

## Art – Culture – Health - Music – Sport

Below are the criteria that relate to the key areas of the “Change” Foundation Grant Application process (These are taken from OSCR – Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator) The Trustees decision on all funding relating to “Change” Foundation grants is final.

### **A-The advancement of education.**

This will cover both formal education, such as through schools and universities, and less formal education which may take place in the community. It covers education in the development of individual capabilities, skills and understanding.

### **B- The advancement of health (including the prevention or relief of sickness, disease or human suffering)**

We will consider “health” in the context of this purpose to encompass both physical and mental health. The advancement of health can be pursued by conventional methods as well as complementary.

### **C-The advancement of citizenship or community development (including rural or urban regeneration and the promotion of civic responsibility, volunteering, the voluntary sector or the effectiveness or efficiency of charities)**

This covers a very wide range of purposes, and is focused more on the community rather than the individual.

### **D-The advancement of the arts, heritage, culture or science**

The advancement of art covers art at a national or professional level as well as at a local or amateur level, the provision of arts facilities and encouraging high standards in arts. Heritage can be seen as part of a country’s local or national history and traditions. Advancing heritage includes the preservation of historic land and buildings. The advancement of science includes scientific research and charities connected with learned societies and institutions.

### **E-The advancement of public participation in sport (and “sport” means sport which involves physical skill and exertion)**

The Act specifies that sport, in the context of this purpose, must involve physical skill and exertion. This reflects the fact that the advancement of public participation in sport is included as a charitable purpose mainly because of the health benefits that it can provide. This may restrict the types of sport that can be considered for this charitable purpose.

The provision of facilities and activities related to many sports (whether or not involving physical skill and exertion) may also be considered to be charitable under other purposes, such as B or E

### **F.The provision of recreational facilities , or the organisation of recreational activities, with the object of improving the condition of life for the for the persons for whom the facilities or activities are primarily intended, and only in relation to recreational facilities or activities which are**

- (i) **primarily intended for persons who have need of them by reason of their age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage, or**
- (ii) **available to members of the public at large or to male or female members of the public at large.**

This purpose ensures continuity with the Recreational Charities Act 1958 which states that the provision of recreational facilities in the interest of social welfare is charitable and so ensures that purposes that were regarded (by HM Revenue and Customs) as charitable under the 1958 Act will continue to be charitable.

However, charities (and applicants for entry on the Register) that have such charitable purposes must, as part of the charity test, provide public benefit, in the same way that any other charities (or applicants) must.

## **9. Statement of activities**

The key aims of the “Change” Foundation are to continually develop and grow the communities that our client base live and work in throughout the Scottish Borders by donating a % of our companies’ revenue from targeted network sales areas within our own business.

Our focus is on building better and stronger communities throughout the region and to provide an efficient and simple way to make a long term contribution to the areas of Arts, Culture, Music, Health and Sport throughout the region that we all live and work in.

There will be a bi-annual fund distribution with individuals, groups, clubs, organisations and committees all being able to apply for a Change Foundation grant of up to a maximum of £1k

A board of trustees drawn from a cross section of Borders life and directly involved with the five key areas of the foundation will appraise the applications and decide on distribution.

GB Telecom (Scotland) Ltd, is a telecommunications company with its base in the Scottish Borders the company prides itself on the fact that the majority of customers are longstanding, locally based and depend on it for their telecommunications requirements GB Telecom will:

1. Have a range of sales products that the company donates a percentage of sales revenue to the foundation
2. provide an administrative function Executive officer/Secretary to aid the running of the foundation

The “Change” Foundation funding ethos is set out to make a positive change in the five chosen areas of Borders community life, we have purposely kept the criteria for grant application identical to the charitable purposes so as the funding requests can be measured against OSCR guidelines.