

**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 Football Club The Engine Room Gibson Park Melrose TD6 9RY</p> <p>(Greg Simpson – Chair)</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>Melrose Football Club is a non-profit making organisation run by volunteers which delivers junior and youth football from age 5-16+ for young people from Melrose and the surrounding area. MFC currently has over 300 registered junior and youth players, around a third of whom are girls. This represents a 27% increase on membership levels since 2019/20.</p> <p>The Club also provides a structure through which adults can enjoy recreational football and currently provides two nights a week of men’s football to a membership of 50, and one night a week of ladies’ football to a membership of 25.</p> <p>As a community club, MFC seeks to increase participation in football among people in the local area to improve mental and physical health.</p> <p>The Club is inclusive. MFC does not select players on their ability; rather, we offer kids of all abilities, and from all backgrounds, the opportunity to develop at their own rate. – players play and learn together, regardless of ability.</p> <p>Our players are provided with a football pathway through junior and youth levels and to adult football to maximise their football opportunities now and in the future and to encourage sport’s participation through the rest of their lives.</p>

<p><u>Assistance Requested</u> Please indicate the sum requested and the purpose for which it will be used:</p>	<p>Melrose FC are developing plans to build new changing room facilities and open up our Engine Room HQ for community use. We have the support of the Community Council, Melrose Primary School and St Mary's School for this project.</p> <p>The Ormiston Trust have been provided details on these plans, including schematics.</p> <p>Melrose FC is requesting development planning support to help make these plans a reality. The grant would be used to fund the planning application process and move the project through to building stage.</p>
<p>When will the donation be required:</p>	<p>November 2022</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 grant from the William Hill trust for development will pave the way for capital part of the project.</p> <p>Under current plans, the project includes the addition of a purpose built timber changing facility of up to 110sqm to provide modern home and away dressing rooms including shower and toilet facilities, a referees room, equipment storage space, a disabled toilet and a kitchen facility. This is particularly required to provide a safe and secure space for our teams of girls and their opponents.</p> <p>This changing room building will blend into the existing Engine Room building through a glass annex that will serve as a secure entrance to the Engine Room with access to kitchen and disabled toilet facilities.</p> <p>The Engine Room (17.27sqm) will be remodelled to provide a single open space. The old Engine Room doors will be restored to their original livery and opened to the high street with a paved area providing seating and picnic facilities with a view of Gibson Park and the Eildon Hills. Some minor exterior work is required and the interior will need to have a heating solution and made energy efficient.</p> <p>DEVELOPMENT, PLANNING TO BUILD PHASE AND FOCUS OF THIS APPLICATION:</p> <p>William Hill Trust is asked to contribute £35,000 for the development, planning to build phase of the project.</p> <p>This will be disbursed through Cameron Strachan Yuill Architects who will act as project managers.</p> <p>This is broken down as follows:</p>

	Design to Planning Consent	Planning Consent to Build
Design Preparation	£4,320.00	£2,220.00
Construction Documentation		£3,300.00
Tender Administration		£900.00
Special Reports and negotiations	£1,080.00	
Structural Engineering Survey		£1,250.00
Quantity Surveyor	£650.00	£4,800.00
Topographical Survey	£500.00	
Arboricultural Assessment	£600.00	
Ecology Report	£1,800.00	£2,204.00
Building Control		£1,446.00
Planning	£600.00	
Flood Risk Assessment	£1,200.00	
Detailed Ecology reporting	£1,400.00	
Total (Ex VAT)	£12,150.00	£16,120.00
VAT (20%)	£2,430.00	£3,224.00
TOTAL (inc VAT)	£14,580.00	£19,344.00
Grand Total	£33,924.00	

We would hold the balance as contingency against unexpected costs.

CAPITAL PHASE:

We will be seeking funding for the capital build once planning application has been completed.

We expect the build to be completed in 2023/2024.

We have a grant from the National Lottery of £5,000 to support the capital build, as well as a reserve of £10,000 from Club Funds.

We expect to raise a further £220,000-250,000 to complete the build from sources such Place Based Investment Fund, The Eildon Neighbourhood Support Fund and the Landfill Tax Credit Fund. We are also in discussion with the Scottish Football Association to access grants designed to improve facilities via the Scottish Football Partnership and UK Government supported Levelling Up initiative.

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:

In the past, the Engine Room was used to put out fires in our community, now it is used to ignite the flame of sporting ambition in our boys and girls. We want to start a new chapter for the Engine Room.

By moving our changing rooms into a purpose built space, we can open up the Engine Room for club and community use for things like public and private meetings and gatherings, voluntary associations such as guides and brownies, as well as fundraising and revenue generating activities

Melrose FC itself has over 300 registered players including over 100 girls from age 5 to 15. Our girls' teams are now affiliated to Scottish Women's Football and are playing league fixtures against teams from Across the Border and the Lothians. At present they have very rudimentary facilities with a single, small, non-private changing room and single shower and toilet for use by both home and away teams. As a result, most player choose to arrive and leave in their playing kit, using the side of the pitch to change and keep their belongings.

This project will provide our players and their opponents with modern, safe and secure changing facilities, and a befitting welcome to Melrose for out visitors. This will improve their sporting experience, and attract more players to the club and so improve the physical and mental health of our children.

The Engine Room would become a welcoming pen space managed by the club and available for community use. It will provide an attractive historical centre piece for Gibson Park and Melrose High Street – adjacent to the Police Station and Tweed Valley Mountain Rescue which is housed in the former fire station.

Melrose Primary School has been considering how this project will improve facilities for their learners and recognises the direct benefits the new activity space will deliver for the school.

Additional changing facilities, close to Gibson park will improve learners experiences of outdoor exercise activities, improve learners experiences of Sport's Day events and allow the school to host visiting schools for community competitions.

A new community activity space will facilitate meetings with school stakeholders in a neutral space including parent/partner meetings, parent workshops, community engagement meetings, a space to share displays of community linked projects and to assist in fundraising events..

This project will contribute to an arc of excellent sporting facilities in the centre of Melrose including the historic Greenyards of Melrose Rugby Club, The Melrose Waverly Tennis Club and the Melrose Bowling Club, encouraging sport participation and building community cohesion.

Declaration

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

Signed: Greg Simpson

Position Held: Melrose FC Chair

Date: 24/10/2022

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

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