



Forum Area or Division:	Allerdale - Lakes to Sea Community Panel
Reference:	CCGA/2005-24
Group Name:	The Centre West Cumbria Ltd
Community Development Officer:	Susan O'Neill
Community Development Assistant:	Jodie Thurlow
Amount Requested:	£4,780.00
Total Project Cost:	£4,780.00

APPLICATION REPORT

Application Summary

The Centre is a West Cumbrian charity. We provide social and creative opportunities for people to connect and grow. We are based at The Centre, a community building in Ewanrigg, Maryport.

By providing creative and social opportunities we are growing a community that creates positive change, improving life chances for individuals and future generations. We host lots of regular activities at The Centre, some organised by us, some by external providers who hire The Centre as a venue. In addition we also have special events and trips throughout the year. We provide activities for all ages and are busy all week, through school holidays and all year round. We host small to large scale events - we served 123 Christmas dinners to local residents this December, and hosted 70 children at our kid's Christmas party; we regularly host up to 800 people at our annual fun days.

We are a busy community centre which most weeks is used 7 days a week by multiple community groups each day. Our kitchen is in constant use and is very much in need of updating. This funding would enable us to install a new kitchen worktop to replace the existing one which is rotting due to age. It is standard practice to replace kitchen counters before ten years of being installed when they incur medium to heavy usage. The current kitchen counters are approximately 12 years old.

It would also enable us to replace both existing sinks. One of the new sinks would be replaced with a sink approximately twice as big, which will make using the kitchen much easier for washing up and for food preparation for large scale events such as our Fun Day which attract an average attendance of 600-800 people.

We have approximately 16,000 users per annum in The Centre. Most of these people live in the streets surrounding The Centre, in Ewanrigg and neighbouring estates including Netherton, Hillside, Grasslot, The Beeches, and Maryport town. We also have many users from Crosby, Crosscanonby, Dearham, Broughton Moor, Flimby, Workington, Cockermouth and further afield. All of these users will benefit from the improved kitchen space. The kitchen gets used multiple times each day by hirers such as the Speech After Stroke Club, Brownies, Ewanrigg Community Choir, Happy Mums, Maryport Chess Club, and CADAS to name a few regular groups, as well as by The Centre staff to serve and prepare a two course meal for our weekly Coffee and Crack social lunch club, and for special events like shows, the lantern festival and fun days.

Key Themes Met

This meets the Lakes to Sea panel priorities of community involvement and health and wellbeing by delivering a range of community engagement and communication projects from our weekly Coffee and Crack lunch club, to our annual three day lantern festival to producing four editions of the 30 page community magazine Maryport Matters which is delivered to 8000 letterboxes in the area. Our vision is a community that helps each other walk through doors of opportunity.

Number of People Benefiting

100 +

Breakdown of Project Costs

Replace 2 external solid doors including labour = £1840

Replace worktops and fit 2 new sinks and taps = £2940

Total project cost = £4780

Previous CCC Funding

This was money from previous CCC from a covid funding allowance that did not originally get spent therefore needed spent by 31st March 24.

Grant Amount Recommended

4349

Officer comments

This project meets investment criteria and fits into the the Lakes to Sea panel priorities under community health and wellbeing and community involvement.

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

Member Signature:

Date: