



**Oldham**  
Council

## **Saddleworth and Lees District Executive Funding Application 2014/2015**

### **SECTION A**

Please note that this section of the application will be made part of the District Executive's public reports and be available on our website at [www.oldham.gov.uk](http://www.oldham.gov.uk)

**NAME OF ORGANISATION REQUESTING FUNDING (must be same as on Section B):  
Oldham and District Riding Club on behalf of the Friezland User Group**

**PROJECT TITLE (must be same as on Section B):  
Replacement of the Toilet Block at Friezland Arena**

**DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT REQUIRING FUNDING** setting out: what the project will deliver. Who will benefit, and how? How many people will benefit etc. Please provide as much detail as possible and continue on a separate sheet if required.

Friezland Arena is a council owned public riding arena and is a staging post for the Pennine Bridleway. The site is available for public use all year round when not booked and many events are organised there by Oldham & District Riding Club, the Saddleworth Branch of the Pony Club and the West Pennine Bridleways Association.

Under the banner of the Friezland User Group (F.U.G.) these organisations and the Greenfield and Grasscroft Residents Association (G.G.R.A.) have entered into a Service Level Agreement with the Council to contribute to the ongoing maintenance of the arena. Implicit within the agreement is the commitment by the F.U.G. to promote activities and events on the site, which means that these voluntary groups have to raise additional resources for the upkeep of the site in order to continue its availability for public use by generating improved income from additional events and grant applications. The arena has a catchment area which includes Oldham and the surrounding boroughs, the Northwest Region and has National recognition. The awareness of events and activities is continually maintained by the use of member group schedules, the internet, facebook, twitter, websites and magazines.

The existing toilet block is almost 30 years old and is in urgent need of replacement. It has been vandalised several times and is progressively deteriorating despite our best efforts to repair it. Due to the damage caused the gents facility was abandoned several years ago and since then the ladies have been the only toilet available for everyone. This is now past the point where repairs are cost effective, nor is the existing block accessible to disabled users, ODRC, SBPC and WPBA all hold full day events at the arena and the availability of toilet facilities are essential.

It is proposed to erect a new toilet block on the same site, which will be a purpose built structure of vandal proof steel construction. The proposal includes accessible facilities and a ramp into the building for those with impaired mobility. ODRC have registered disabled members so access for these is essential. The facilities would be suitable for both male and female use, would have locking doors and therefore will be suitable for use by

children and would be open to all users at every site event.

On average there are 20 shows and events per year with at least 20-50 horses at each event, plus riders, supporters, spectators, helpers and judges. Ages range from very young children to elderly supporters and organisers. There are also annual community events such as the Horseman's Carol Service at which there can be up to 150 people attending, overall, including the 400 family memberships of the G.G.R.A. there are some 1800 potential users from the F.U.G. organisations alone.

The remote location of the site means that having toilet facilities at these events is essential.

Total Project Cost	£14000.500
<b>Amount requested from the District Executive</b>	<b>£8.000</b>

Please check that you have included all the necessary enclosures and return this form to your District Co-ordinator

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