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SECTION C: YOUR PROPOSAL					
Name of building / venue / facility					
30 Charles Street, G21 2PN					
Name of your organisation					
Glasgow's No.1 Baby & Family Support Service					
Please provide details of the legal status of your organisation					
Charity (please provide Charity No if applicable)	✓	(SC047779)			
Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO)		- (000 17770)			
Company Ltd by Guarantee		1			
Community Club/ Sports Club		1			
Other (please specify)					
Do you have a formal constitution/ governance documents? (please provide a copy) YES ☑ NO ☐					

Tell us about your proposal for the 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.

Glasgow's No.1 Baby & Family Support Service (GN1BFSS) would use the building as a base to support people in financial hardship or working poverty by providing them with the material goods they need to meet their basic daily needs. Such work promotes equality throughout our city and a feeling of adequacy for young and old when they can present themselves and their homes in such a manner that they are meeting their basic needs of themselves and their families.

GN1BFSS are an environmentally friendly service, as we seek donations from the public of new and used goods and recycle them to our clients, saving mountains of goods from landfill. We also provide volunteering programmes which are aimed at people with mental health issues, people suffering social isolation, people in addiction recovery and victims of trafficking. We have recycled goods to the value of £2.8million and that is valued at a base rate cost, i.e the cheapest prices we could source for the goods in Scotland.

We have recently extended our service to offer group therapy, 1-2-1 crisis intervention counselling / support, parental support groups alongside finance/budgeting advice to support people in recovery. We provide educational workshops for kids and adults about understanding the impact of poverty and breaking the cycle of poverty.

GN1BFSS are well placed to deliver the benefits that will flow from the proposal due to the fact that we operate a well-established service which has previously demonstrated significant positive impact within the City. In 5 years, we have supported over 28,000 individuals with material goods of all kinds such as clothing and shoes, household furniture and textiles, baby goods and baby equipment and toys and educational goods. We have had 392 volunteers pass through our service, some who have gone on to gain full time employment with the skills they have learned here.

We provide placements for community payback orders and of the 32 people who have carried out their orders, 20 of them still attend but on a voluntary basis now as their hours are complete and 27 of them have not re-offended.

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?

The benefits which GN1BFSS expects to generate are an increase in service provision to clients in need. At present the Charity has outgrown our existing premises meaning that donations have to be 'time managed' to allow for either physical space for storage to become available or GN1BFSS staff members coordination between families providing and in receipt to minimise time within the existing building. Such a process at this point in time is labour intensive and with a larger building this process would not only be easier, but would allow for a larger variety of goods to be available for families.

At present GN1BFSS have 159 professional referring agencies of which the NHS is the most frequent referrer. With a larger building more families shall be supported and there will be an increased capacity to take referrals from more agencies supporting families.

This Proposal shall benefit families, but not for a set geographical location. We support people City wide by delivering goods to their homes when referrals come in. The reason we attend the home and not have lots of people at our current building is, firstly to protect their identity and respect their privacy as we feel having them queuing up for goods is exposing their vulnerabilities which is unjust, and secondly because the building is too small. We have a bus conversion in our forecourt, in which 1-2-1 crisis support and group work takes place face to face but there are no toilet facilities in the bus which means we have to permit access to building for toilet use. The bus does not travel and sits stationary in the car park.

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what are your plans to generate sufficient income/ grants to be able to sustain the ongoing operating costs of the building/ venue/ facility?
GN1BFSS shall develop a funding strategy with partner organisations to fund the running and maintenance of the building. The aim is to secure 3-5 years continuous grant funding whilst accessing capital funding for building improvements as and when funding becomes available.
Tell us about any experience you have in managing a building/ venue/ facility.
GN1BFSS have sustained our present building since April 2018 and prior to that we had rental space in the Milburn Centre. We were the only tenants there so had to maintain the full building throughout our time there.
What help and support from the council family would you require for this proposal?
Continued support and assistance.
Please provide us with any other information that you feel is relevant to your proposal.

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