

Local funding information sheet

Overview

These are details about small grants which are available for small groups and organisations within the voluntary sector in Bridgend County Borough. They are intended as a general guide, the contacts given will be able to provide you with more detailed information.

Disclaimer: The information provided here is intended for guidance only. It is not a substitute for professional advice and we cannot accept any responsibility for loss occasioned as a result of any person acting or refraining from acting upon it.

ASDA

Asda Bridgend run a “green disc” collection in their store which pay out £200 to the group with the largest collection of green discs every 2 months, runners up get £50.

Contact:

ASDA Bridgend Superstore - Coychurch Road, Bridgend, CF31 3AG

T: 01656 672720 ask for the community colleague • E: Community_bridgend@asda.co.uk

BIFFA Main Grants Scheme

(Please also see the Landfill Communities Fund entry below).

Under this scheme, BIFFA look to award grants to projects that provide or improve biodiversity, community spaces, cultural facilities, and places for outdoor recreation. BIFFA want to make sure that everyone has access to high quality local community facilities.

You may have a building that needs improvement in order to increase the range of services on offer to the local community. You could have a site-based project that is working to protect and enhance a species or habitat, or maybe it's an open space such as a park, play area or woodland that needs transforming to benefit local people of all ages.

How much can you apply for?

You can apply for between £10,000 and £75,000. You will need to find a third party contributor(s) to provide 10% of the grant you are applying for.

Are you eligible?

The eligibility criteria for the Main Grants Scheme vary slightly depending on the theme under which you are applying for funding. The main criteria for Community Buildings, Recreation and Cultural Facilities projects are:

- The project's site is within five miles of a significant Biffa operation or within 10 miles of an active Biffa Landfill site. Check your project's postcode using the Postcode Checker on their website;
- The project's site is also within 10 miles of any licensed landfill site (To find your nearest landfill site, visit the Environment Agency website);

- The total cost of the project is less than £200,000;
- There will be a minimum of 104 days of full public access to the project per year.
- Any Biffa Award grant will be used for site-based improvement work, not for equipment or running costs;
- Biffa Award is unable to fund requests to help an existing facility meet the requirements of the Disability Discrimination Act;
- Biffa Award is unable to fund retrospectively, so you should only apply for funding for work that will take place in the future;
- The applicant organisation and project are eligible for enrolment and registration with the scheme's regulator, ENTRUST (see the Landfill Communities Fund entry below). These will be conditions of any grant approved. Please note that organisations must be not for profit. Local authorities cannot apply or enroll.

In addition to those above, the criteria for rebuilding biodiversity projects are:

- The project's site is within 15 miles of a significant Biffa operation. Check your project's postcode using the Postcode Checker on their website;;
- The project has specific targets in relation to a Biodiversity Action Plan and will deliver a direct improvement to biodiversity;
- Your organisation has the support of key agencies, and has partners involved in the project's delivery;
- There is a management plan in place for the key species / habitat(s) involved.

The Biffa Award Board meets three times annually. At each meeting the Board considers applications from two of the three project themes, with each theme being considered twice annually.

On their website you can find all of the tools you will need to assist you as you research your eligibility and apply for Biffa Award funding, visit www.biffa-award.org/main-grants-scheme

Please make use of our application guidance notes and factsheets, which have been provided to ensure you create a strong application.

Contact:

Head of Grants – T: 01636 670000 • E: biffa-award@rswt.org
 Senior Grants Officer - T: 01636 670051 • E: rmaidment@rswt.org
 Grants Officer Assistant - T: 01636 670050 • E: kdines@rswt.org

Bridgend Kick Start Grant

This is a flexible grant scheme delivered through a partnership with UK Steel Enterprise and Bridgend County Borough Council. It provides financial assistance to new or existing micro-businesses, including social enterprises that are located, or are planning to locate, in Bridgend County Borough.

A micro-business is defined as one which has fewer than 10 employees and a turnover or balance sheet total of less than €2 million.

Who can apply?

New start-ups and businesses within the first 12 months of trading may be considered. The business must be located within Bridgend County Borough. However, if a business moves from the area within one year of being awarded funds, Bridgend County Borough Council has the right to seek reimbursement of those funds in full or in part, from the applicant.

Who cannot apply?

Those who are not eligible to apply are:

- Organisations/groups not undertaking trading activities;
- Political or religious groups;
- Clubs and societies;
- Voluntary organisations;
- Those in receipt of funds above State Aid thresholds.

What can be funded and how much can you apply for?

Eligible costs could include capital equipment, computer equipment, development of websites, marketing (one off costs, not recurring payments), and building works to business premises. The Kick Start Grant is a discretionary grant and can provide up to 50% of eligible projects costs. The minimum grant is £250 and the maximum grant available is £1,000.

What cannot fund be funded:

There are certain costs the scheme cannot fund, such as VAT or any other taxes, vehicles, legal costs/works being carried out as a statutory requirement, refinancing of bad debts of any kind, training costs and any costs incurred prior to formal approval.

How to apply:

To apply visit <http://bit.ly/2b6gcNL>

For an application pack contact:

Jeff Peters, T: 01656 815313 • E: jeff.peters@bridgend.gov.uk

Bridgend Special Regeneration Fund

This funding offers up to 40% of grant support for approved project costs up to a maximum of £5,000. The minimum grant amount will be £1,000.

This scheme provides small and medium sized businesses with a 'customer-led' approach to funding opportunities. Businesses will need to demonstrate that a significant proportion of their activity is 'business-to-business'. Funding will not be available to the retail sector and services operating in a purely local market, although other sectors can be considered such as tourism.

Projects considered under the scheme could include investment in capital equipment, specialist software, website design, marketing costs and refurbishment of industrial premises.

Contact:

<http://bit.ly/2aMinDY>

Bridgend Townscape Heritage Initiative

This is a historic building improvements grant scheme centred on the county town of Bridgend, for the designated THI area of Bridgend town centre, provided by Bridgend County Borough Council with funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund.

The maximum grant award will provide:

- Building repair - 50% of costs;
- Reinstatement of heritage details - 85% of costs.

The main objective of the initiative is to increase awareness of the qualities of the built heritage in Bridgend town centre. The purpose is to ensure high quality repair, reinstatement and new work, by

encouraging grant applications to improve the image and character of the architecture, and reinforce its local distinctiveness.

Who can apply?

Properties and structures must be located within the designated THI area of Bridgend town centre. Buildings must be of architectural or historical interest. Routine maintenance, decoration or internal repairs are not eligible for grant support.

Eligible expenditure

The scheme can support the costs associated with the repair or reinstatement of historic features of buildings within the designated area (only external works are eligible). Eligible works include:

- Building repair - structural repair or improvement, such as repairs to roofs, ridges, chimneys, flashings etc;
- Repair of rainwater goods, doors and windows;
- Re-pointing or re-rendering of walls;
- Reinstatement of heritage details for properties that have lost architectural features, including traditional shop fronts, casement and sash windows, front doors, mouldings, chimney pots and stacks.

How to apply:

Applications can be made at any time. Link to guidelines – <http://bit.ly/2aLySBx>

Contact:

Interested parties should contact the Townscape Heritage Initiative Project Officer at Bridgend County Borough Council for further information: Sue Tomlinson:

T: 01656 643175 • Susan.tomlinson@bridgend.gov.uk

Changing for the Better Grant Scheme Small Grants Programme

The deadline for applications in 2016 was in August but it is expected to open again in 2017.

The total value of the funding pot is £50,000. This amount will be allocated across the region to the projects which best fit the criteria.

Grants of up to £3,000 will be available; this will be increased to £6,000 for collaborative and regional applications. In this context, collaborative applications are those where two or more organisations work together to provide a service across the ABMU footprint to submit a bid to deliver a joint project. Applications can be for both revenue and capital costs.

This scheme is a local grant fund that targets groups which provide, or intend to provide, services which improve the health and wellbeing of the local population in Swansea, Neath Port Talbot and Bridgend counties.

It is administered by Swansea Council for Voluntary Service on behalf of the three County Voluntary Councils in the ABMU Health Board area, BAVO, Neath Port Talbot Council for Voluntary Service and Swansea Council for Voluntary Service.

Specifically, the scheme invests in the health and wellbeing of the local population by pump priming community healthcare improvement projects in Swansea, Neath Port Talbot and Bridgend counties which aim to encourage self-care and shift the balance from secondary care to more locally based care.

Contact:

BAVO, T: 00656 810400 • E: bavo@bavo.org.uk

The Coalfields Regeneration Trust - Community Grants Programme Wales

Eligible Coalfield areas in Bridgend County Borough are: Bettws, Blackmill, Blaengarw, Caerau, Llangeinor, Maesteg West, Maesteg East, Nantymoel, Ogmore Vale, Pontycymmer and Ynysawdre.

This programme is for community and voluntary organisations that can demonstrate strongly that a grant will impact positively on people living in the Coalfield communities of Wales. It can award grants from £500 up to £7,000.

Grants will be awarded for projects that can be completed within 12 months and can identify clear positive outcomes for people that can be measured. Projects will need to meet one or more of the following themes to be eligible for support from the Community Grant Programme Wales:

- Tackling Poverty – projects that work with the most vulnerable people in Coalfield communities to alleviate the affect of poverty;
- Job creation and employment support – projects that create new sustainable jobs within the community, or support people into work, including addressing barriers to work such as childcare or transport;
- Energy efficiency in community buildings – projects that reduce the energy costs of community buildings or reduce the carbon footprint of the building;
- Health and well being – projects that improve the quality of life for people living in Coalfield communities with health problems, or projects that prevent negative impacts on health and well being;
- Social enterprise development - projects that support the growth and development of social enterprises;
- Community engagement and cohesion – projects that bring people together and improve social interaction, particularly projects that engage the hardest to reach or vulnerable groups or projects that allow the community to better understand the heritage or culture of Coalfield communities;
- Skills and training – projects that develop skills for people or provide qualifications;
- Financial inclusion – projects that develop the skills of people to manage their finances or address indebtedness.

Eligibility:

Grants are made to charities, voluntary organisations or social enterprises. Community groups and small organisations are eligible if they:

- have an appropriate constitution;
- have a bank account with cheques signed by at least two people;
- submit a well planned and costed application which will make a positive contribution to Coalfield Regeneration.

Contact:

The Coalfields Regeneration Trust

Maritime Offices, Woodland Terrace, Maesycoed, Pontypridd, Rhondda Cynon Taff, CF37 1DZ.

T: 01443 404 455 • Fax: 01443 408 804 • E: wales@coalfields-regen.org.uk

www.coalfields-regen.org.uk

Coalfields Regeneration Trust - Game On Wales

Eligible coalfield areas in Bridgend County Borough are: Bettws, Blackmill, Blaengarw, Caerau, Llangeinor, Maesteg West, Maesteg East, Nantymoel, Ogmores Vale, Pontycymmer, and Ynysawdre.

Game on Wales uses the incredible power of football to change lives, helping the most disadvantaged young people to make positive steps towards securing jobs or going back into education/training.

Football is the successful tool which underpins every area of their model. A time banking system (Time for Young People) encourages young people to volunteer fostering community engagement, skills development and personal development through exchanging time credits for coaching qualifications. The project is delivered in partnership with Cambrian Village Trust.

Contact:

www.gamesonwales.org

Coalfields Regeneration Trust - Micro-Business Loan Fund for Third Sector (Wales)

Wales Council for Voluntary Action (WCVA) in a joint partnership arrangement with Coalfields Regeneration Trust and Cardiff and Vale Credit Union (representing ABCUL Credit Unions) has been awarded a contract by Finance Wales, with funding provided by the Welsh Government, to provide micro loan investment into enterprising third sector organisations across Wales.

The size of the loans to be offered is between £1,000 and £20,000 with a maximum repayment term of five years. Interest rates will be 10% with a £150 set-up fee.

The £1 million fund is now taking applications and will be open until 2017.

The fund is aimed at providing micro loan finance to third sector organisations that want to expand or start enterprising activity that will generate income and create jobs in communities across Wales. The available finance can be used to fund revenue or capital investments.

Organisations can be start up in nature but they must be an incorporated organisation with an appropriate level of governance in place.

If you are interested in applying for the available finance you will need to work with your appointed loan officer to complete an application form. This application form with accompanying financial projections forms the basis of the information provided to the project's credit panel for assessment and investment decision.

Contact:

T: 01443 404455 • E: hayley.dorhoff@coalfields-regen.org.uk • E: alun.taylor@coalfields-regen.org.uk

Community Councils

Your local Community Council may be able to donate small amounts if their funds and rules allow.

A list of community councils and their contact details can be found at <http://bit.ly/1ShZkPJ>

Ford Britain Trust

Ford Britain Trust help fund the education and advancement of their neighbours, focusing on education, environment, children, the disabled, youth activities and projects that provide clear benefits to the local communities close to Ford UK locations.

There are two types of grants to apply for:

- Small grants for amounts up to £250, available four times each year in March, June, September and November;
- Large grants for amounts over £250 and usually up to a maximum of £3,000. Large grants are considered by the Trustees twice a year in March and September.

All grant applications MUST be made on the Trust's application form which is available, together with their guidance notes for grant applications at www.ford.co.uk/fbtrust

Forms can also be requested by return e-mail or by writing to the Trust at the address below. Grant applications from the following organisations will be considered:

- Registered charities;
- Schools/PTAs (Non-fee paying, state sector schools only. Independent/private, fee paying, schools will not be considered);
- Non profit organisations (including small clubs and societies) .

Grant applications supporting the following activities will be considered:

- Work that has clear benefits to the local community/environment;
- Work with young people/children;
- Education/schools (mainstream);
- Special education needs ;
- People with disabilities;
- Grant applications are considered for the following purposes;
- Contributions to capital projects (e.g. refurbishments);
- Capital expenditure items (e.g. furniture/equipment/computers);
- Contributions towards the purchase or leasing of new Ford vehicles (maximum grant £2,000);
- General funds (small grants up to £250 only).

Applications for small grants do not need to specify the purpose of the grant if one has not been identified. Eligible applications will all receive acknowledgement.

Contact:

Ford Britain Trust - Ford Motor Company Limited (1/445), Eagle Way, Brentwood, CM13 3BW.
T: 01277 252551 • E: fbtrust@ford.com

Freemasons

There are a number of masonic lodges in Bridgend County Borough.

Contact:

To request funding support:

Freemasons - South Wales Province - 128 Newport Road, Cardiff, CF24 1DH.
T: 029 2043 3688 • E: office@province.org.uk • www.freemasons.freeuk.com

Greggs Foundation

Small grants of up to £2,500 are available as well as larger grants of up to £10,000.

Greggs the bakers has set up a grants scheme used from the proceeds of the 5p levy on carrier bags. This environmentally focused grants scheme aims to make a difference to people in need at the heart of their local communities, by improving the environment in which they live.

This programme is a pilot and the outcomes will be reviewed at the end of six months to ensure the programme achieves the desired level of impact.

Contact:

www.greggsfoundation.org.uk

GwirVol Youth Volunteering Grants

Future of Volunteering Grants in Wales - March 2016

Wales Council for Voluntary Action (WCVA) is working with Welsh Government to review the provision of grants for volunteering across Wales as part of a broader vision for the future of volunteering and the services that support it.

At a national level, grants delivery has been through the Volunteering in Wales Fund and GwirVol and the intention is to move to a single volunteering grant fund (to be called Volunteering Wales Grants). This will cover all geographical areas and ages, with specified priorities and themes.

Grant-making decisions will also be aligned to fit within a financial year, an arrangement that should be better for monitoring and administrative reporting as well as for delivery.

2016 -17 will be a transition year in the move toward a new annual grants cycle. These changes to grants form part of a broader vision for volunteering for 2016-2018.

Details of the new scheme will be available on the WCVA website www.wcva.org.uk

In this transition year, the intention is that organisations currently running grant-funded projects using Volunteering in Wales Fund or GwirVol grants will be given the opportunity to apply to extend their projects. Current grant holders will be contacted directly by WCVA.

The exception to this will be Youth Led which will run in 2016-17 as they have done previously.

Organisations will continue to be able to apply for small amounts of funding from their local Volunteer Centre for youth-led projects.

Contact:

Pri Patel in the WCVA Volunteering Team:

T: 0800 2888 329 / 07786205605 • E: ppatel@wcva.org.uk

Kier Foundation

The Kier Foundation is an independently registered charity, which supports charitable causes close to the hearts of their employees and the communities their businesses operate in.

The Kier Foundation supports Kier employees in their own fundraising activities, and each colleague is able to apply for up to £200 in additional sponsorship, twice a year. This means that every Kier employee can boost their fundraising activities by £400 each financial year. In 2015 over £57,000 was donated to charities in support of employee fundraising through this scheme.

The foundation also assists Kier's regional businesses in their own local engagement, and can donate up to £5,000 towards materials and other goods needed for community projects that regional

businesses wish to get involved with. In 2015, over £23,000 was donated to charitable causes in support of business activities through this scheme.

Kier also nominates a corporate charity partner every two years, and focuses its fundraising activities on the chosen partner during that time. The charity partner selection process is based on the charities most supported by Kier's employees and businesses in the previous two years and therefore does not accept applications from external charities.

Contact:

Keir Foundation - Maesteg Road, Tondu, Bridgend, CF32 9HZ.

T: 01656 726010 / 07581 174649 • E: adamT.jones@kier.co.uk

www.kier.co.uk/corporate-responsibility/the-kier-foundation.aspx

www.kier.co.uk/corporate-responsibility.aspx

Landfill Communities Fund

This fund allows landfill operators to contribute a portion of their landfill tax liability to community and environmental organisations to 'offset' some of the negative impacts of living in the vicinity of a landfill site.

The Landfill Communities Fund is regulated by ENTRUST and managed by Her Majesty's Revenue & Customs (HMRC). It is ENTRUST's role to ensure that Landfill Communities Fund monies are paid to eligible organisations and spent on projects which satisfy the objects set out in 'The Landfill Tax Regulations 1996 (the Regulations)'.

With the exceptions of objects A and B, LCF below, money can only be used to fund community or environmental projects in the vicinity of a landfill site. They interpret vicinity to be within 10 miles of a licensed landfill site, however, if you are able to provide evidence that your project site is adversely impacted by activity from a licensed landfill site which is further than 10 miles away, they will consider your evidence.

(Objects A and B are described in section 4.3 of LCF Guidance at <http://bit.ly/2aKdbi0>)

Object A: The reclamation, remediation or restoration of land which cannot currently be used.

Object B: The prevention of potential for pollution or the remediation of the effects of pollution.

Object D: The provision, maintenance or improvement of a public park or another public amenity.

Object DA: The conservation of a natural habitat or of a species in its natural habitat.

Object E: The restoration of a place of religious worship or of historic or architectural interest.

Use link - www.entrust.org.uk/assets/uploads/documents/Locating_a_Landfill_Site_April_2016.pdf to check the distance (as the crow flies) between your project and the landfill sites at:

- Aberthaw Power Station near Barry, CF62 4ZW;
- Lower Cwmtwrch, Swansea SA9 2QQ;
- Pontardawe, Swansea SA8 4RX;
- Port Tenant, Swansea SA6 8QN;
- Port Talbot Works, Neath Port Talbot SA13 2NG.

Contact:

Helpline, T: 01926 488 300. (Monday to Friday, 9am - 5pm)

www.entrust.org.uk/contact-us

www.entrust.org.uk/landfill-community-fund

Lions Club of Bridgend

The Lions Club of Bridgend is part of Lions Clubs International, the largest service clubs organisation in the world. There are about 1.4 million Lion members. The principal aim of Lions Clubs is to provide help and funds to those in need, whilst enjoying the satisfaction, fellowship and fun that can be derived from taking part. Lions Clubs are dedicated to improving the quality of life for those less fortunate people. The club was formed in 1975. Members are all volunteers who come from all walks of life and across a large age range. Members can join at 18 years, there is no maximum age.

A substantial part of funds raised by Bridgend Lions Club goes back to the community by supporting a myriad of local causes. Most of the funds raised are spent in the Bridgend area.

All requests for donations (which should be in writing by post or e-mail) are thoroughly investigated by the community services committee of the club before being presented to the club for a decision.

Contact:

Mike Greenway, Secretary, Lions Club of Bridgend, 8 Anglia Close, Litchard, Bridgend, CF31 1QX.

T: 0845 833 9582 • enquiries@bridgendlions.org.uk • www.bridgendlions.org.uk

Millennium Stadium Charitable Trust

There are three levels of grant award from £2,500 for local projects, £7,500 for regional projects.

The Millennium Stadium Charitable Trust awards grants to organisations at a local, regional and national level with the aim of improving the quality of life of people who live and work in Wales. The objective of the trust is to promote education, history, language and culture, particularly for those who face disadvantage or discrimination.

Who can apply?

With priority given to organisations serving groups and communities suffering from the greatest disadvantage, the following types of organisations are eligible to make applications to the trust:

- Not-for-profit organisations;
- Properly constituted voluntary organisations;
- Charitable organisations;
- Voluntary groups working with local authorities;
- Groups of any age.

Contact:

The Millennium Stadium Charitable Trust, Suite One, 4 Bessemer Road, Cardiff, CF11 8BA.

T: 02920 02 21 43 • E: msct@foxseconsultancy.co.uk • www.millenniumstadiumtrust.co.uk

Monmouthshire Building Society Charitable Foundation

The Foundation is independent of the Society and its policies and decisions are determined by a Board of Trustees. The Trustees give up their own time in running the Charitable Foundation and are not paid for the work they do. Since its launch in 2000, Monmouthshire Building Society Charitable Foundation has contributed over £170,000 to 287 organisations and charities

What types of organisations are eligible to receive an award?

- The Foundation will only accept applications from organisations that are located in the following postcodes: NP, CF, SA 1-13, HR1 1, HR1 2, HR2, HR4 0, HR4 9, HR9, LD3, GL 14-16 and BS 20-21;

- The Foundation will not normally consider requests from nationally based organisations or local groups affiliated to such organisations;
- The Foundation limits its support to organisations and groups (including registered charities) and will **not** consider applications to support an individual's activities or a private commercial enterprise;
- The Foundation is happy to receive applications from all walks of life.

Examples of groups we have supported include:

- Youth groups • The Hospice Movement • Support groups • Sports groups • Education • Elderly •
- The Environment • Carers •

How much money is available?

In order to distribute funds as widely as possible, preference will be given to groups requesting part funding and smaller donations under £1,000 in value. However, one major cause will be chosen for support each year up to a maximum value of £5,000.

The Foundation will rarely consider requests to fund the running costs of an organisation and prefers to support the purchase of tangible, non-consumable items. Running costs would include travel costs, salaries, training, hire and accommodation costs. Consumable items would include food, fuel, printing, stationery and ink cartridges.

Funding to improve the fabric of any building will only be considered if the building is wholly owned by the organisation applying for funding. Funds cannot be provided for goods already purchased prior to any award being granted.

The Foundation normally offers funding on the basis that the project/purchase will be completed within a three month period from the date the grant is awarded. Therefore, applications for projects which involve long-term funding are unlikely to be successful.

How to apply

You can pick up an application form, from any of their branch or agency offices or T: 01633 844 402 during office hours and they will post one to you.

All completed application forms, with the correct postage should be sent to:

The Secretary - MBS Charitable Foundation

Monmouthshire Building Society, John Frost Square, Newport, South Wales, NP20 1PX.

You can also email to E: mbscf@monbs.com

Out of School Start-up grant

This grant is applicable to any childcare provision in areas of need as identified in Bridgend's Childcare Sufficiency Assessment and to provisions that have already, or are in the process of, registering with the CSSIW.

Special consideration will be given to those setting up new out of school provision, such as Breakfast, After School and Holiday Clubs.

How much is available?

Up to £2,000 is available for new provision.

Contact:

Bethan Davies, Childcare Development Manager, T: 01656 642691

E: bethan.davies@bridgend.gov.uk

ROCKWOOL UK programme of philanthropic donations and sponsorships

Grants: unspecified value

Deadlines: three times a year

Rockwool UK has a newly formalised programme of community activity in and around their local community of Pencoed, South Wales. This includes running the Woodland for Learning Trust at their site, as well as a programme of philanthropic donations and sponsorships. The programme forms a core part of their drive to make a positive social and environmental impact as a business, particularly in the fields of health, housing and the environment and the majority of the company's donations will be to local projects within these three priorities.

It aims to:

- support, and give back to, our local community in South Wales;
- support charitable projects which align with our priority areas;
- help foster good community relations.

ROCKWOOL seeks to be a good neighbour in the local areas in which it operates. The primary ROCKWOOL UK site is located in Pencoed, South Wales and priority will be given to requests for local donations which originate within an eight mile radius of our site.

Community benefits:

ROCKWOOL wants to ensure that the projects it supports deliver real community benefits. In particular:

Environment: ROCKWOOL UK manufactures products designed to make buildings more energy efficient, and thereby help reduce CO2 emissions (a key factor in climate change). In line with this, additional weighting will be given to projects which are beneficial to the environment.

Housing: ROCKWOOL products help to make homes more comfortable places to live, by improving their energy efficiency, acoustic environment, and fire safety. In line with this, additional weighting will be given to projects which relate to supporting people with housing needs.

Health and well-being: Living and working in spaces that are energy efficient and have good quality acoustic environments makes a significant difference to our health and well-being. In line with this, additional weighting will be given to projects which relate to health and well-being.

Additional considerations will include:

- The monetary value of the request;
- The difference that a ROCKWOOL UK donation could make to the project;
- The financial capability and accountability of the project

[Download donations and sponsorship policy here >>>](#)

Contact:

For further details E: community@rockwool.com

Rotary Club Bridgend

Through volunteering their skills, time and resources, members make a positive difference to the lives of others. Clubs work tirelessly to raise funds for local good causes, placing them right at the heart of their local communities.

Their projects include organising and supervising community events, promoting the achievements of young people, helping those who are disadvantaged or disabled, coordinating educational programmes and working in partnership with local businesses and charities.

Rotary clubs within England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland have over 1,800 clubs consisting of more than 50,000 men and women from all walks of life. Their clubs are based in local communities where members meet on a regular basis to enjoy friendship, networking and to plan projects that will benefit the lives of others. Clubs utilise the skills, expertise and dedication of their members to help improve the lives of people in communities both at home and abroad.

They focus their efforts in six areas: promoting peace, preventing diseases, providing access to clean water and sanitation, enhancing maternal and child health, improving basic education and literacy and helping communities develop.

Contact:

If you would like to approach Rotary for funding for your charity, community or voluntary group,
E: davidvhubbard@hotmail.co.uk

Rural Community Development Fund

The Rural Community Development Fund offers grants which are primarily aimed at LEADER Local Action Groups and other community-based organisations. The grants provide investment funding for a wide range of activities to help meet local needs and strengthen communities so that they can grow and thrive.

Key areas for support include:

- Drawing up of community / village development plans;
- Investments in small scale infrastructure including renewable energy;
- Investments in ICT including broadband and digital inclusion;
- Improving access to services such as childcare, rural transport and financial advice;
- Investments in recreational, tourist infrastructure and activities to improve health and quality of life.

Contact:

For further information including the guidance notes and application form visit <http://bit.ly/2aKdbi0>

Sainsbury's Superstore

To request permission to collect donations in the lobby of the store or arrange to pack bags for customers for donations, contact:

Community Champion, Sainsburys, The Derwen, Bridgend, CF32 9ST.

T: 01656 648951 • E: Prl.bridgend@sainsburys.co.uk

SONY Community Support

The Sony UK Technology Centre is a socially aware business that seeks to minimise its impact on the environment, supports its local community through charity work and sponsorship, and has the welfare of its staff at the heart of its operation.

As part of their corporate social responsibility policy, Sony UK Technology Centre, Pencoed selects one organisation as our annual adopted charity that their main funding efforts are geared towards.

Contact:

For more information visit www.sonypencoed.co.uk/community-support-1

You can request an application form at www.sonypencoed.co.uk/community-support

Sport Wales Community Chest

Community Chest offers grant awards up to £1,500 in any 12 months towards: it is run in partnership with the 22 local authorities in Wales.

- increasing participation;
- improving standards.

Who can apply?

Any group that holds an account (be it a bank, Building Society or Credit Union account), in their organisation's name. You'll probably be one of the following:

- Sports club or Association;
- Youth club;
- Community group.

How to apply:

To apply visit <http://bit.ly/2aKdbi0>

Contact:

If you're not sure if Community Chest is for you, or you require any help with completing the form, contact either Bridgend County Borough Council's the Sports Development Team, T: 01656 815215

Sport Wales Development Grant

Grants of £1,501 to £25,000 are available to cover:

- new teams;
- develop new training facilities or purchase much needed equipment to take your project to the next level;
- Coach education;
- Floodlighting for training purposes;
- Purchase of land, or rights in land, to develop activity areas;
- Start-up grants to support new enterprises.

Who can apply?

This grant is available to any group as long as they hold an account (be it a Bank, Building Society or Credit Union account) in the organisation's name. If you are a member of the public, a primary school

or an associated body arranging activities for children, or secondary schools who are part of the 5x60 scheme, you are ineligible for a Development Grant.

How to apply

Visit <http://bit.ly/2aKdbi0>

Contact:

If you're not sure if a Development Grant is for you, or you have any questions about your project, contact the Sport Wales Grant Team directly, T: 0300 3003111 and they will be happy to help. Alternatively, contact BAVO, T: 01656 810400 for advice and support on how to complete the application form.

Suncredit (solar farm) 'Community Benefit' Fund

The annual fund of £15,000 is available throughout the operational life of the solar farm (until 2030) making an overall investment from Suncredit of £225,000 into local activities and projects in the area of benefit by 2030.

The fund supports the communities immediately affected by the development of the Solar farm, these being Pen-y-fai, Wildmill and Laleston.

The Community Benefit Fund is administered by BAVO.

Who can apply?

The Community Benefit Fund is available to any community or voluntary groups within the areas listed above. The fund aims to support them to carry out the aims and objectives of their organisation/s, recruit new members, involve more people from the community in volunteering and help to develop their activities and groups. Only one application can be submitted per funding round.

What will the scheme fund?

The scheme will fund the purchase of capital items and help with the running costs of your group. Examples of this might include play equipment, IT equipment, stationery, phone and broadband connections, volunteer training. The fund will require a level of match funding from every applicant organisation. This can include volunteer time and/or income or funding from other sources.

The date for the annual opening of the fund to applications has not yet been announced.

Contact:

BAVO, T: 01656 810400 • bavo@bavo.org.uk • www.bavo.org.uk

Taff Ely Onshore Wind Farm Fund

The Taff Ely Wind Farm fund has invested over £34,000 into local activities and projects in communities surrounding the site since 2001. The annual fund of £2,500 is available throughout the operational life of the wind farm.

The fund supports the communities living closest to the wind farm such as Blackmill, Evanstown, Gilfach Goch, Tonyrefail, Thomastown, Llanharan, Bryncae and Heol Y Ciw.

Who can apply?

The fund is available to any community or voluntary group within the area of benefit to support them to carry out the aims and objectives of their organisation, recruit new members, involve more people from the community and help to develop your group. Only one application can be submitted per funding round.

What will the scheme fund?

The scheme will fund the purchase of capital items and help with the running costs of your group up to £500. Examples of this might include play equipment, IT equipment, stationery, phone and broadband connections, training, the cost of a community event or visit. The fund can be used as match funding towards other sources of funding for a larger project. Grants may be awarded for capital or revenue up to a maximum of £500.

How will your application be assessed?

Is the applicant a small local voluntary or community group?

How the project will benefit your group?

How will the project benefit your community and are the benefits clear?

Will the project help your group to encourage new members and involve more people from the community?

Is the project value for money? How many quotes have been sought?

Is there a clear timescale for the project and use of the funding?

Is the group a member of BAVO?

What are the terms and conditions of the grants?

If your application is successful, you will be offered a grant subject to accepting the conditions in the offer letter and:

- You have a dedicated bank account for your community group or organisation;
- You will have to nominate authorised signatories before the grant can be claimed;
- You will need to provide Interlink with copies of receipts;
- They may visit you to monitor the progress or success of your project.

When important dates do I need to know?

You will need to get the deadline for the round you are applying for.

The Assessment Panel will meet within the week after the deadline.

Groups will be notified of the decision by a stated date.

If you are unsuccessful, we will explain our decision to you in writing and offer to meet with you to discuss other sources of funding if requested.

Signed grant offer letters need to be received by a deadline.

Projects can be delivered between on given dates.

Final project reports need to be completed by a deadline.

Completed applications need to be returned to:

Interlink - 6 Melin Corrwg, Cardiff Road, Upper Boat, Pontypridd, CF37 5BE.

You can also email you application form to E: adavies@interlinkrct.org.uk

Contact:

The Fund is administered by Interlink RCT. To find out more about the fund contact Ken Moon, T: 01443 846200, E: kmoon@interlinkrct.org.uk or Joanna Markham, T: 01443 846200, jmarkham@interlinkrct.org.uk

An electronic form is available at www.interlinkrct.org.uk or by E: adavies@interlinkrct.org.uk

Tesco - supporting at a local store level

In addition to their national charity partnerships, Tesco are really proud to work with hundreds of charities and local community organisations every year through relationships at a local level, with the help of their Community Champions.

Community Champions act as ambassadors for Tesco within their area. They work with their Store Manager and other shops in the region to shape how they can get involved in community events, providing support where it is most needed and help keep customers and colleagues up to date with the most recent activity.

Download Tesco's Community Champions contact list here – <http://bit.ly/1NuwhnS>

Community Champions also support local charities, groups and not-for-profit organisations to carry out various charity and fundraising activities, whether within their local store or their local community, these include:

Donations:

Each Tesco UK store holds a community donation budget to help support with requests from their local community for local fundraising events. If you would like to be considered for a donation, write to the Community Champion at your nearest store.

Please note, Tesco receive a large amount of requests all year round and in order for them to support as many different groups as possible, they may need to limit the amount they are able to donate. They are unable to sponsor events or individuals.

Bag packing:

Tesco also manage their own bag packing bookings (excludes Express stores). If you would like to arrange a session, write to the Community Champion at your local store.

UK store collections:

Tesco's agency N20, schedules the charity and food collection bookings for all their UK Superstore, Extra and Metro stores between January and November each year. To request a booking, register your charity and request a collection by visiting <http://bit.ly/2biyv2K>

During December, their stores manage their own collections. They do not make any charity collection bookings at their Express stores. To request a December booking, write to the Community Champion at your local store.

Thriving Rural Communities Scheme (Bridgend)

The new Rural Development Programme for 2014-2020 in Bridgend County Borough offers a brand new source of support for like-minded community groups or those operating within key sectors in rural Bridgend to collaborate on innovative approaches to meeting current needs.

What is available?

Support is available for projects that will bring positive change to the economic wellbeing and quality of life for those living, working and visiting in the area.

Thriving Rural Communities can offer support from £1,000 to £100,000 to develop, pilot and test ideas that could help improve and regenerate the rural communities of Bridgend County Borough.

The scheme will support inspirational ideas to help transform local service delivery, provide a boost to the local economy and, working with the unique strengths of each area, ensure that rural Bridgend County Borough is a great place to live, work and visit.

How does it work?

Those applying to be a part of this scheme will need to bring an idea, plenty of support from the wider community, potentially some match funding and a committed volunteer, or a small team of volunteers, to manage the project in partnership with the reach team. They will work with you to commission the project and deal with the contractor arrangements while you steer the project and provide direction based on what you know is needed in your area or sector.

Applications coming from a number of groups or organisations working together, no matter how informally are particularly welcome.

Perhaps you already have a network that represents your sector, perhaps you would like to set up a co-operating working group or perhaps you would simply like to work in partnership with others just on your project idea. If this is something you feel you would have difficulty with, let them know as they may be able to help with putting you in touch.

Applications from single organisations will usually only be considered for very small amounts of funding e.g. to develop local plans. Applications from single individuals will not be eligible for support.

Expression of Interest timescales

There is currently no deadline for Expressions of Interest and we will accept them at any time.

Full proposal timescales

If you are invited to submit a full proposal, decisions are made by the rural Bridgend Local Action Group which meets during the second or third weeks of January, April, July and October. You may submit your full proposal at any point, however, please ensure you allow a few weeks for your proposal to be scored ahead of the next meeting. You will be advised of forthcoming meeting dates when you are invited to submit your full proposal.

The fund will be used to support projects under the following five themes:

- Adding value to local identity and natural and cultural resources;
- Facilitating pre-commercial development, business partnerships and short supply chains;
- Exploring new ways of providing non-statutory local services;
- Renewable energy at community level;
- Exploitation of digital technology.

This scheme is funded under LEADER, part of the Rural Development Plan for Wales and funded by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development, the Welsh Government and Bridgend County Borough Council.

Contact:

For further information, Expression of Interest Form , guidance notes, visit <http://bit.ly/2aZqIRI>

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Welsh Church Act Fund

This fund was established from the proceeds and assets of the disestablishment of the Church in Wales. These assets were distributed evenly amongst the former county councils in Wales, and then divided between the Welsh Unitary Authorities when they were formed in 1996.

It is a charitable trust, and is independent of the council. The Welsh Church Act Fund is available to churches, chapels and places of public worship, community organisations and charities operating in the county borough areas of: Rhondda Cynon Taf, Merthyr and Bridgend.

It provides support to organisations that have charitable or alms giving purposes for capital expenditure that will have a lasting effect. The Fund operates on a rolling programme basis. There are no set bidding rounds and fully developed applications can be submitted at any time. There is no guarantee that all applications will be successful.

Examples of the costs the Fund can support:

- Repair or refurbishment of a community building /place of worship;
- Purchase of capital equipment;
- Works to comply with the Equalities Act;
- Other purposes beneficial to the wider community.

Dependent on the total eligible cost of your project, the Fund offers three levels of grant support;

- 100% contribution up to a maximum of £2,000;
- 90% contribution up to a maximum of £10,000;
- 80% contribution up to a maximum of £50,000.

Contact:

T: 01443 495151 / E: regeneration@rctcbc.gov.uk or BAVO, T: 01656 810400 / E: bavo@bavo.org.uk

Wilko - Helping Hands

Every Wilko store has a small budget to give a little helping hand to local community groups and projects. If you're a local charity or community group in need of a small donation, visit your local Wilko store to pick up an application form. Wilko want their donations to improve the lives of as many local people as possible and make a big difference to lots of good causes. Whether you need a small raffle prize or pot of paint or even something a little bigger, go along to your local Wilko store to see if they can help you.

Give as much notice as possible as they receive lots of application forms and their team members will meet once a month to review requests and get in contact with applicants as quickly as they can.

To apply for a donation from the helping hands budget you need to visit your local store and pick up an application form. These forms can be found at the customer service desk or ask a Wilko team member for help. Alternatively download a Helping Hands application form at <http://bit.ly/2aZqIRI> and take to your local store.

There is more information on funders for Bridgend at
www.bridgendfunding.org.uk



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