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Your local county voluntary council

7. Finding and getting money

7.4.13 Local funding - RCT



This information sheet is designed to give details about small grants, which are available for small groups and organisations within the voluntary sector in **Rhondda Cynon Taff**. The entries in this sheet are intended as a general guide, the contacts given will be able to provide you with more detailed information.

This sheet should be read in conjunction with **7.4.1 Small Grants** which details small grants which are available on a regional or all Wales basis.

Interlink Community Capital Project Fund

Aim: support small community groups to reach out and involve their communities.

Who can apply? Voluntary groups in Rhondda Cynon Taff

What can it fund? Capital items only

How much? up to £5,000

Deadline: Meet quarterly

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Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council

All of the following grant schemes are available from Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council's Regeneration and Planning Division who provide a wide variety of grants from both its Regeneration Resources and Business Support Teams. It also manages the application process for the Rhondda Trust Fund.

Contact:

Regeneration and Planning

Level 5, Unit 3, Ty Pennant House, Catherine St, Pontypridd, CF37 2TB

Welsh Church Act Fund

The Welsh Church Act Fund grant scheme is available to voluntary and community groups operating in Rhondda Cynon Taff, Merthyr and Bridgend. It provides funds to organisations that have charitable or alms giving purposes, for capital expenditure only.

Who Can Apply?

- Applications invited from Churches, Chapels, Community Organisations and Charities.
- Applications will only be considered from organisations working in Rhondda Cynon Taff, Merthyr and Bridgend.
- In considering applications from organisations, which exist to provide hobby activities for its members, the facilities, which they provide, should be available to members of the public at large, and any assistance given will be towards projects/expenditure of a capital nature incurred by the organisation.

What Can It Fund?

Applicants can apply for grant support for the following purposes:

- Support for places of Worship and Community Buildings
- Small items of equipment
- Works to comply with the Disability Discrimination Act
- Other purposes beneficial to the community.
- Normal running expenses will not be supported.
- No grants will be made to clubs with a liquor licence.
- Retrospective costs i.e. costs for work already undertaken or equipment that has been purchased prior to a formal grant offer, are ineligible from this fund and should not be included in any application you may wish to make.

Applicants can apply for **capital costs** (including repairs and renewals) and may be awarded the following grant rates:

Match Funding Requirements

Small grants up to £2,000 - Nil

Large grants up to £10,000 - At least 50%

Examples

- If you were undertaking a project at a value of £30,000 you could apply for a maximum grant of £10,000.
- If you were undertaking a project at a value of £3,000 you could apply for a maximum grant of £2,000.

Please note that should your project be successful that payment will only be made on submission of invoices **at the completion of the project.**

There are no set deadlines for applications.

If you are unable to comply with our standard application process and have particular access requirements to enable you to do so - please contact us to discuss possible alternative arrangements.

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The (South East Wales) Community Economic Development

Programme is a flexible grant scheme which support projects operating from December 2010 to August 2015.

Who can apply?

Funding is available to a wide range of organisations, that have ambitions to develop into economic sustainable organisations within the third sector i.e. voluntary sector and community organisations, charities, social enterprises, guarantee based community interest companies, co-operatives and mutual's provided the following is demonstrated and considered:

- All profits generated are redistributed back into the community
- project to be funded will result in sustainability and economic outputs in line with the aims and objectives of the CED Programme

What can it fund?

Eligible projects must meet one or more of the following themes:

- Support development of services to benefit the community and local economy.
- Opportunities for acquiring new skills and learning.
- Promote sustainable development.
- Demonstrate partnerships / cross boundary projects.
- Activities that develop and improve local economies.
- Provision and improvement of community assets and services.
- Promotion and provision of schemes to tackle barriers to employment.
- Schemes aimed at addressing the social, economic, cultural, physical and environmental needs of each area.
- Purchase of property, refurbishment of buildings, or new builds.

Eligible projects may include:

Grants can be for revenue, capital or a mixture of both. A menu of options has been developed for grant delivery. You can apply for more than one option where a mix of capital and revenue is required.

Examples of revenue and capital costs are:

Revenue:

Staff
Training
Volunteer expenses
Essential Project Running costs
Marketing
Professional fees (legal, technical, audit)
ICT (consumables, software)
Insurance
Lease/rent of property

Capital:

Purchase of equipment
Purchase of ICT hardware
Purchase of land and buildings
Building refurbishment
Environmental improvements
Feasibility studies
Professional fees (project management, supervision)
Retentions (only if released within programme period)
Preliminary expenditure
Site preparation

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The Rhondda Trust Fund

What Is It? When Burberry closed its factory in Treorchy the company agreed to provide £150,000 a year for ten years to a charitable trust in the Rhondda to further the education and training opportunities of people in the Rhondda. The total will amount to £1.5 million. The Rhondda Trust was founded in 2007 to receive this money from Burberry and to make grants to individuals and organisations in the Rhondda. The Trust can also receive donations from other sources.

Who Can Apply?

- Properly constituted voluntary community and/or charitable organisations solely operating within the Rhondda Fawr and the Rhondda Fach can apply, as can national or regional organisations for work solely carried out in the two Rhondda Valleys.
- Individuals who live in the two Rhondda Valleys.

What Can It Fund?

- Projects which will improve the educational, training or skills opportunities of people in the two Rhondda Valleys.
- Education and Training projects undertaken by individuals who live in the Rhondda Valleys.
- The Trust will prefer to fund new projects that will make a lasting difference to the Rhondda.

Eligible Projects May Include:

- Projects providing educational, skills and capacity enhancement opportunities and employment assistance for people in the Rhondda;
- Purchase of items of equipment or tools;
- Fees for education or training courses;
- Grants for travel in the UK or abroad for the purpose of education and training.

Organisations supported by this grant must be open and accessible to the public at large.

What Do I Have To Do Next?

If you require an application form or further guidance please contact

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LIF Cymru South East Wales (local Investment Fund South East Wales)

What is it? LIF Cymru South East Wales is a flexible grant scheme delivered through a partnership across the Local Authorities of Rhondda Cynon Taf, Blaenau Gwent, Bridgend, Caerphilly, Merthyr Tydfil and Torfaen. The project has been developed with support from the Welsh Government through the European Regional Development Fund, under the Convergence Programme. It is designed to complement the Welsh Government's Single Investment Fund.

Who can apply? The grant is aimed primarily at manufacturing businesses, but other sectors can be considered if applicants can demonstrate that a significant proportion of their business activity is business to business and that they have the ability to 'add value' or offer net benefits to the local economy e.g. creation of new jobs.

What can it fund? LIF provides financial support to eligible businesses to help them develop and grow by supporting investment in capital projects, which can include purchase of capital equipment, ICT equipment, development of website, marketing materials, external and internal building works.

How much? Grants between £1000 - £10000 are available, based on 40% of eligible project costs.

Deadline: 5 year grant programme ending December 2013. NB. Any works undertaken prior to any written grant approval cannot be considered for grant.

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Building Improvement Grants (Commercial Properties)

What is it? To provide grant aid to carry out external building improvements to commercial properties.

Who can apply? Businesses that would not be eligible for support from the Local Investment Fund. Applicants must own the freehold on the property or have a minimum of 5 year lease.

What can it fund? External building improvements (environmental and internal improvements may also be considered as part of a wider project and all works must be within the curtilage of the property).

How much? 50% of eligible costs up to a maximum of £15,000

Deadline: Annual budget based on a rolling programme. NB. Any works undertaken prior to any written grant approval cannot be considered for grant.

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Business Start Up Grant

What is it? To assist small businesses (who have not started trading) with their early set up costs.

Who can apply? New (full time) businesses based in Rhondda Cynon Taf and who pay residential or business rates to the local authority and who would not be eligible for support from the Local Investment Fund. Applicants must pay residential or business rates to the local authority.

What can it fund?: Initial outlay on items that would be essential to the start of the business.**How much?** 50% of eligible costs: with a minimum £500 and maximum of £2,000 grant.

Deadline: Annual budget based on a rolling programme. NB. Any works undertaken prior to any written grant approval cannot be considered for grant.

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E.Commerce Grant

What is it? To assist businesses to gain or develop an Internet presence

Who can apply? Full time businesses based in Rhondda Cynon Taf who would not be eligible for support from Local Investment Fund. Applicants must pay residential or business rates to the local authority.

What can it fund? Development of new or upgrading of existing website.

How much: 50% of eligible costs up to a maximum of £2,000

Deadline: Annual budget based on a rolling programme.

NB. Any works undertaken prior to any written grant approval cannot be considered for grant.

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