

**CLIMATE CHALLENGE FUND - IDEAS BANK      CCF-2849**

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4. Geographical focus of project idea	Scotland wide

**5. Outline of Project Idea – (500 word limit)**

For sports social enterprises and sports clubs across Scotland to introduce recycling schemes for sport strips & specialist sports clothing and equipment. This idea has been successfully implemented, and will be supported, by Beith Community Development Trust.

Each community sports organisation will gather any unused sports strips, clothing & equipment from its membership and the local community. All donated sports strips / clothing will be laundered and made available for teams and individuals.

As a result this will enable new & existing teams to access sets of strips and enable youngsters who may be from less affluent families to access much needed sports kit.

It is envisaged that the recycling will also include specialist footwear and equipment, which may be redistributed for a small donation.

Each participant organisation, if funded, would be able to access laundry equipment (where required), collection bins, a promotional budget, admin/volunteer expenses, as well as general support from Senscot / Sport SEN and specialist support from Beith CDT to adopt & implement CO2 emission calculations system.

6. Fit with CCF Criteria – (500 word limit) How will the project support communities to address climate change? How will the project deliver a realistic and measurable reduction in CO<sub>2</sub>e emissions and leave a legacy for the communities after the funded period?

As children grow they quickly need larger sizes in whatever sports clothing they require in order to participate, with the outgrown items still in good condition. There are also team coaches across the country who are often loathe to dispose of sets of strips and as a result have them stored in attics and garages.

This idea will allow community sports clubs & organisations to address climate change both via the recycling of strips, boots and equipment etc. and by the introduction of energy efficient bulk laundering of team strips via industrial washing machines and line drying.

As with everything it is vital to develop habitual behaviour. This idea requires relatively low on-going expenditure in the long term hence it is hoped that good recycling habits will be formed during the funding period and thus will continue.

7. Previous work with communities – short summary (500 word limit) of any previous experience of, or proposed activity for, providing project support to community organisations

Senscot has played a role in connecting and informing grassroots social enterprises for the past 11 years.

Over the past 3 years via its Social Enterprise & Sport initiative, it is involved in supporting over 65 community based sports social enterprises that now form the Sport SEN (Social Enterprise Network).

Although the Sport SEN are at present an informal network of organisations they are looking to become a formally incorporated over the coming year.

In terms of a partnership agreement Senscot / Sport SEN would be the proposing partner with Beith CDT providing specialist support & the community organisations being delivery partners. Any agreement would cover aims, roles, finances etc. as well as a commitment to sustainability.

8. Other Support and Resources – (500 word limit)

The opportunity will be communicated via our [Sport Resource](#) page and promoted to our facebook

group and in our monthly sports update. We will also share the opportunity with partner agencies.

The Sport SEN via the Social Enterprise & Sport Coordinator and local Sport SEN members will provide support to community organisation keen to adopt this idea.

As this concept has been successfully implemented by one of our members, Beith Community Development Trust hence it is envisaged that they would be a specialist support partner for those organisations adopting the model.