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<b>Name of building / venue / facility</b>		
Geoff Shaw Community Centre (GSCC)		
<b>Name of your organisation</b>		
Toryglen Community Youth Project (TCYP) in partnership with Southside Boxing Academy & Community Hub		
<b>Please provide details of the legal status of your organisation</b>		
Charity <i>(please provide Charity No if applicable)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Toryglen Youth Community Project SCIO (SC050646)
Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Company Ltd by Guarantee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Southside Boxing Academy and Community Hub (SC598794)
Community Club/ Sports Club	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Other <i>(please specify)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Do you have a formal constitution/ governance documents?</b> <i>(please provide a copy)</i>		YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Yes, our constitutional aims are as below;</p> <p>Our aim is to provide facilities, services, and activities to support the health and well-being of the local community. Our objectives are set out in our constitution and as below;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The advancement of health through the provision of structured activities</li> <li>• The advancement of public participation in sport, through the provision of accessible services</li> <li>• The provision of recreational facilities, or the organisation of recreational activities with the object of improving the conditions of life for the people for whom the facilities or activities are primarily intended.</li> <li>• This will be focused on younger people within the Toryglen area and the wider Southside of Glasgow.</li> </ul>		
<b>Tell us about your proposal for this building / venue / facility and how you see this operating. Provide some detail as to why your organisation is well placed to deliver the benefits that will flow from the proposal.</b>		
<p>Our vision would be to re-open and breathe new life into an amazing community asset . Toryglen Community Youth Project (TCYP) and Southside Boxing Academy &amp; Community Hub (SBACH) would work in close partnership in running the Geoff Shaw Centre by adopting a whole community approach in the design and delivery of activities that meets the needs of everyone in the Toryglen area. This will be driven forward by local people, volunteers, and staff who are passionate and committed to re-open the Geoff Shaw building as it was first intended – a community centre accessible to everyone.</p> <p>Community need for this proposal is outlined below;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Geoff Shaw Community Centre was closed for 2 and half years during and after the COVID 19 pandemic, and has recently re-opened on a part-time basis, the building is closed during weekends and during weekday mornings.</li> <li>• Prior to COVID the GSCC was a well-used and active community centre in the heart of</li> </ul>		

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Toryglen which provided activities for the local community which included but not limited to activities for the following groups; children and young people, girls and young women, people with disabilities, activities for older adults, etc.

- We want to attract previous and new users' groups to GSCC.
- This project is an ideal opportunity to bring the community together and promote community ownership and positive outcomes for everyone.
- There is currently a lack of provision for children, youth, and young people in the local area.
- The youth crime and anti-social behavior in the area is soaring (see Police Scotland).
- Lack of safe spaces for young people, particularly important during most 'at risk' times of the week. To drive forward the vision of volunteers, young people, and their families of having a community centre where they have a sense of ownership. The Geoff Shaw is an ideal venue with a rich history in the area, it is geographically well situated and accessible to everyone.

We are very well placed to deliver the benefits that will flow from the proposal, this is demonstrated by the following projects and activities we have and continue to deliver below;

- We have been delivering the Southside Community Involvement Project (SCIP) for the past six months after securing funding for 3 years from the National Lottery Community Fund. This project is delivered by local people for local people. It involves a range of community-based well-being activities for everyone in the community.
- Holiday Food Programme – over the past 3 years we have delivered this programme in partnership with Glasgow City Council. This has provided a safe place for children and young people to enjoy a variety of activities during the school holidays while receiving two meals a day to help tackle food inequality within the city.
- Safer Saturday Nights – this project targets local children and young people who live in the Toryglen area and are at risk of antisocial behaviour. The project has been supported by Glasgow Sport, Youth Scotland, Police Scotland, and Glasgow City Council.
- Sunday Fun Days – the local community highlighted the need for family activity, and we decided to create 'Sunday Fun Day'. This allows local families to come together to enjoy sports and fun activities. This project has been supported by Glasgow City Council, Area Partnership Fund and Glasgow Life.
- Food Parcels & Emergency Supplies for local community – this project took place during the COVID pandemic where we supported vulnerable and disadvantaged people in the community such as older adults and those impacted by disability and ill health. At this time people were isolated and in some cases were unable or unwilling to leave the house and get basic shopping. This project was delivered in partnership with the ASDA Foundation and the CORRA foundation as well as the contributions from local people.
- COVID Isolation Programme – this project targeted children, young people and families and took place during the COVID pandemic. We provided online activities, such as activity classes and a 'Place to Talk' which helped to support physical and mental health for local people. This project was supported by Awards for All, Digital Funds and Glasgow Sport.
- After School ALS Activity Programme – this programme targeted primary school aged children with autism. We worked in partnership with local schools and active school coordinators to identify local primary school aged children who have autism. The project provided schools based physical activity and sport which progress on to

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community-based sport and activities. Glasgow City Council, Active Schools and Glasgow Sport worked in partnership to deliver the programme.

- Citizens in Training programme – this project targeted local young people. We provided a variety of activities from training to outreach work and day trips/visits. This would often involve community reparation work such as litter picking and delivering activities at community events.
- Come and Try Events – we continue to support, and deliver come and try activities at local community events. We have also delivered come and try activities at larger events such as the 2018 European Championships and 2014 Commonwealth Games.
- Parklives – this project saw us start to deliver outdoor activities in Glasgow Sports Parklives project. This project was a partnership with Coca Cola and Glasgow Sport, and we helped to deliver park based physical activities where local people were able to enjoy and participate in outdoor activities.
- Reaching Out Schools Programme – this programme targeted all the local schools in the Langside Area. The area partnership helped to fund this project, it was coordinator in partnership with schools and local active school coordinators. Children in these school were able to experience new sports and activities as a result of the project.
- Women’s Boxing for Fitness – we identified the need to deliver women and girls only activities in the community. We were able to identify local female coaches and volunteers and were able to secure funding for training which allowed the volunteers to be upskilled and deliver health and fitness activities for local women and girls.
- We provide crisis intervention based on local and individual needs. This includes outreach work, signposting to other agencies and providing immediate support where needed.

The above demonstrates our ability to understand community need, work with partners, and design, deliver and manage projects. Many of these projects require funding for a variety of costs; venue hire, equipment, coaching, marketing etc. We have sought out various partners and funding to ensure projects are delivered on time and in line with the application and partner expectations. We have developed good relationships with funders, some of whom have supported more than one project, demonstrating the trust funders have that we are able to deliver projects on time, on budget and provide any monitoring, reporting or evaluations.

**Tell us about the benefits that you expect to generate from this proposal and how these might meet an existing need. Will your proposal benefit the local community, a community of interest or both?**

Our proposals will benefit the local community and a community of interest. Our mission is borne out of the past 8 years of working in Toryglen and we see firsthand the problems, issues and challenges the local community faces on a day-to-day basis. When a lot of services were closed during Covid 19 we remained open and active (in line with restrictions). This contributed to strengthening our connection with the wider community. SBCH is successful boxing club producing high level junior and youth boxers but also successful in engaging and developing local children and young people by providing them with a healthy alternative to hanging around street corners and getting involved in anti-social behavior. Boxing has a rich history within Glasgow and holds a strong ethos around community cohesion and empowerment. SBCH also ensures its service allows opportunities for everyone to take part and feel welcome and aims to break down barriers for marginalized groups. We have a diverse group of volunteers and participants which enables us to connect with the community.

This proposal will benefit the community by;

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- Unlocking the full potential of the Geoff Shaw Community Centre and surrounding community.
- Providing an affordable space which is accessible for all; our aspirations are some of the activities we provide will be free to participants.
- Creating a safe space for the community. Everyone would be welcome and included and this would be central to the running of the Geoff Shaw that it accessible to everyone.
- Delivering food programmes for the community to tackle food inequality, we would want to deliver and expand programmes for children and young people.
- Extending our existing provision to include a community kitchen and free or subsidised food for older adults and local families.
- Providing volunteer opportunities for the local community to increase employability, self-confidence and community ownership.
- Empowering the local community to have a say in how a local venue is managed by listening and responding to their views and ideas.
- Training and education opportunities for volunteers and the local community.
- Creating employability opportunities for local people e.g., we are likely to need facility management roles, cleaner, coaches / activity leaders / youth workers, etc.
- Support local people to design and implement a range of well-being activities for everyone.
- Promote health and well-being through a wide range of activities.

We are hoping our activities will impact on the community in following ways;

- Reduce the inequality which people from disadvantage communities experience.
- Provide free or affordable activities for the people of Toryglen.
- Improve the health and well-being of the local community.
- Reduce isolation within the community.
- We hope to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour in Toryglen, particularly children and young people.
- We want to encourage a sense of community and citizenship and civic pride in Glasgow and the local area.

**What are your plans to generate sufficient income / grants to be able to sustain the ongoing operating costs of the building / venue / facility?**

SBACH and TCYP currently operate mainly from Toryglen Community Base and we are already operating at full capacity across most of our projects. On average we have around 200 people a week access our activities. We are therefore confident we will expand greatly and be able to continue to secure funding and generate income.

We understand the initial phase of a successful PMGC application starts with a 1 – 2-year lease agreement or license to occupy. Which would allow us time to a) re-establish SBCH, TYP and other social impact programmes and b) reach out to new partners and projects to help us more fully activate the spaces available at the GSCC. The following is how we would plan to generate income from the asset which would help towards the on-going operating costs of this building;

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We know pre-COVID the GSCC was very well used by a variety of organisations, projects, and activities, particularly during weekday evenings. We would be looking to re-activate the centre and re-engage with previous organisations and bring in new activities and organisations.

We would provide partnership programmes between SBACH and TCYP to local educational provisions as well as outreach and in-house activities and projects secured by joint funding applications.

Having established a number of successful partnerships over the past 8 years has helped us on our journey, this includes a variety of funders who have helped support our projects, activities and vision for the local community, these are listed below; Glasgow City Council, Glasgow Life, Glasgow Council for Voluntary Sector, Glasgow Sports Council, Boxing Scotland, sportscotland, Big Lottery, Corra Foundation, ASDA Foundation, Active Schools, Police Scotland, Cash Back, NHS Scotland.

**Tell us about any experience you have in managing a building / venue / facility.**

We are fortunate to have a strong board of trustees who have a vast wealth of knowledge, experience and expertise in health, education, youth work, community development, funding, management, and leadership, business management, policy making and implementation. Existing board members, staff and volunteers have current responsibilities around the day-to-day management of our current space, this includes cleaning, maintenance, opening and closing, security, adhering to policies and procedures, as well as following protocols in place. It also includes the management of the club and its finances.

The above also extends to the many social impact projects we deliver. These projects can have additional requirements particularly if funders and other partners are involved. This requires project management to ensure activities are delivered on time and within budget. Most of these projects also require project monitoring, reporting and evaluation.

We have 8 years of developing as a community-based organisation and continue to seek out new opportunities to grow and develop. We acknowledge we have never run a full venue on our own, however we believe those involved are eager to support the running of the venue. We would welcome advice and further training in facility management.

**What help and support from the council family would you require for this proposal?**

We are very self-sufficient but have benefited from the support provided by Glasgow City Council, its partners and arm's length organisations. Going forward it would be helpful to receive the following support for this proposal;

- Business Planning
- Building Maintenance, including Health and Safety and Risk Assessment
- Direct Funding and Funding Finder
- Connections with Community Groups and Organisations – in particular, other community centres.
- Support for Proposal Start Up Costs
- On-going Business Support
- Training for Staff and Volunteers

**Please provide us with any other information that you feel is relevant to your proposal.**

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Our vision and plans are based on community evaluations undertaken which established a clear need for services already being provided to expand and reach marginalized groups within the community. The services currently being provided by SBCH and TYP are at full capacity. Local people are asking for more projects aimed at meeting local needs, this can be achieved by having Geoff Shaw Centre re-open to allow services to further grow and develop. Finally, we believe our ambitions will be successful in creating a thriving community centre for everyone to enjoy.

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