

**PEEBLES COMMON GOOD FUND
APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

<p><u>Applicant Details</u> Name and Address of Applicant/Organisation:</p> <p>Telephone No:</p> <p>E-mail address:</p>	<p>Peebles Men's Shed c/o 3 Edderston Ridge Park Peebles EH45 9NG</p> <p>██████████</p> <p>████████████████████</p>
<p>Address to which payment should be made:</p>	<p>As above, but see below under assistance requested.</p>
<p><u>Activities</u> Please supply a brief description of the activities of your organisation and the benefits it brings to the local community:</p>	<p>Peebles Men's shed will aim to provide recreational facilities and advance the social needs, health and well being of men of all ages and backgrounds living in Peebles and surrounding areas by offering opportunities to meet and undertake creative, physical, purposeful and recreational activities of their choice, thus contributing to the physical and mental wellbeing of members. In so doing this will help develop the capacity of men in the Peebles area to share their skills and knowledge with others in the community, to the wider benefit of that community. In a 2015 study, 3.5% of the population of Tweeddale reported that they felt lonely or isolated. A thriving Men's Shed in Peebles would go some way towards reducing that number. Another recent study undertaken identified that in an Aberdeenshire shed, the Social Return on Investment could be quantified at a value of £48,844 worth of outcomes in one year against running costs of £5,000. Beneficiaries were identified as the shedders themselves, their partners and families, the local Health Service and the wider community in which the shed was based.</p>
<p><u>Assistance Requested</u> Please indicate the sum requested and the purpose for which it will be used:</p>	<p>A sum equivalent to the annual lease charges for the building known as the Hay Lodge Depot, believed to be in the region of £1000 per calendar month, to enable us to secure that lease on an ongoing basis or the exclusive lease of the building on a charge free basis, whichever is easier. Security of tenure would be important to the long term viability of the group, so the latter would be the preferable outcome to the group, allowing us to properly plan for the future.</p>
<p>When will the donation be required:</p>	<p>As soon as possible to allow further set up plans to be put into place.</p>
<p>If this is a one-off project then please give the following details –</p> <p>Date (s):</p>	<p>This a long term project, and one which will be run by the members for the members. In due course, once premises have been secured for use as a Shed, members will be asked to contribute a small sum weekly towards ongoing running costs and a programme of fund raising within the community would be devised. At only our second</p>

<p>Estimated total cost:</p> <p>Funds already raised by applicant's own efforts:</p> <p>Funds raised or expected to be raised from other sources (please state sources):</p>	<p>meeting which attracted 15 men, when a steering group was formed to progress matters, £30 was raised as a start. This has already been used to affiliate to the Scottish Men's Shed Association to whom we will turn for inspiration and procedural guidance in future. It may not seem much, but it was a start. Contact has also been made with Age Scotland, who annually provide individual grants of £1000 to Men's Sheds in Scotland. Unfortunately we just missed the deadline for this year but are hopeful of obtaining a grant next year. Another funding source being explored are donations from local wind farm operators and an application will be made for access to funding from the SBC Community Fund.</p>
<p><u>Other information</u></p> <p>If you have other information which you feel is relevant to this application please provide details including details of any previous assistance given:</p>	<p>We are in the process of securing recognition as a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO), as will be required by our constitution which is already being drafted using guidance from the Scottish Men's Shed Association. This will be placed before the members for approval and adoption at our next planned meeting on 6 December.</p> <p>As we are still in the very early stages of our existence, no audited accounts are yet available.</p> <p>Finally, it is estimated that our target population for membership, or in other words those whom this assistance would directly benefit, is in the region of 850 men, or 10% of the current population of Peebles.</p>
<p><u>Declaration</u></p> <p>I hereby make application for assistance as set out above and certify that the information I have provided is accurate</p> <p>Signed: Malcolm Bruce (signed electronically)</p> <p>Position Held: Member of steering group.</p> <p>Date: 15 November 2017</p>	
<p>Note: All applications from organisations MUST be accompanied by a copy of the latest audited accounts</p>	
<p>This completed form, accounts and any supporting details should be submitted to Louise McGeoch, Democratic Services Team Leader, Scottish Borders Council, Council Headquarters, Newtown St Boswells, TD6 0SA. Telephone 01835 825005</p>	