

2021/2022 Community Fund: Interim Assessment Form

Locality: Tweeddale

Ref. No.: CF2121-TW-2

Organisation Name: Peebles Mens Shed

Funding Requested: £10,000

ABOUT THE GROUP			
Organisation Structure	Constituted group		
Annual Accounts Balance	£34,925		
<p>Are any funds ring-fenced, if so why & how much?</p> <p>Current ongoing costs £450 per month rent. Insurance; £200</p> <p>Ring fenced for tools (Localities Bid grant) £10,821 largely still to be spent</p> <p>Ring fenced for refurbishment of social area (Common Good Grant) £6.486 largely still to be spent</p> <p>Ring fenced as contribution towards refurbishment of toilets (Awards for All grant) £10,000</p> <p>Unrestricted fund - £7,618, this is a result of funding via Robertson Trust</p>			
<p>Has the applicant successfully applied for SBC funding within the last three years?</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>			
SBC Funds received	Financial Year	Amount (£)	What used for?
Localities Bid Fund	2018/19	£10,821	Tools
Small Grants Scheme	2018/19	£2,000	
Community Grant Scheme	2018/19	£5,000	Support start up and initial rental costs
Common Good	2020	£6,486	Conversion of premises
<p>Have they recently applied to the Common Good Fund?</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>			

ABOUT THE PROJECT

Project brief	<p>Peebles Mens shed are looking for funding to cover additional cost of their toilet refurbishment programme. The group received a £10k grant from National Lottery for the completion of this project. Costs have now increased and they require additional funding to complete the project.</p> <p>PMS aim to create 3 disabled unisex toilets and create a workshop wet area.</p> <p>Any funds left over from this project will be held in reserve</p>	
Project Start Date: DD/MM/YY		
Total Expenditure (£)	13,500	
Community Fund Request (£)	10,000	
10% organisation contribution	1,000	
Any Other Contribution?	2,500 – Own funds	
Other Funding Sources	Amount (£)	At what stage?
Community Fund Outcomes	<input type="checkbox"/> Communities have more access to better quality local services or activities <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Communities have more access to a better quality environment <input type="checkbox"/> Communities have more pride in their community <input type="checkbox"/> Communities have more access to better quality advice and information <input type="checkbox"/> More local groups or services are better supported to recover from financial difficulty	
Action Plan priorities	The project meets the following priorities:	

ASSESSMENT

What need/demand has been evidenced for this project/activity?	<p>The Mens shed aims to provide a place where men and women over the age of 18 can gather, engage in worthwhile and meaningful activities or simply enjoy the company of one another.</p> <p>The Peebles men’s shed had applied for a Small Business Grant that was administered by Scottish Borders. The group were unsuccessful in their application as the scheme was based on the ratable value of the premises that you occupy</p>
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	<p>and that applicants were liable for business rates on those premises. As tenants the group did not meet this criteria.</p> <p>PMS would like to use this funding to cover any shortfall as part of their toilet refurbishments. The current toilets are 50 years old and in their present state would be difficult to achieve the standard of cleanliness that is necessary in the current climate.</p> <p>The group successfully received £10k from the National Lottery in August 2020 to undertake toilet refurbishments. The group anticipate that they require an additional £5 to 7,000 to complete this project.</p>
<p>What benefits will be gained from the project/activity and how well does the project/activity meet the outcomes of the scheme?</p>	<p>With the increase in cleaning being likely for future reopening of buildings and group work PMS plan to create a 'wet' area just outside the renovated toilets. This will allow the group the ability to prepare cleaning solutions, away from hand washing and food preparation areas aswell as allowing a safe place to store cleaning materials and equipment.</p> <p>The toilets are within the area occupied by PMS. Currently only those that are members of the shed would have access to these facilities.</p> <p>Any leftover in funding will initially be held in reserve.</p> <p>In achieving this funding PMS wish to hold on to their current reserves. Which currently would cover rental costs for the next 5 years.</p>
<p>What support and involvement of the wider community is there for this project/activity?</p>	<p>PMS are part of the Scottish Mens Shed Association and are also part of the Scottish Borders association.</p> <p>The current membership stands at 135 members with weekday sessions attracting between 30 and 40 members over the course of the day. PMS are hopeful that their numbers will increase once groups can return.</p> <p>PMS is linked in with Peebles Community Trust and Community Council.</p>
<p>What efforts have been made by the applicant to secure other sources of funding for the project/activity?</p>	<p>Peebles Mens Shed were unsuccessful in their application to the Small Business Grant Scheme.</p>
<p>How will the impact and success of the project be measured? What happens at</p>	<p>PMS are looking to develop their own income streams from the sale of craft items made in their workshops. Covid has currently slowed these plans</p>

the end of the project/activity or when the funding is spent?	
Quotes received for items of expenditure	Supplied
Have appropriate permissions been sought/granted?	<p>Yes</p> <p>PMS have a 10 year lease to use the facility within the Peebles Community Trust building. PCT are being kept fully informed about the proposals.</p> <p>Building improvements elsewhere in the Hub are part of PCT's wider improvement plans. Primarily in public areas. The lease provided to PMS allows the group to improve their accommodation any way that they deem suitable.</p>

SBC OFFICER ASSESSMENT

This application does not meet the criteria. Please note that under the current guidance it states that;

'If you have not set aside this money for anything specific funding is unlikely to be awarded.'

Additional Terms and Conditions:

Scottish Government coronavirus (COVID-19) guidance must be adhered to with a protocol for safe participation in the programme and use of resources developed, and all participants agreeing to adhere to this protocol.

We would seek the group to particularly report on:

The completion of the new toilet facilities and anecdotal feedback as to the benefits that these have for group users

Number of members attributed to Peebles Mens Shed

Number of attendees at their weekly sessions