

Applicant 5 Kids at Play/Bridgeton community Learning Campus (BCLC)/For All Bridgeton (FAB) – responses to questions

The applicant is BCLC to support FAB. This is a service which is part of BCLC programs and activities.

FAB is run completely by volunteers, and is supported by BCLC throughout the year, financially and with governance etc.

FAB historically were funded through IGF funding when they moved from their own premises in Mains Street Bridgeton, but this came to an end 7 years ago and since then BCLC have not charged them for room hire costs and indeed part funded their summer program for many years.

This has had an impact on BCLC financially, given that we could hire the space out to other agencies, but we have a long standing relationship with this group who run a fantastic service with our support so we are at a cross roads.

Funding, which would cover room hire costs, would ensure the group remains sustainable, and that BCLC is then able to support them long term without the threat of reducing their hours or indeed insist they find the money to pay for room hire costs from another source. At the moment, FAB does not have any skilled persons as members to apply for funding, therefor BCLC have applied as a support framework.

As is stated in the application, they are extremely well attended and support local families who struggle daily with rising food/electricity and amenities costs.