

Name of Applicant / Organisation	Rev. Becca Bell, Menheniot Parish Church (along with St Cleer, Pensilva, Quethiock, St Ive)
Person to contact	Rev Becca Bell
Position Held	Project leader
How are you normally funded?	Donations
What do you need the money for?	<p>Start up costs for a Baby Basics Centre. This is a national charity and we hope to start a centre serving the Liskeard Area. We would provide start up bundles for expecting mums via their health visitor or midwife. Families are referred by health care professionals so we are sure that they are The right beneficiaries.</p> <p><a href="https://baby-basics.org.uk/">https://baby-basics.org.uk/</a></p>
<p>How will vulnerable people in Liskeard benefit from this? Is it aimed at specific groups?</p>	<p>Expectant parents would receive a Moses Basket with items needed for a new baby including a new mattress, bedding, clothing, toiletries for the mum, blankets, toys, and nappies.</p> <p>Whilst the centre would serve the wider rural area, the centre of population is in Liskeard so we would anticipate that a large proportion of our clientele will be in Liskeard.</p> <p>I have already had a meeting with lead health visitor and school nurse who serves the area, including working with the two local doctors surgeries, and they were very keen to work with the centre. They said the need is huge in south east Cornwall, and particularly in Liskeard where poverty markers are high.</p> <p>The Health Visitors and Midwives operate centrally either from CC or the hospitals, but work from the surgeries and various baby clinics in the town. The mum's and their location that is more relevant to the centre. I've also made contact with the foodbank, although to keep things simple I anticipate we won't take references from them, but they will signpost the baby basics centre via midwives to avoid duplicating referrals.</p> <p>I know the number I need to find is how many babies are born to low income families in Liskeard per year, and that will indicate how many bundles we are likely to make up in a year for the town. I am very confident that, because we are joining an existing "brand" with the benefit of their expertise and admin support, and the health professionals are so keen to work with us (having researched the charity working with their colleagues up country), the centre will take off quite quickly.</p>

<p>Have you previously received a grant from Liskeard Town Council?</p> <p>If 'Yes 'please indicate</p>	<p><b>NO</b></p> <p>(a) When (Date)</p> <p>(b) Amount received £</p>
<p>What is the total cost of what you are planning?</p> <p>What sum of money are you looking for from the Town Council and what exactly will it be used to support?</p> <p>How is any difference to be funded?</p>	<p>We have been advised by Baby Basics that the start up costs is £2,000. £150 of this is our sign up fee and then £25/month is for our subscription to use a data base, printed stationary, and some funds to enable us to buy items until our donation stock is sufficient.</p> <p>We then need to spend £6 on a new mattress for each Moses basket, and will often need to buy toiletries for mums (apparently folk forget to donate sanitary and breast pads!)</p> <p>We would look to put baskets in local supermarkets, and process pre loved items where appropriate.</p> <p>The finances would be handled as a restricted budget line by Menheniot PCC and we anticipate attracting donations from local folk.</p> <p>I would expect our first month to cost us £400 in the join fee, initial £25, and items for our first basket that are not donated. As we grow stock from supermarket baskets and second hand donations, we would not need to spend so much on the items and the bundles could even cease to cost us at all.</p> <p>We will not have rent or salary to pay, so our on-going costs would be the £25/month access to Baby Basic's support and buying items to make bundles that are not donated.</p> <p>The Health Visitors estimated that we might be required to make up one bundle per week. Until we have built up some stock from donations, we anticipate the baskets could cost around £100 to make up if we have no donations.</p> <p>In the longer term, we hope to be able to support families with children up to the age of 5, but we are starting small and growing as our team and (hopefully) premises allow.</p> <p>The project would appreciate grant support from the Town Council to the value of £400. It is anticipated that donations and further fundraising would cover the remaining aspects of project startup costs.</p>