

# Area Partnership

**To be completed by Applicant**

**PART A**

## APPLICATION FOR AREA PARTNERSHIP FUNDS

The Area Partnership has agreed a number of priorities which are detailed in the Area Plan. There is limited funding available to support the development of these priorities. If you think that your project meets one or some of these priorities, you can make a funding application to the Area Partnership.

To which Partnership would you like to make an application? Please tick the appropriate box.

Across all Area Partnerships	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Dunbar & East Linton Area Partnership	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fa'side Area Partnership	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Haddington & Lammermuir Area Partnership	<input type="checkbox"/>	Musselburgh Area Partnership	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
North Berwick Coastal Area Partnership	<input type="checkbox"/>	Preston-Seton-Gosford Area Partnership	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**The overarching value of the Area Partnerships is to reduce inequalities both within and between our communities.**

\*\*\*\*Please complete below and add any other relevant information at the end.

Name of Applicant or Organisation	Olivebank Child and Family Centre
Address	104 Market Street
Town/City	Musselburgh
Post Code	EH21 6QA
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Email	ahume@olivebank.elcschool.org.uk
Website Address (if applicable)	
Bank/Building Society Name	
Bank/Building Society Address	
Name of Account	
Sort Code (6 digits)	
Account Number (8 digits)	
Building Society Roll No (if applicable)	
ELC Ledger Code (if applicable)	5-53-527-2-25-215
Amount Requested <b>£5760</b>	
When do you need the funds by?	July 2017

\*\*\*\*Please complete **ALL** the sections above.

<b>Office Use Only</b>
Application Ref No:-

Please tell us about your organisation and what it does?

Olivebank Child and Family Centre is referral based service which sits within the East Lothian Health and Social Care Partnership. It is Esat Lothian's only child and family centre. We are registered with the Care Inspectorate to provide support to children and their families from birth to school age. Children are offered placements here following presentation at a multi-agency panel and priority is given to those who are most vulnerable as a result of parental substance misuse, alcohol dependency, mental health, parental learning disability, or domestic violence.

Olivebank is a 52 weeks service which enables us to support children and their families all year round. We have the capacity for a maximum of 40 children at any one time. These children are currently organised into 2 rooms with up to 20 children in each room. The Penguin Room supports babies and children from birth to approximately 3 and the Dolphin Room supports children aged 3-5. Both rooms work to the appropriate staff: child ratios. We have 2 groups of children, each attending 2 days either Monday and Wednesday or Tuesday and Thursday. Friday is currently used to provide outreach support to families and undertake group work within the centre. At present we have 49 children registered with us.

Many of our children have experienced trauma in their early lives and as a consequence are often not achieving their developmental milestones. Many of our parents have not had the best start in life themselves and therefore struggled to develop that very important early bond with their babies. Consequently we have children who have attachment difficulties which can result in them having heightened levels of anxiety, being watchful and wary, unable to socialise with other children, struggle to develop trusting relationships and find it difficult to communicate their feelings and emotions. All of these factors are indicators for future difficulties in accessing learning. We therefore focus on our children's emotional health and wellbeing, preparing them for their transition to mainstream education and do this by identifying actions to support this outcome. Staff use a developmental assessment tool which highlights areas where a child may need additional support to achieve their milestones and ensure that we are responsive to the needs of each child. These are shared with parents and reviewed regularly to ensure that the child is able to achieve their full potential. Observations are also used within the playrooms on a daily basis to inform both the planning for the room as a whole and for individual children thus ensuring that the learning environment even for our youngest children is child centred and child led.

We recognise that to achieve positive outcomes for our children we need to work in partnership with a range of people, the most important of whom are the parents. From day one we work hard to build this very important relationship to enable our parents to be the best they possibly can be. We then look outwards to other agencies as appropriate to join the team around the child and these can include Speech and Language Therapy, Educational Psychologist, and Music Therapist all of whom can play an important role in ensuring the child needs are met.

Which goal/priority does this project contribute to in the Area Plan?

**Musselburgh** – priority 2, Children living in the Musselburgh area get the best start in life.

**Preston Seton Gosford** – Outcome 4, Children have the best start in life and can access services they need to help them develop and learn.

**Fa'side** – Priority 5, Supporting families to create healthy environments for children

Which outcome is this linked to in the East Lothian Plan?

East Lothian Plan Outcome 5 – East Lothian’s children have the best start and are ready to succeed. Ensuring that children are Successful Learners, Confident Individuals, Effective Contributors and Responsible Citizens.

Please tell us about your project and what you want the grant for?

As stated previously, we work with children who find it very difficult to express their emotions and in some cases understand their situation. To support these children we aim to provide as many as possible with access to a therapies which have been proven to make a difference. The most effective intervention for such young children is music therapy and we would like to be able to provide that for our children on a weekly basis. Music therapy is a client-led intervention based on the understanding that everyone has a natural responsiveness to music. Music can bypass the need for language as a communication medium and its appeal to be used in a communicative way usually remains unimpaired by any physical, learning or emotional difficulty. Music is a powerful tool for reaching into and drawing out the emotional state of a child, helping him or her to accept and work with the feelings that may be confusing and threatening. It can also be extremely motivating for children who lack confidence or have difficulty with and relating to others. It can help a child develop a sense of self, leading to improved self-esteem. It allows a child to explore positive aspects of his or her personality as well as express feelings that are painful or frustrating. It can offer a safe space to explore emotions that may be inappropriate to express in other settings.

This grant will enable me to fund a music therapist for 5hrs per week for 40 weeks from 1<sup>st</sup> July. On each day she will work on a one to one basis with three of the neediest children at that time and do two small groups with 3 or 4 children in each. These will both be done over 8 – 10 week blocks. By working in this way, almost all of our children will benefit to some degree.

The outcome we seek from this project is that more of our children will be better equipped emotionally to understand what is happening in their lives whether that is about what is happening in their family home or it could be about why they are unable to live with their mummy and daddy. By enhancing their emotional health and wellbeing we would anticipate that they would be ready to learn when they move on to mainstream education.

The music therapist would also lead on staff training which would enable staff to deliver small groups using music as a medium for communication.

What is the total cost of your project and how much are you applying to Area Partnership for? *If your application is for goods or services, please attach relevant evidence such as an estimate or price list.*

The total cost of our project is £5760. I am asking that each Area Partnership contribute on a pro rata basis depending on the number of children from their communities. The breakdown would be:-

**Musselburgh – 37% = £2131**

**Fa’side – 40% = £2304**

**Preston Seton Gosford – 23% = £1325**

If you have applied for funding from other sources, please give details. How much has been requested from other organisation(s)?

None

What evidence do you have of community support for your project? Please provide evidence - this can include letters of support *e.g. a local survey, minutes of a community group meeting etc*

This project is very centre specific so it has not been possible to canvass views of the wider community.

How do you propose to fund the ongoing costs of your project?

My plan is to identify alternative sources of funding for 2018/19 through charities and/or trust funds.

Please add any further information to support your application here:-

How are you going to evaluate this project?

Evaluation takes the form of individual reports and assessments for each individual child who benefits for the service and are written by the Music Therapist. Outcomes are measured against those stated in the referral. These evaluations will be discussed at LAC reviews and Child Protection Case Conferences and may well contribute to the Child's Plan. We also undertake developmental assessments of our children and can evidence through them the benefits of this therapeutic intervention. As a service we also record the number of children who benefit from Music Therapy over the year and ensure that those most in need are those who benefit from this service.

# DECLARATION

In accepting this funding on behalf of Applicant/Organisation I/we agree:

- a) that the funding will be spent as described in Part A;
- b) to inform the Area Manager immediately of any change to planned expenditure (and I/we understand that the Area Manager must agree any change of use in advance of any such change);
- c) that any funds not used for the purposes agreed will be returned immediately to the Area Partnership;
- d) to notify the Area Manager of any change to the project timeline (and understand that this may affect the availability of the funds allocated);
- e) to provide an interim report on the agreed date (*if required*);
- f) to provide an end of project monitoring and evaluation report, including a financial report, within 2 months of the completion of the project.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signed by applicant or on behalf of the organisation receiving funding

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signed by the Area Manager

Please return the completed application form and address any enquiries to:- Area Partnership Team, Room 2.17, John Muir House, Haddington EH41 3HA or email:- [areapartnership@eastlothian.gov.uk](mailto:areapartnership@eastlothian.gov.uk) or Telephone 01620 827871