

**WILLIAM HILL TRUST FUND
APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

<p><u>Applicant Details</u> Name and Address of Applicant/Organisation:</p> <p>Telephone No:</p>	<p>Melrose Rugby Limited The Greenyards, High Street, Melrose, TD6 9SA.</p> <p>01896 822993</p>
<p>Address to which payment should be made:</p>	<p>Melrose Rugby Limited per above address.</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>We are the local rugby club for the town of Melrose. With a long history dating back to 1872 we were the founders of seven-a-side rugby and attract large crowds to the area for our annual sevens tournament.</p> <p>We operate around 18 teams across all age groups and levels within the SRU national playing structure, from infants to semi-professional. Our ground, The Greenyards, is recognised worldwide and attracts visitors from around the world to both the town and the region.</p>
<p><u>Assistance Requested</u> Please indicate the sum requested and the purpose for which it will be used:</p>	<p>We are embarking on a series of capital works to bring the grandstand up to current “green book” regulations and works include adding new seats to replace the current benches, additional lighting and improved sound system. All of this, it is hoped, will be carried out in the weeks leading up to the new season starting in August 2021. We would ask for a grant of £10,000 to fund the balance of this important project for the club and the wider body of users.</p>
<p>When will the donation be required:</p>	<p>Over the summer period, probably into July 2021.</p>
<p>If this is a one-off project then please give the following details –</p> <p>Date (s):</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>The seating project is a one off project within the grandstand works.</p> <p>July 2021</p> <p>£21,000 to install 800 seats and replace up to 150 bench spaces.</p> <p>£3,500. Limited activity due to Covid.</p> <p>£7,500 grant applied for from the SRU “recovery” fund.</p>

<p><u>Other information</u> 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>The grandstand is an iconic building that is recognised across the rugby world. It is also a heavily used local amenity and we require to carry out these works to ensure that we comply with the tougher legislation around buildings such as this.</p> <p>If unable to reach the full funding needs then we may need to reduce the numbers of seats that we have and that will affect the overall capacity of the grandstand going forward.</p>
<p><u>Declaration</u> I hereby make application for assistance as set out above and certify that the information I have provided is accurate</p> <p>Signed: <i>Graeme S Burgess</i></p> <p>Position Held: Finance Director</p> <p>Date: 18th May 2021</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 Democratic Services, Scottish Borders Council, Council Headquarters, Newtown St Boswells, TD6 0SA. ComPap@scotborders.gov.uk Telephone 01835 826585</p>	