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SECTION C: YOUR PROPOSAL

Name of building / venue / facility

Crown Point football pitches & Main building

Name of your organisation

Finnart football academy working in partnership with Bellgrove community group.

Please provide details of the legal status of your organisation

Charity <i>(please provide Charity No if applicable)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Finnart Football academy SCIO SC050583
Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Company Ltd by Guarantee	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Community Club/ Sports Club	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Other <i>(please specify)</i>		

Do you have a formal constitution/ governance documents? <i>(please provide a copy)</i>	YES
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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.

The main service provided from our organisation is Football with an overall goal to increase wellbeing and community relations. We have over 70+ qualified coaches who train and encourage our members to be physically fit and healthy.

We have a Mental Health and Wellbeing coach who attends the older members training sessions offering advice and information about how to maintain overall health and wellbeing. The Mental Health and Wellbeing coach also offer a confidential service to any of these members who feel the wish to discuss any matter in safe & secure environment.

With regards to Community relations, we run a FIT class every Tuesday 6-8pm @ Glasgow green where we have over 30 members who come along for football a chat socialise and talk about life in general, we run a community class on Friday evenings which not only allows all the members from our different areas to come together and socialise but aids in reducing anti-social behaviour by providing a safe environment for these members to attend structured events. Finnart Football Academy along with many other organisations have worked together to reduce gang violence over the years.

We would be looking to operate & be responsible for the football side of crownpoint & building working alongside GL & other users so they have full access to the building

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and toilets meeting rooms & changing facilities & any other access that is required, GL would be responsible for the athletics but we would work alongside to try and increase participation, with the gym & plenty of space being there the footfall at CP is incredible we would be looking to work in partnership with GL to see if we could coordinate classes for adults & kids who don't want to play football to increase participation support adults & kids with their own health & wellbeing while we look after the kids health & wellbeing, opening times would vary depending on activities as we would be looking to work alongside the education board & St Mungo's academy to get the school of football set up again. The existing let's would be honoured and going forward being honoured as we would not want to be moving teams to accommodate Finnart, our team nights for training are adaptable depending on the availability at CP. we would be reaching out football leagues to see if we could work together in bringing their small, sided games to CP.

We would look to implement a board from all different site users to get different ideas on how they would like to see CP run, share best practices to make it a vibrant place for all & not just football.

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?

Having the facility run by a local organisation can hopefully inspire more people to become involved both as participants and volunteers. Having an opened facility in our community may also support our requests/ needs to engage with SFA and provide a host venue for the numerous footballs led activity programmes happening across the city/ country – mini kickers/ playmaker/ women's/ walking football/ soccer centres/player pathway/ McDonald's football fun, increasing opportunities for participation at all levels, ages, abilities and gender.

The academy would grow even more, partnerships would be formed with local businesses such as PEEK, BCLC & many more to make a real difference in the eastend of Glasgow, We would also be looking to set up a permanent food bank within the centre to help support families of the club & further afield. Liaising with Community Police and Fire Service to help reduce anti-social behaviour and reduce wilful fire-raising incidents.

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Regular participants will meet many of the Scottish Government key physical activity targets. Encouraging and enabling the less / non active to be more active. Improving

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our community's active infrastructure – people and places. Supporting wellbeing and resilience in communities through physical activity and sport. We will improve opportunities to participate, progress and achieve in sport.

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

Our plans are to make activities affordable for all the surrounding communities to come along & utilise the equipment & facility we will be able to achieve this by applying for grants to cover the costs or reduce the cost to a bare minimum for the teams who would use the pitches. We would be looking to work alongside the education board to use the space for sports days & other activities. The area will be used for Finnart to run our world-famous mini kickers currently on a Thursday we would be looking to expand that into 4 days a week.

Through our current model for the club, we would generate enough income to run the football side of things, but we would be able to grow more to generate more income, we would also be looking for grants to help support the upkeep of the pitches and surrounding areas to redevelop the area into a 5* star facility.

The current teams training at Crown Point would be part of our business model to keep and generate income. Working alongside football leagues we would look to keep all small, sided games at crownpoint with looking at Saturday to leagues to generate additional income.

We would also be looking to Host school holiday programmes which would also generate additional income.

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

Whilst not running a facility we know how to run a football club and working in partnership with Glasgow life & other teams we would see the site flourish under our control, we have enough volunteers from different back grounds to ensure the football side of the business is flourishing. We would use a website called sports key for all pitch bookings. Payments would be made directly to the club bank account; The management committee would be elected members from Finnart & we would be looking for other members who currently use CP to join the committee, so everyone has voice and has a say on how it is run. We currently have over 70+ volunteers who would support with the facility. We would be willing to work in partnership with GL with athletics and the use of the facility as stated above.

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

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We would need support until it comes to the development of the grass park at the southside where would be looking to change the grass to astro, add changing rooms & social area for the club as the current building is too far away from the pitches. We want to work in partnership with Glasgow life & other communities to make crownpoint as successful as it can be with Finnart solely running & developing the football side of things.

We would require support with ; Legal Structure Employment Laws/ Process Health & Safety requirements

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

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