

## Wee Green Grants – Public Information

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1. Who is applying?	
Name and Contact Details of the Organisation Applying for Funding (enter the partner organisation group if this is a start-up application)	
Name of Organisation	Hawthorn Community Action Group
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Website	www.hawthornhousing.org.uk/

2. What would you like to apply for?			
Which themes does your project address? (min 2)			
Climate Change		Communities	x
Horticulture		Heritage	
Play	x	Health and Wellbeing	x
Maintenance		Education	x
Environmental	x	Diversity and Inclusion	x
Biodiversity	x	Pandemic Recovery	x
Title of Project			
Community Play, Bardowie Street Play Park - Possilpark			
Location of Project			
Possilpark, Glasgow			
Please tell us what you aim to do. (max 200 words)			
<p>Possilpark lacks many facilities most communities take for granted (football park, cafe, play park and good quality public spaces).</p> <p>The Action Group wants to help address this, in partnership with Hawthorn Housing Co-operative, Possilpark People's Trust and Stepping Stones for Families, Children and Young People the two local primary schools and with support from their Community Connector.</p> <p>The group has commissioned a feasibility study which produces a vision for the phased development of the site. As part of the initial phase to create an accessible, safe outdoor green spaces for residents of Possilpark, this money would be used to provide some inclusive</p>			

exercise for the playpark and outdoor gym area that would complement the inclusive play equipment.

This part of Possilpark has the worst scores in the SIMD Income and Health Domain Ranks 2020 in Scotland. Access to outdoor space, an accessible playpark and free outdoor exercise area would help redress the inequality faced by a small but resilient community.

There is no outdoor area with equipment suitable for people with disabilities in the area despite several families caring for children in wheelchairs and additional mobility needs. The park would also be used by local group Possibilities, who offer support and respite for people with a variety of disabilities while promoting independent living, as well as local schools for outdoor learning, out of school groups, church groups and Young People's Futures.

Please tell us how this project will benefit Parks, Greenspace and Openspace. (max 100 words)

The larger project aim is to link Possilpark's new green space to the cycle and canal network; improve access from Main Street; integrate the sheds and adjacent land with a safe link to the park; create a wildflower meadow on derelict ground and link with the existing community growing area and the planned new community centre. In addition, Hawthorn HC has agreed in principle to making one of their flats available as a community space for family support

Benefits include rewilding neglected path areas and adjacent derelict land which would provide an attractive area for outdoor learning; encouraging outdoor social activity; natural biodiversity and improving the connection between Possilpark and the rest of Glasgow.

The proposal would create a well-used safe attractive urban walking/cycling route linking the pay area with the community garden and the new Possilpark Family and Community centre.

Please describe the continuing benefit of your project. (max 100 words)

The link between access to outdoor exercise and wellbeing is a strong one. The pandemic has brought indoor activities to a halt and the need for safe outdoor space has been heightened.

The introduction of an accessible playpark to the area will bring new visitors and life to the area. By turning derelict land into green space and planting wildflowers, the environment will be hugely improved.

The fitness equipment will be free, accessible at all times and during any future lockdowns. The redeveloped park will provide a focal point to bring our diverse community together – the Action Group has members from the three main ethnic groups in the area – to use the facilities and for events organised by the community eg community BBQs.

By providing equipment suitable for all ages and physical ability, the needs of both young children and the wider community will be addressed. As a community driven project, we know that this is what the area needs.

<b>3.Finance</b>		
Amount Requested	£1400	
Total cost of the project	£50,000 [for developing the park element]	
If you have secured or requested any other funding for your proposal, please provide details.		
Funder	Amount	Confirmed or pending
SPA c/o Lintel Trust	£12,000	Confirmed
Scottish Govt	£18,000	Confirmed
Glasgow CC	£4650	Pending
Please provide a breakdown of expenditure within this proposal.		
Item to be purchased or activity to be supported	Supplier	Cost
Inclusive Chest Press & Pull-Down Exerciser Combo	Wickstead	£3412
Total Cost of Proposal	£3412	

VAT – The Council is unable to recover VAT incurred by a third party so please include any VAT due in the amount of grant you are applying for.