

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

<p><u>Applicant Details</u> Name and Address of Applicant/Organisation:</p> <p>Telephone No: E-mail address:</p>	<p>Peebles and District Men's Shed School Brae Hub School Brae Peebles EH45 8AT 01721 721233 peeblesmensshed@gmail.com</p>
<p>Address to which payment should be made:</p>	<p>As above.</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 is now providing a space for recreational facilities and is advancing the social needs, health and well-being of men (and women) of all ages and backgrounds living in Peebles and surrounding areas. We offer opportunities for members to meet and undertake creative, physical, purposeful and recreational activities of their choice, in a safe and fully insured environment thus contributing to the physical and mental wellbeing of members. In so doing this will help develop the capacity of members to share their skills and knowledge with others in the community, to the wider benefit of that community. As membership is open to all from age 18 onwards, further opportunities will be presented for intergenerational learning and working. 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.</p>
<p><u>Assistance Requested</u> Please indicate the sum requested and the purpose for which it will be used:</p>	<p>We are now making progress with converting our premises from a former social club and bar into a multi purpose venue. Already, members can undertake technical wood and metal working activities in our newly fitted workshops, but a large number also enjoy modelling, including railway modelling and art and a further section of our membership simply attend for company, a cup of tea and a blether. We would now like to turn our attention to creating properly equipped and comfortable spaces for these last two activities. The modelling area will be adjacent to the 'social' area which will have direct access to our outside space which will be well used in warmer months. We aim to build these spaces to the same high standard as the rest of our space, future proofing where possible. We estimate the total cost of these conversions to be £6,486 which is shown as a breakdown on the attached document.</p>
<p>When will the donation be required:</p>	<p>As soon as possible.</p>
<p>If this is a one-off project then please give the following details – Date (s):</p>	<p>ASAP</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>£6,486</p> <p>Approximately £40,000 raised to date towards the overall project</p> <p>Ongoing fund raising will continue for general running costs.</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 now a Scottish Charity, Reg No SCO48226. Our first year accounts have been prepared and submitted detailing all of our income and expenditure, and can be viewed on request. Our biggest challenge in running this project, which is entirely volunteer led, is in meeting our monthly property rental costs of £500. We have recently been turned down for a Scottish Government Community Grant to meet these costs, and because our bank balance at present appears fairly healthy, Scottish Borders Council Community Grants were also denied to us. This is still a major capital project, and we had, on paper, committed most of our existing funds towards capital improvement works. However, we have been persuaded that an alternative approach is to seek funding for these capital works, and use existing funds to self finance rent due. We therefore intend to allocate £5,000 towards ongoing rent, as well as all of our ongoing monthly donation income. We also plan to maintain a contingency fund of £2,500 for emergency use. Current projections show that should we be successful in this application, these funds will be available to pay our rent comfortably until April 2021. This does not solve the long term problem and we will continue to seek a support package for rent assistance during this breathing space. We would also hope to attract more members as our space becomes more viable, and may even reach the magic monthly income figure of £600 making us wholly self sufficient.</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: Secretary</p> <p>Date: 30/12/2019</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>	