

Hi Julie

This will be wonderful thank you – is it possible to feed back to me with their considerations?

Many thanks

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**From:** Town Clerk <[town.clerk@bexhilltowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:town.clerk@bexhilltowncouncil.gov.uk)>

**Sent:** 12 April 2022 14:40

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**Subject:** RE: Rother District Community Grant - Observations on our proposed project

Hi [REDACTED]

Thanks for your email.

I am not able to give a view on behalf of the council, but I can submit your correspondence to full council to consider if this is agreeable with you?

The next meeting is on 20<sup>th</sup> April, you are welcome to attend and speak if you wish.

Regards,

Julie

Julie Miller  
Town Clerk to Bexhill-on-Sea Town Council  
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**Sent:** 07 April 2022 12:23

**To:** Town Clerk <[town.clerk@bexhilltowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:town.clerk@bexhilltowncouncil.gov.uk)>

**Subject:** Rother District Community Grant - Observations on our proposed project

Dear Town Clerk – Julie Miller

I am keen to apply under the Rother District Community Grants scheme and in doing so, I hoped to gain your observations on our proposed project before applying.

Family Support Work transforms lives of children by providing practical and emotional support to families presenting with complex problems including family breakdown, isolation, poverty, parental mental ill-health, domestic abuse & substance abuse. Our work takes place in areas of high deprivation in Sussex; seaside towns and isolated rural areas. Our team of 20 Family practitioners provide a wrap-around programme of support through home visits, drop-ins and playwork. Our approach is as individual as the people we're helping. In 2022 we are poised to support over 500 families.

I would like to make an application under the medium grant programme towards our project – **Building stronger families in Bexhill and Sidley**. Building Stronger Families is our opportunity to meet the urgent need of marginalised and disadvantaged families in parts of rural East Sussex. Specifically we are requesting funding to place a Full time Family Support Practitioner in Bexhill and Sidley to support families who are at risk of isolation and disadvantage and for whom rurality brings additional challenges to their family lives.

We are currently active in Hastings, Uckfield, Rotherfield, Eastbourne, Crawley, East Grinstead, Haywards Heath, Cuckfield, Worthing, Midhurst, Peacehaven, Newhaven, Bognor Regis, Rustington, Storrington and Pulborough. We will replicate FSW's successful model providing one-to-one intensive support to over 30 families and 70 children and young people per year in Bexhill and Sidley. This expansion was originally earmarked as a mid-priority need, but since the outbreak of Covid-19 has become urgent.

With funding in place, our practitioner will be able to provide home-visits to referred families. They will help with benefit applications, assistance with housing, advocacy, and finding meaningful employment. Emotional support will include parenting support; managing children's behaviour, communication skills and life skills. Our practitioners will help families stabilise their situation and stop hardship from escalating by providing small grants for household items, food deliveries from our foodbank and help with fuel payments from our winter fuel fund. They will provide group activities, out-reach work, positive play and signposting.

Through this project we aim to create healthier communities Bexhill. In the short-term, we will reduce the impact of poverty and hardship on young people and children, support parents into meaningful employment, improve families' wellbeing and confidence, improve families' skills to support the needs of their children. In the long-term, our families will be more resilient and better able to navigate difficulties without falling further into crisis, which will lead to better outcomes for their children.

I would be most grateful to hear your thoughts on our project which I can then include in my application to Rother District. I have spoken to Cllr Sam Coleman who has been extremely positive and confirmed it ties in with his Anti-poverty strategy. I hope that his clarifies our plans

but if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me and I would be delighted to provide more detail.

I look forwards to hearing from you

Best wishes

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