

Forum Area or Division:	Eden - Eden
Reference:	CGA/1718-23
Group Name:	4Eden
Community Development Officer:	Kellie Bradburn- Sims
Community Development Assistant:	Lucy Tonkin
Amount Requested:	£11,012.69
Total Project Cost:	£11,012.69

APPLICATION REPORT

Application Summary

Project Start; April 2023

4Eden is a local community social care provider with charity aims, based in Penrith. The charity provides learning, employment and development opportunities for people with learning disabilities and/or autism. The people supported by 4Eden have individual goals including cooking, social interaction, retail and community participation. The charity enable people to live their best lives and reach their goals through real life work experience and opportunities to build skills that lead to employment.

To help support their community in the current cost of living crisis, 4Eden would like to pilot a supper club project in partnership with Beaconside Primary School in Penrith. The meals will be prepared by the Bake4Eden Team who are four individuals with learning disabilities, receiving support from 4Eden. The food preparation will be alongside a skilled and trained catering mentor, who will assist the individuals to prepare a hot healthy main meal with a pudding, at the Bake4Eden premises. The meals will be transported daily to the school by minibus and will be served at Beaconside Primary School at 5pm when the afterschool provision ends. The primary school are really pleased to welcome the pilot project to the school, the compliance officer and headmaster will ensure all safeguarding arrangements for the children, 4Eden will also ensure safeguarding arrangements for children and vulnerable adults are in place at the supper club. Staff at the school will support 4Eden with any practical needs to help serve the nutritious meals to the children.

The school have identified at least 20 children currently at risk of food poverty. The project will aim to provide 20 meals per day, plus a small provision for parents bringing children who are also facing poverty. The supper club will operate during term time only, and will provide healthy nutritious meals for vulnerable disadvantaged children giving them the fuel they need for development, growth, learning, health and wellbeing.

The model for this pilot project is unique in that it brings together individuals and families supported by 4Eden, and at risk children in the community. It highlights that people with a learning disability have an equal value in society, and recognises their role in supporting the local community.

4Eden are keen to run the pilot project for 13 weeks, during the school term time, or longer if funding is available. During the pilot of the project Staff at 4Eden will be actively seeking funding and support from private and public sector organisations locally to sustain a more long term project. The charity have already secured food donations for the pilot from four local supermarkets. Depending on the success of the pilot, 4Eden also plan to roll out the project into other areas across Eden where there is evidence of deprivation and poverty.

Key Themes Met

The project supports the County Council's Vision as identified in the 2018 – 2022 Council Plan:

- A Council that works with residents, businesses, communities and other organisations to deliver the best services possible within the available resources.

The project contributes to Cumbria County Council achieving the following outcomes for the people of Cumbria in the 2018 - 2022 Plan:

- People in Cumbria are healthy and safe
- People in Cumbria are well connected and thriving
- The economy in Cumbria is growing and benefits everyone

Match with Criteria

The project is:

Proposed by a not for profit organisation

Will be of benefit to the local community

Supports the County Council vision in the 2018 – 2022 Council Plan

Is requesting funding for a one off pilot project

Is requesting funding for 100% of the total project cost.

Number of People Benefiting

10- 50

Breakdown of Project Costs

Pilot Project Breakdown of Costs - 13 weeks;

Staffing Costs £4168.19

Meal Costs £5557.50

Allergy contingency £487.50

Food transport £58.50

Admin £741

Total Project Cost £11,012.69

Previous CCC Funding

CGA1532-23 Household Support Fund CCC £3090 Jan 23, CGA 1280-22 Cost of Living Fund £2100 Aug 22

Grant Amount Recommended

£10,000

Officer comments

This is a really valuable experience for children to recognise the ability of others and by working alongside their peers the project will help children and their families build new friendships in the community.

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

Member Signature:

Date: