

PROPOSAL FORM

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Name of building / venue / facility		
Balgrayhill Centre		
Name of your organisation		
Bangla Centre		
Please provide details of the legal status of your organisation		
Charity (please provide Charity No if applicable)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SC045854
Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Company Ltd by Guarantee	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Community Club/ Sports Club	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Other (please specify)		
Do you have a formal constitution/ governance documents? <i>(please provide a copy)</i>		YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
<p>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.</p> <p>The premises will be offered for use to the local community on a morning and afternoon basis, seven days per week. Bangla Centre activities will be accommodated in the evenings. This will enable all indoor activities to be delivered in one facility in a local authority area housing a large group of people of Bangladeshi descent.</p> <p>Bangla Centre activities attract many participants even though activities are spread over several locations- as and when they are available. Despite the widespread geographic locations of our activities and associated travel problems, they are usually oversubscribed. The Board believe this illustrates demand for our services and the willingness for community members to become involved.</p>		

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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?

We anticipate an upsurge in numbers attending an established centre of operations, not least because supporters will identify with the Centre and have pride in "ownership". There are many examples of multi-cultural relationship building in Glasgow and the Bangla Centre wish to play a part by opening up facilities, amenities and activities to all people. For many, Bangla Centre activities represents the best and sometimes the first opportunity for Bangladeshi people to inter- relate with other faith and culture groups – essential for developing the multi-cultural society we want for our communities. The Board are aware that Springburn and surrounding areas features high in the Scottish Government's Index of Multiple Deprivation. They wish to play a part in addressing some of the problems that afflict so many people and undermine social engagement. Our stewardship of the Balgrayhill Centre will enable us to attract support and services for vulnerable people and deliver these from the premises. We will identify gaps in provision of existing services and look for experienced and professional practitioners to deliver. Having a good footfall of people will allow valuable contact which will be developed to encourage social integration.

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

The Company has some reserve funding to cover administration, consultative and legal fees. We note the estimated costs of £3 to £4k for necessary works outlined in the Conditions Survey and are confident we can meet these out of reserves.

We anticipate Hall Utilisation will be in the region of 65% on average, which against estimated costs should realise an annual operating surplus of around £12K. Given the generally good condition of the property, we do not anticipate major repair costs in the first five years of operation, thus allowing us to build up a strong reserve fund.

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

The Bangla Centre Board has never had the opportunity to manage a community facility. However, most Board and Management Committee members have experience in managing commercial premises and have business and people management skills. The Bangla Centre Management group comprises entrepreneurs, academics and managers of commercial operations. Also, BCDC will act as a co-opted Board member to assist with the design of appropriate booking, utilisation and payment procedures for Hall lets and to advise on managing premises. Members of the Management Committee will attend capacity Building Courses with Community Ownership Support Services (COSS).

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

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We would request a breakdown of running costs for the Centre and a discussion on how recommended repairs should be affected and by whom.

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

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