



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

Applicant Details

Galashiels and Area Foodbank (GAF)

Name and Address of  
Applicant/Organisation:

East Faldonside Lodge

Melrose

TD6 9BG

Registered SCIO No: SC050850

Telephone No:

0777 1513 694

Address to which payment  
should be made:

Royal Bank of Scotland

Account No: 00661786

Sort Code:16-12-85

Account Name: Galashiels Foodbank

Activities

Please supply a brief  
description of the activities  
of your organisation and  
the benefits it brings to the  
local community:

The organisation's purposes are to relieve poverty, suffering and distress of persons in the Scottish Borders by providing food and other items free or at subsidised cost.

Assistance Requested

Please indicate the sum  
requested and the purpose  
for which it will be used:

We are requesting any sum up to £3000 which is an estimate of the assistance GAF provides to Melrose residents annually. (Please see notes for explanation of this amount).

When will the donation be  
required:

As soon as possible given our monthly expenditure currently exceeds our monthly income.

If this is a one-off project then please give the following details –

The requested funds are for ongoing relief of poverty and hunger in the Melrose area.

Date (s):

Estimated total cost:

Funds already raised by applicant's own efforts:

We are fortunate to receive a number of regular monthly donations from individuals & benefactors ranging in size from £5 to £100. We received a number of large one off donations around the 2020 Christmas period.

Funds raised or expected to be raised from other sources (please state sources):

We are actively fundraising from a number of new sources including:

- Congregations from the Galashiels and Melrose area
- New donations via Trustee contacts and networks
- Donations from additional trusts in the Galashiels area

### Other information

If you have other information which you feel is relevant to this application please provide details including details of any previous assistance given:

Galashiels and Area Foodbank help relieve hunger in the Melrose and wider area. We have data protection regulations which mean we don't keep individual names and dates so have provided estimates of the assistance and costs for the Melrose area.

We estimate in the prior year to June 2021 food parcels were given out to feed approximately 160 adults and 180 children in the Melrose area. Some of this was individuals and families who were being given food every week for a number of weeks. Some were for people who were on chronically low wages etc so they came to us every other week, or had longer periods when they did not need our help. Some were one-offs or people who needed food for a short stretch of time, e.g. waiting for benefits etc.

We generally provide approximately £10 of food per Adult person for a week of support. Childrens support is combined with Adult packages such that a family of 4 might cost approximately £30-£35. We therefore estimate our relief efforts in Melrose are approximately £3000 annually.

We have not at this time received any additional assistance via Scottish Borders Council or funds it controls.

### Declaration

I hereby make application for assistance as set out above and certify that the information I have provided is accurate

Signed: Scott Prophet

Position Held: Trustee of the Galashiels and Area Foodbank

Date: 26/10/21

**Note: All applications from organisations MUST be accompanied by a copy of the latest audited accounts**

Galashiels and Area Foodbank (GAF) was awarded SCIO charitable status in March 2021. As such we have not yet submitted audited accounts. For context GAF supports circa 100 - 120 clients across the region every week for the prevention of hunger and alleviation of poverty. Our average monthly spend is in the region of £5000 while regular monthly income(donations) is closer to £2000 - £2500. We are fortunate to have received a small number of one off large donations at the end of 2020 to allow our work to continue, but this is not the norm month to month. We are now actively seeking new donations to close our funding gap.

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](mailto:ComPap@scotborders.gov.uk) Telephone 01835 826585