**Fairy Pools Grant Fund**

Using funds raised at the Fairy Pools car park, MCHA are able to provide grants to individuals and organisations within Minginish.

All grants must meet the charitable objectives of the MCHA articles of association.

**Examples of possible grant funding -**

* To support a sports group, local club or society.
* To support a resident who is suffering extreme financial hardship.
* To assist a small business start up.
* Educational needs.
* Local environmental projects.

The maximum value of grant that can be considered under the Fairy Pools Grant Fund is £7,500. The majority of grants awarded are likely to be between £250 and £2,000. MCHA will look most favourably on applications which have secured match-funding from other funders, if possible.

**To qualify for a grant -**

* Applicants must be aged 16 or over (although the grant may be for a person under 16 years of age).
* Individuals must reside permanently in the Minginish Area.
* Organisations and groups will normally be based in Minginish and predominantly operate on Skye.
* Only one application per individual / organisation per year.

**Grant application process –**

All applications should be made in writing, using the application form below.

MCHA will write to applicants to confirm whether their application has been successful. All successful applicants will be asked to sign a Grant Acceptance Form and agree to use the grant only for the purposes specified in their application. Grants may have conditions attached such as supplying a copy of an invoice, providing ongoing evidence of a project etc.

All funding is discretionary and the decision of MCHA Board is full and final.

MCHA promote transparency and a public list of grant recipients, grant value and purpose will be maintained. Should you not wish us to disclose your name please let us know when you submit your application. We will never publish the name of an applicant in receipt of a hardship grant.

Grants cannot be given for:

Political groups or parties, religious groups, animal welfare, debt and/or interest payments, funerals and cremations (except in exceptional cases of family hardship), direct replacement of statutory funding, when expenditure may materially adversely affect another organisation / existing business in the Minginish area, full (or part) funding of a private party or event, operation of the Minginish Community Hall.

*To apply for a grant please complete the form below and email it to – project.officer@minginish.scot*

**MCHA FAIRY POOLS GRANT FUND - APPLICATION**

**Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Applicant Address\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Telephone Number\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Email \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Value of Grant Applied for £\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Date of Application\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**For what purpose would the grant be used ?**

**How would a grant benefit you and / or the Minginish Community ?**

Continue on a separate sheet if necessary.

How much money have you already raised yourself (if applicable)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Please list any other organisations or charities you have applied to for funding (if applicable) and the amount (£) requested.

Please supply copies of any documents to support your application. In some instances we may request additional information or clarification prior to making a decision.

If my application is successful I do / do not (delete as applicable) agree to my name being published by MCHA. Hardship grants will always be anonymous.

If you require further information or assistance with your application, please contact the project officer on the contact email address above.