field restricted car park with ambulant steps to connect into existing disabled ramp facilities installed in 2021.</p> <p>This work is legally required under "Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act ,2016 " by SLDC Building Control Officer Andy Carruthers who allowed a temporary access solution for disabled people who requires access via ambulant steps until funding could be raised and an agreement reached with rear field landowners regarding natural screening.</p> <p>Reference: Andy Carruthers SLDC Principle Building Control Surveyor building e-mail buildingcontrol@southlakeland .gov.uk wrote to Stainton Institute " I can confirm that there is now only one item remaining to enable me to consider that the work is completed in accordance with the Regulations.</p> <p>The ambulant disabled steps and associated handrails are to be provided as and when the access from the adjacent field has been agreed with the landowner. All other works are now complete and satisfactory including the temporary arrangement of external bell push for assistance for ambulant disabled persons. "</p> <p>Project activity includes:            Agreement with the landowners.            Installing a cattle grid to protect sheep in the rear field            Widening the entrance to rear field parking to help entrance turn in            Improve drainage            Installing a Cell Pave AP plastic mesh system which will allow real grass to grow through after re seeding            Re -siting of headstones inside the graveyard area to facilitate ambulant steps which link into the existing disabled ramp.</p>
<b>How do you</b>	People living in the Parish of Stainton and Outlying districts of South Lakeland are

<p><b>know that the people in your community want this project/activity and what evidence have you collected to demonstrate this?</b></p>	<p>supporting our project and have been asking how long it will be before the rear car parking and additional mobility benefits for disabled people are installed.  Disabled people wishing to hire the community building are concerned about the current access for parking a car through field gate which is heavy and difficult to operate and requires the driver to exit and leave the car twice.  We are situated in a rural environment without public transport and people are feeding back to us their frustration about having a beautiful community building which is unattainable by public transport  The Freida Scott Trust recently wanted to hire the building /facilities for a daytime meeting of up to 20 people but had to cancel upon learning that car parking was limited currently  This year the building has been used by Stainton Parish Council for three meetings attended by SLDC Councillors and Cumbria County Councillors along with local people. Feedback from several councillors recorded: A beautiful renovated building with excellent facilities, ideal for our purposes, however car parking is an issue especially for those with mobility issues as only two with easy access adjacent to the building  This project is required to guarantee future hire bookings in South Lakeland which will protect the community building from rising external costs and an uncertain economic outlook.  We have the full support of SLDC Council Leader Jonathan Brook for this project who said  "Having had several visits to Stainton Institute recently I am happy to support your grant application "</p> <p>individual feed-back, though our Stainton Chat website, through Stainton Parish Council meetings and through Cumbria Community councillors and South Lakeland District Council interim leader Jonathan Brook feedback</p>
<p><b>Explain how the people or community accessing your services are disadvantaged and tell us about the issues they face</b></p>	<p>There is currently no other community building in Stainton to provide a safe meeting place for people who are socially isolated and those who look forward to meeting other people for support and company.  People living in Stainton Parish are disadvantaged as it is a rural parish with no public transport.  There is evidence of increasing anxiety, loneliness and social isolation especially in the elderly and bereaved and also in young carers and parents /grandparents with babies and toddlers to support.</p> <p>Increasing poverty and rapidly rising energy costs are creating a divide between people who can afford childcare and those who are experiencing poverty and exclusion form peer groups</p>
<p><b>Partnership working</b></p>	<p>We are grateful for the support and advice given by ACTC (Action with Communities in Cumbria)</p>
<p><b>Outline the benefits and outcomes that you expect to achieve as a result of the funding</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-The project will deliver full SLDC Building Control Certification including a lifting of a temporary agreement put in place regarding "ambulant steps" ; linking rear field through the graveyard to join existing disabled ramp facilities</li> <li>- The disability rights of people with mobility issues will be addressed and improved with a new disabled access route to Stainton Institute building from the rear field.</li> <li>-The existing disabled access for wheelchair users will be greatly improved as currently steep and narrow and requires additional assistance from volunteers to help manoeuvre up the ramp</li> <li>- Stainton Institute will be able to deliver a "natural looking field "area for parking cars which is acceptable to the landowners with a legal agreement for residents of Stainton and outlying districts of South Lakeland secured.</li> <li>-Health and safety of disabled users will improve greatly with enhanced external lighting and security.</li> <li>- Sheep will be more secure when grazing in the field due to installation of a cattle grid.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Everyone using Stainton Institute will benefit from this project and have been asking when the project will be completed.</li> <li>- Improved access to the rear field for the farmer and agricultural contractors.</li> <li>- Greater confidence regarding security and sheep welfare from landowner, contractor farmer, agricultural contractor and Stainton Institute Committee and volunteers</li> </ul> <p>-volunteer time currently spent monitoring and</p> <p>-Local Contractor Lowther &amp; Dawson Ltd will be able to have work started on 2021 fully signed off by SLDC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The future of Stainton Institute as a self-funding Business Charity will be secured</li> <li>-</li> <li>-</li> </ul>		
<p><b>How you will collate, measure and report the benefits you describe?</b></p>	<p>SLDC Building Control will inspect and pass the ambulant steps and associated handrails linking rear car parking access into the existing disabled ramp</p> <p>The finished project will have delivered full disabled rights for individuals under The Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 and complied with The Equality and Human Rights Commission guidance when striving to improve a safe and easy access for people into Stainton Institute</p> <p>The committee will seek and monitor feedback going forward from users of the ambulant steps and users who were previously unable to access the rear field parking due to physical difficulties when opening and closing a heavy gate on a steep slope.</p> <p>The committee will be able to report an increase in bookings from all sectors after the project is completed.</p> <p>Stainton Parish Council will be able to all meetings inside Stainton Institute instead of seeking alternative venues during winter months when car parking is not possible due to inclement weather and dangerous ground conditions</p> <p>Two local residents: An elderly gentleman with Motor Neurone Disease ( in a wheelchair ) and a young woman who is now unable to walk unsupported following a leg injury ( wheelchair user and mobility scooter user ) will both be able to access Stainton Institutes facilities and no longer be disadvantaged .</p> <p>Previous attempts to access the building have resulted in disappointments and fatigue leaving them isolated.</p> <p>Disabled people will be able to fully access the project facilities</p> <p>We will seek feedback and monitor</p>		
<p><b>How does the project/activity progress after this funding ends, or is it one-off?</b></p>	<p>The project will result in a successful resolution to achieving full compliance with The Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act 2016</p> <p>Temporary measures agreed with SLDC Building Control can now be disbanded</p> <p>Stainton Institute will continue to strive to ensure everyone including disadvantaged and disabled people have a safe, easily accessible area to park their vehicles when visiting the community building</p> <p>Local residents and people from outlying areas of South Lakeland will have access to a newly renovated historic building with full leisure and recreational facilities including access to safe/approved disabled car parking for up to 15 cars with easy-to-use access all year round for everyone who requires car transport due to no public transport available at all</p> <p>The " one off project" will deliver all of the above and also contribute towards the financial security of the building for many years to come.</p> <p>A legally agreed document (currently being drawn up) between Stainton Institute and the current land owners will protect the project and ensure the long term economic sustainability of Stainton Institute : Charity 1125601 as a viable community building with external rear car parking for everyone; including people who have difficulty with their mobility , the frail and elderly , and those who are disabled and /or disadvantaged due to No public transport available for anyone wishing to travel to and access Stainton Institute at Stainton Nr Kendal LA80LQ</p>		
<p><b>Living Wage</b></p>	<p>NA</p>		
<p><b>No of beneficiaries</b></p>	<p>350</p>	<p><b>No of volunteers</b></p>	<p>16</p>

<b>Assessment</b>	
<b>Organisation</b>	Established in 2013, Stainton Institute's main aims is to bring back into use what was formerly a URC Chapel and make it a community hub and local village centre for the community of Stainton. The chapel was built in 1697 and was in a bad state before this group of volunteers decided to make a facility fit for community use. The chapel only has one door and has an undercroft as it is built on an incline.
<b>Finances</b>	Accounts dated 31/12/2021 show an income of £26,584 and expenditure of £35,606, they had a loss of £9,022 but had enough in their account to cover this.
<b>Need &amp; Demand</b>	<p>The building, which is Grade II listed, has historic and local importance which required significant renovation works.</p> <p>Where internal stairs suitable for ambulant disabled people are provided:            Ambulant steps should contain: -</p> <p>(a) the minimum clear width (between enclosing walls, strings or upstands) should be 1200 mm;</p> <p>(b) a landing should be provided at the top and bottom of each flight.</p> <p>(c) the landings should be level and have an unobstructed length (clear of any door swing) of at least 1200 mm or the width of the flight whichever is greater.</p> <p>(d) there should be no single steps.</p> <p>(e) the rise of a flight between landings should not exceed 1800 mm;</p> <p>(f) all step nosings should incorporate a permanently contrasting continuous material on the tread. The material should be between 50 mm and 65 mm wide on the tread and should visually contrast with the remainder of the tread (refer to 1.6.4).            Rationale: This will help people with vision impairment to appreciate the extent of the stair and identify the individual treads.</p>
<b>Project</b>	<p>Disability access to connect to a ramp to enable everyone to access the building safely.</p> <p>At least one set of stairs suitable for ambulant disabled people should be provided to access all floors above or below entrance level in a building.</p> <p>The steps are wider than a normal set of stairs and enable individuals with a Zimmer frame to climb comfortably.</p> <p>The building is all on one level inside.</p> <p>Stairs serve many different functions in a building e.g. a means of escape, a means of access for ambulant disabled people</p>
<b>Budget / Value for Money</b>	The volunteers have fundraised to upgrade the building, and this is the final part of the project. They have fundraised through donations and grants but also held activities such as cheese and wine and Christmas events.
<b>Future Sustainability</b>	<p>The organisation is reliant on grant funding and donations and are undertaking the renovation in a 'phased approach', this application is for a contribution to costs associated with the final phase.</p> <p>The work to prepare the graveyard and access area for Ambulant steps linking rear field car parking to existing disabled ramp is required by SLDC Building Control. Building Control letter from Andy Caruthers provided to confirm this.</p> <p>Total costs for this section of work summary:            £2150 plus VAT £430            Plus, galvanised steel handrails estimate £600 including VAT            Grand Total for work associated with Ambulant Steps including handrails            £3180 including VAT</p>
<b>Impact</b>	Building regulations are unable to sign off the building until the ambulant steps are in place. These will connect to the ramp. At the moment the ramp is relatively steep

	with a dog leg in it. The steps will be beneficial to people who have mobility difficulties and easier to use than the ramp.
<b>Safeguarding</b>	Safeguarding policy requested.
<b>Any other comments &amp; recommendation</b>	Funding requested to provide parking in the field next to the chapel and ambulant steps to enable people with mobility issues enter the building. The organisation does not own or have a lease for the field next door but are working with a solicitor to obtain a lease. As they do not have a legal document other than a letter saying they can use the field, we would be unable to support any improvements to the field. I recommend funding towards the steps to help with access to the building and enable them to have building control sign off the work.
<b>Conditions</b>	Conditional on satisfactory safeguarding policy and only to be used for the ambulant steps purchase and fitting.

<b>Previous Funding Details</b>		
<b>No. of allocations</b>	<b>No. of approved allocations</b>	<b>Total Amount Awarded</b>
7	6	£24125.00