Cwm Taf Health & Social Care Economy Intermediate Care Fund

Neighbourhood Capacity Grant Scheme

Grant Application Guidelines
NEIGHBOURHOOD CAPACITY GRANT SCHEME 2014-15

WHAT IS THE NEIGHBOURHOOD CAPACITY GRANT SCHEME?

The Neighbourhood Capacity Grant Scheme is a component of the Cwm Taf Intermediate Care Fund. This Scheme is purposely set up for voluntary and community organisations based and working in the Rhondda Cynon Taff and Merthyr Tydfil areas. The Scheme will enable third sector organisations to apply for grants that respond to the objectives of the Intermediate Care Fund – see additional information (Background Context and Focus).

This £150,000 Grant Scheme will be managed by Voluntary Action Merthyr Tydfil in partnership with Interlink, Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council, Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council and Cwm Taf University Health Board.

WHO CAN APPLY?

Voluntary and community organisations which are able to demonstrate that their goals will benefit individuals and/communities in Merthyr Tydfil and/or Rhondda Cynon Taff, can apply for a grant providing they:

a) Are a not for profit group
b) Have a constitution or set of rules that have been signed or “adopted”
c) Have a Bank or Building Society account with at least two joint signatories
d) Have recent Annual Accounts or Statement of Income and Expenditure (audited or signed as approved by a senior person from the group)

NB:
You will be required to submit copies of b) to c) detailed above.
If you are a new group, then you will be required to submit an estimate of expenditure.

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

All projects submitted to the Neighbourhood Capacity Grant Scheme must be based in Rhondda Cynon Taff and/or Merthyr Tydfil, benefit frail/elderly residents (65+) and their carers/family and clearly demonstrate how they address one or more of the following themes:

- Combating loneliness and isolation
- Promoting healthy lifestyles and well-being
- Preventing unnecessary hospital admission
- Supporting hospital discharge
GRANTS

There are two levels of grants available within this overall scheme.

a) Small grants of up to £5,000.
b) Grants in excess of £5,000.

- Grants are for Revenue costs only.
- Your project can start any time following 1\textsuperscript{st} August 2014
- You must be able to spend the grant before 31\textsuperscript{st} March 2015

If awarded, you will be required to sign up to Terms and Conditions which include provision of monitoring information as required.

HOW ARE APPLICATIONS TO THE NEIGHBOURHOOD CAPACITY GRANT SCHEME ASSESSED?

a) Small grants of up to £5,000

These will be assessed by the ICF Third Sector Workstream members.

b) Grants in excess of £5,000

Applications will be assessed by a Panel, comprising representatives from VAMT, Interlink, Merthyr Tydfil & Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Councils and Cwm Taf University Health Board, who are the partners of the Cwm Taf Intermediate Care Fund.

The Panel will make recommendations to the ICF Project Board and Strategic Managers’ Group and seek approval for funding.

HOW ARE SUCCESSFUL APPLICATIONS TO THE NEIGHBOURHOOD CAPACITY GRANT SCHEME MONITORED?

The ICF Project Board may undertake monitoring visits during the lifespan of the project. These visits may, on occasion, also include representatives from the Welsh Government ICF Team.

Successful applicants will be expected to maintain records in relation to qualitative and quantitative information, based on agreed performance indicators and using an outcomes framework.

Expenditure in relation to the project must be documented on the ICF expenditure template, and all copies of invoices and receipts must be submitted.
WHAT HELP IS AVAILABLE TO ASSIST IN PUTTING TOGETHER A NEIGHBOURHOOD CAPACITY GRANT SCHEME APPLICATION?

The Community Economic Development Officer at VAMT and/or the Funding Development Officer at Interlink are available to provide advice in terms of discussing project ideas and completing the application form. However, these Officers will not complete the application for you.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS

Applications for Round 1 must be submitted in printed format before 4 pm on Friday 4th July 2014 to either:

Sharon Richards
Health, Social Care & Wellbeing Facilitator
Voluntary Action Centre
89-90 High Street
MERTHYR TYDFIL CF47 8UH

or

Anne Morris
Health, Social Care & Wellbeing Facilitator
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6 Melin Corrwg
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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:

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