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Dear County Council,

We, the Mallaig and District Ag Society and Mallaig Minor Hockey would like to thank-you so much for all your past support. It makes our jobs as volunteers looking after the youth of Mallaig and surrounding communities so much more pleasant. We are once again coming to you to request funds for much needed maintenance to our local arena. Last year we received \$50 000.00 and are so very thankful for that. The funds were used to repair the Zamboni, the plant room and other smaller repairs that were essential to the operation of the arena; keeping us up to date and viable.

This year we need to repair the heating coil in the pit, to fix our hot water issue for icemaking and the boards. If funds permit, the 3 dressing room washrooms are in need of some modernizing. A grant for the same amount as last year added to our fundraising would go a long way to addressing our problems.

Addressing these issues is critical for the operations of the arena so that we can offer another hockey season in Mallaig.

We applied for the Agristability grant from FCC this spring but recently found out were denied due to an abundance of applications. We are currently researching to try find any other viable less expensive options for these repairs. We are also working together to find any other ways to secure the funds needed such as other grants or fundraising opportunities. We are also very open to the idea of a possible short term loan as these repairs need to be completed before this hockey season.

Our arena is used not only by the residents of Mallaig but also St. Lina, Goodridge, Goodfish, Glendon, Ashmont, and St. Vincent. Thousands of volunteer hours go into the maintenance and operations of the Mallaig arena each year. Last year we registered 120 youth for minor hockey, had 200 parent volunteers, 24 coaches and 50 adults playing rec hockey. We also had numerous individuals and families come out for public skating. These funds would greatly assist us in being prepared for another hockey season.

We thank you for your consideration of our request and we look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Amanda Amyotte

Mallaig and District Ag Society President