

## Common Good Fund: Application Form for 2023/24\*

\*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.

<b>Applicant Group/Organisation:</b>	Peebles Highland Games
<b>Name of your project:</b>	Games Marquee Purchase
<b>The name of the Common Good Fund that you are applying to:</b>	PEEBLES COMMON GOOD FUND

### What does your organisation do and who does it support? If appropriate. (max. 100 words)

Tell us what your group does, the activities it undertakes and in what way it benefits the community.

The Highland Games have been held in the town for 50 years. We are a non-profit making organisation and every year we put on highland games for the people of the town, and to attract visitors to the area. The highland games consist of pipe band competitions, highland dancing, heavy events eg. Tossing the caber. We have stalls and fair items for children. We also allow all local children into the games for free when accompanied by an adult and we encourage the children to participate by competing in a drawing competition. We liaise with the local schools in the run up to the games to ensure the local children are involved.

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

(i.e. will it increase access, improve quality of life etc.)

We should like to request the sum of £5,000. We require a total of £9280 to purchase a new marquee to stage our guests and competitors on the day. Our old marquee has moulded and is not fit for purpose any more. We do have some funds of our own, however it costs around £15k to stage the games each year and last year we barely broke even.

Estimated total cost: Funds already raised by applicant's own efforts: We raise funds by entry fees to the games which are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in September each year. We can contribute £4,280 from our funds.

**Summarise how the outcomes of the project will be measured/evaluated** (max. 100 words)

We have never before claimed financial assistance and it would mean a lot to us to be able to fund the marquee with some assistance.

The success of our games comes with the capability to attract “Heavy” competitors, pipe bands to compete and highland dancers. We also need to attract local volunteers to man the gates and help with the equipment and set up. To do this we need to provide covered hospitality as part of the day of the games. Our current marquee has moulded and is not fit for purpose for serving food. The Marquee has been used for circa 30 years.

To continue to host the games and provide facilities to the competitors and volunteers we require a marquee big enough to support the volume of people during the day. Our inability to host visitors, competitors and governing bodies of the competitors would result in us not being able to stage the games going forward.

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

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

**Will make a difference to our organization as above** ... To continue to host the games and provide facilities to the competitors and volunteers we require a marquee big enough to support the volume of people during the day. Our inability to host visitors, competitors and governing bodies of the competitors would result in us not being able to stage the games going forward.

**Benefit to residents of the Burgh** - The games benefit the Burgh by putting us on the map as an annual event. We engage with all the local schools and give free entry to all school children. This builds children’s knowledge on the ancient rituals involved in the games. It also builds their cultural knowledge on activities associated with Scotland – bagpipes, highland dancing, tossing the caber. We also have a haggis hurling activity the children can be involved in.

Our games also benefit the local economy.

- we use and promote local businesses - Forsyth’s using their produce throughout the day in hospitality and haggis hurling and other local businesses who sponsor events or adverts in the program
- Many of our visitors on the day are from around the world and local areas. These visitors often stay in town or visit the town facilities before and after the games.

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

Our current Marquee has been in use for over 30 years. We are recycling the sides of the marquee through Eshiels and will use the roof to cover the highland dancers going forward.

Our new Marquee will be used for the foreseeable future.

**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 (£)
Marquee	9,280
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>9,280</b>
<b>How much would you like from the Common Good Fund?</b>	<b>5,000</b>
<b>Please supply a copy of your signed &amp; dated Annual Accounts or Projected Financial Plan</b>	<b>Attached</b>

**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
n/a		

**Tell us about your own fundraising or how you have secured other funding for this project.**

	Amount	Purpose
	£4280	From gate money and stall money taken on the day of the games. This can be used as we need to keep enough money in the kitty to fund the games, in case we have a year where we have no income

**Individual/Group/Organisation details:**

<b>Contact Name:</b>	Frances Graham
<b>Position in Group/Org:</b> (if appropriate)	Secretary

<b>Home Address:</b>	[REDACTED]
<b>Post Code:</b>	[REDACTED]
<b>Telephone Number:</b>	[REDACTED]
<b>Email Address:</b>	[REDACTED]
<b>Date:</b>	20/6/2023
<b>Signature:</b>	

<b>Equalities</b>
Do you have an Equal Opportunities Policy or Equality Statement?    Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Explain how your project complies with the obligations contained in the Equality Act 2010 n/a

<b>Public Protection</b>
Does your idea/project involve work with children, young people under the age of 18 or vulnerable adults?    Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
If yes what public protection policies do you have in place and how often are these reviewed? Please provide a copy of these or give full details below.
<p><b>We have</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- a marshalling plan</li> <li>- An event plan</li> <li>- First aid</li> <li>- Health &amp; safety checks</li> <li>- All appropriate licences</li> <li>- Public Liability Insurance</li> <li>- Fair Items have appropriate licences</li> <li>- Stalls have public liability insurance</li> </ul>

## Permissions

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

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 current/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.

This completed form and supporting documents should be submitted to Lynne Cuerden, Democratic Services Officer, Scottish Borders Council, Council Headquarters, Newtown St Boswells, TD6 0SA. Email: [lynne.cuerden@scotborders.gov.uk](mailto:lynne.cuerden@scotborders.gov.uk) Telephone: 01835 826527