



Common Good Fund: Application Form for 2021/22*

*Please note this is a fund of last resort – you will need to demonstrate to the Common Good Fund Committee that you have tried to secure funding from other sources.

Applicant Group/Organisation:	Laidlaw Memorial Swimming Pool (LMP)
Name of your project:	LMP Recovery
The name of the Common Good Fund that you are applying to:	The Royal Burgh of Jedburgh Common Good Fund

Summarise what you want to use this funding for (max. 100 words)

The funding will enable LMP to fully recover from the losses caused by Covid lockdowns and restrictions. Although we received support from government and SBC, we still had considerable wages costs and fixed costs such as insurance and pool costs (eg heating, chemical dosing and water circulation) to maintain the safety of the structure and the pool.

Covid recovery grants finished in August 2021 but we continued to have restrictions until April 2022, thus limiting the numbers of people allowed to use the facility. In the interests of peoples' health and wellbeing we opened as soon as permitted. Our major problem now is our electricity bill has increased from £18,000 to £50,000 a year.

Tell us how your activity/project will make a difference to your organisation and how it will benefit the residents of the former Burgh (max. 200 words)

We will be able to continue to provide an essential health, wellbeing, and water safety service to the people of Jedburgh as follows :

Over 60,000 visits a year to our swimming pool and gym.

Taught 600 children to swim since April and still have a waiting list to overcome a backlog due to Covid lockdowns and restrictions.

Provide swimming to local schools at a charge of only £1 per pupil.

Run 14 Mother and Baby sessions in the pool a week.

Also, we provide on behalf of the town :

Cleaning the Public Toilets which are open from 6am to 8pm every day of the year.

Facilitate and administer the employment of a Development Worker.

Tell us what activities you plan to carry out and how you will deliver it.

Tell us how your project will be sustainable in the future (max. 100 words)

In the year prior to Covid we made a surplus of £20,000. To recover from our current problem, we are taking the following actions :

Increase usage prices by 10%, with discounts for young and older people and those on benefits (33% of our postcodes are in Quintile 2 of SIMD, the 2nd most deprived group)

Make a public appeal for donations.

Operate a lottery.

These actions are being organised now and will ensure the future of a major asset of the town.

Expenditure: Please tell us how much money you need for the entire activity/project (you may be asked to provide up to 3 quotes to support your application)

Item of Expenditure	Cost (£)
Operational financial support	£30,000
Total Expenditure	£30,000
How much would you like from the Common Good Fund?	£30,000
Please supply a copy of your signed & dated Annual Accounts or Projected Financial Plan	

Have you received funding in the last 5 years from Scottish Borders Council or any other external funders? If so, please detail the fund name, the amount and the purpose of the grant.

Fund	Amount	Purpose
SBC ALEO Management Fee	£115,000	Providing swimming and fitness services
SBC, JCGF, Sportscotland, EU Leader, SGGF	£130,000	Capital works for new and larger changing facility, 3 new disabled changing rooms, Soft Play area.

Tell us about your own fundraising or how you have secured other funding for this project.		
	Amount	Purpose
We have secured capital for LMP and other town projects, but revenue support has not been possible despite many applications.		

Individual/Group/Organisation details:	
Contact Name:	George Burt
Position in Group/Org: (if appropriate)	Chairperson
Home Address:	
Post Code:	
Telephone Number:	
Email Address:	
Date:	8 November 2022
Signature:	

What does your organisation do and who does it support? If appropriate. (max. 100 words)
<p>LMP is a Social Enterprise owned and run by the community in Jedburgh for the benefit of all residents of the town, providing a Swimming Pool and Gym with modern changing facilities, that is open from 6am to 8pm Mon-Fri, 9am to 3pm weekends, and every day except Christmas and New Year's day.</p> <p>The warmest pool temperature (31C) of any pool in the Borders, especially beneficial for babies and young children, and elderly and disabled people for whom we have large 3 large changing rooms.</p>

Equalities

Do you have an Equal Opportunities Policy or Equality Statement? Yes No

Explain how your project complies with the obligations contained in the Equality Act 2010

We treat all staff the same in terms of wages and conditions of employment, regardless of gender, ethnicity or any other protected characteristics. For users who are disabled we have full access and facilities

Safeguarding

Does your idea/project involve work with children, young people under the age of 18 or vulnerable adults? Yes No

If yes what safeguarding policies do you have in place and how often are these reviewed?

Please provide a copy of these or give full details below.

All staff are disclosed and are trained to deal with vulnerable people of all ages.. We have full facilities for disabled and/or vulnerable people.

Permissions

Does your project involve work to a building or land? Yes No

If yes do you have the following? (please tick relevant)

- A lease agreement (Date of lease _____ and duration _____ years) Written permission of owner
- Planning permission (Reference No. _____)

Common Good Funds

Common Good Funds in Scotland originated in the 15th century and are the assets and income of some of the former Burghs. They can represent a substantial portfolio of land, property, some moveable items and investments and by law continue to exist for the benefit of the inhabitants of the former Burghs to which they relate. Scottish Borders Council is the owner of these Funds and each Fund has a sub-committee comprising the relevant local Councillors who make the decisions on the management of the Fund's assets and approval of any requests for funding (up to a limit of £20,000 above which full Council approval is required).

If you are successful in being awarded Common Good Funds, you will be asked to complete a monitoring & evaluation form when your project is complete or within 1 year of receiving funding. Future applications will not be considered until this has been received and the Common Good Fund Sub-Committee are satisfied with the evaluation you have provided.