



Article 2.1 The Event Support Fund

Our latest article focuses on our recently established Event Support Fund. The fund has been set up in order to distribute income from the wind turbine to facilitate community groups (constituted and non-constituted), for events where the outcome is for a charitable purpose or community benefit.

Article 2.1 focuses on our Event Support Fund, there are various other funds available to the community, information on these can be found at: <http://www.hoyorkney.com/newsletter/>

The Event Support Fund

What is it and how much are we entitled to?

Established early 2017, each group of the Hoy and Walls Community is entitled to apply for funding up to the value of £500 per act for any event which has a charitable purpose or community benefit. Our intended outcome and main focus is to raise funds to support charities (these do not have to be local charities), or raise funds for something which is intended to have a community benefit. Although the main focus is on fund raising, there is also a huge health and well-being aspect of bringing the community together.

The applications will be assessed to ensure that the events meet the funding criteria and the aims of the Trust which are:

1. To provide in the interests of social welfare, facilities within the community for recreation and other leisure time occupation available to the public at large;
2. To advance education through promotion of the arts;
3. To encourage, stimulate and support volunteering principally in the community;
4. To promote, establish, operate and/or support other similar schemes and projects of a charitable nature for the benefit of the residents of the Community.

The £500 per act applies to travel and accommodation only and cannot be used for the act itself, however, the number of acts that island groups can apply for funding for is not limited, providing that the group can demonstrate within their application that the event and its charitable outcome would benefit from multiple acts within the same event. By supporting the funding of travel and accommodation, it gives island groups an equal opportunity to those who hold events on mainland.

Where possible, applications to The Event Support Fund will be dealt with by the office staff, and the turn around on decisions can be very quick, however, any decisions which cannot be dealt with by office staff will go to the board of trustees and a decision will be made at the next meeting. Any funding application for events with two or more acts will automatically be referred to the board of trustees.

Please note, allocation of these funds is dependent on the number of applications that the Trust receives and the value of awards that we have granted during the year, so don't delay in submitting your application!

So what could you use the fund for?

The fund is only recently established and we are delighted to have approved applications for events which have been held this year already. Needing inspiration? There are so many options for events in the community....

...from dances



...to theatre groups,

...orchestras



...to band events,

...and likewise, so many worthy causes to donate money to. Perhaps your group has an idea about raising funds for....

....a community garden?



....or playground equipment?

....maybe you're keen to raise funds for a charity;

perhaps a local one?



SCOTTISH SPCA
Scotland's Animal Welfare Charity



...Perhaps one further afield?

Whatever your event, and your worthy cause, the IoHDT is here to support you and make your groups' ideas a reality.

The list of events and their possible outcomes is not exhaustive and if you are unsure as to whether or not your event idea is suitable, we urge you to get in contact with us and we can assist you with this.

OK, we've chosen our event and charitable outcome, how do we apply?

It's easy! Applications can be done in a number of ways. You can download a form by clicking on the following link: <http://www.hoyorkney.com/2017/05/event-support-fund-application-form/>, we can email, or post you a hard copy, or why not pop in to the office and we will be happy to dedicate our time to discussing the application in detail with you, and fill it in while you're here? Just let us know when you would like to get together.

Applications for funding must be received prior to events being held and we may have to refuse funding if the application is retrospective. Funding will be distributed immediately on production of receipts and/or invoices once the event has been held. Please contact the Trust as soon as you are considering holding an event if you would like to apply for funding, the earlier the better!

How often can we apply?

Each group can apply to the fund as often as they want to, up to the value of £500 per act. For events which may in future be held on a continuous basis, we cannot guarantee that approved funding will be continuously offered and groups will need to reapply into the fund as often as they hold the event.

We've already had great feedback...

'The entire process is remarkably easy and requires no improvement.'

So why not put in an application form? Get together, download, fill in, and send it back to us and the funds that your group raise could be making a difference in no time!

