BURGESS HILL TOWN COUNCIL	
MAJOR GRANT APPLICATION	
NAME OF ORGANISATION	Burgess Hill Shed
NUMBER OF BURGESS HILL	40 Burgess Hill adults members
MEMBERS/BENEFICIARIES	
PURPOSE FOR WHICH	For materials/ tools towards the project subcontractor
GRANT IS SOUGHT	fees (plumbers, electricians etc),
AMOUNT REQUESTED	£2,500
TOTAL COST OF PROJECT	£67,500
OTHER SOURCES OF INCOME	Own fund and other grants
PREVIOUS GRANTS	£978 in 2016 - £2,250 in 2021 (awarded in Major
	Grants not yet claimed).
CONSTITUTION	Yes
FINANCE	Statement of Financial Activities 30/9/2020

## **COMMUNITY COMMENTS:**

The Burgess Hill Shed was formed in 2016 & aims to provide a safe, relaxing & fun environment to help socially isolated people meet, socialise & engage with others through meaningful activities. It aims to improve well-being to anyone including retired people, unemployed people, people who have suffered a mental or physical illness etc.

The supervised facility provides well-equipped resources which allows people to undertake personal projects, help others & community groups with repairs, or work together on common projects beneficial to the Burgess Hill Shed and/or the community. It aims to help anyone who wishes to persue their own projects but lacks space & equipment, such as those living in flats. Or those wishing to enhance career prospects, to learn & practice new skills & improve self-esteem.

In conjunction with the Town Council & New River, the Burgess Hill Shed has taken a lease on a disused retail outlet in the Martlets Shopping Centre, Burgess Hill, in order to extend the number of operating days, times & range of activities. This is necessary to increase membership, attendance & income to enable the Charity to become financially self-sustaining and achieve its charitable purpose. This project has been named The Kiln & will provide an adaptable workspace for use by community groups, including Burgess Hill Shed. The Kiln Project is creating a community centre in the Town Centre with a strong focus on Arts, Crafts and the Maker movement to provide great opportunities and inspiration for people to come together, and enjoy and learn from practical and meaningful activity.

The purpose of the grant is to contribute towards the costs of installing a downstairs workshop, refurbishing a meeting room and reconfiguring the upstairs space to create an art studio, metalwork area, electronics and a Makerspace area. Material costs are £2,500-£3000 and installation will be carried out by member volunteers.

## FINANCIAL COMMENT:

Financial Snapshot

Income: £ 7,501
Surplus: £ 3,658
Reserves: £20,120
Forward cost cover 5 years

## Comment

Much of the work/cost for this project will be undertaken by the organisation's own labour leaving a residual of 3<sup>rd</sup> party costs/material in the region of £30k. Around £10k of reserves will be used towards this project leaving, still, a healthy balance.

Sufficient funds although Members may still wish to support this application.

**GRANT AWARDED: £**