

Bridgend Association of Voluntary Organisations

Your local county voluntary council

7. Finding and getting money

7.4.13 Local funding - Merthyr

This information sheet is designed to give details about small grants, which are available for small groups and organisations within the voluntary sector in Merthyr Tydfil. 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.

Rural Action Grants

Two grant funds are available: the Rural Services Fund and the Rural Tourism Fund. Available in the four wards of Bedlinog, Cyfarthfa, Merthyr Vale and Vaynor where businesses and community groups may apply. Grants can be capital or revenue for between £1,000 and £15,000. All prospective project applicants will be expected to contribute a minimum of 20% match funding.

Projects will be considered that seek to provide or promote services where gaps currently exist due to rural isolation. This could be providing access to leisure, skills, training or IT facilities, improving childcare facilities and promoting improved transport services. Support can also be given to organisations involved in promoting events, festivals and cultural attractions



as well as those involved in creating green spaces, improving access to the countryside and the interpretation of local environmental and heritage features.

Further information is available from Rural Action Merthyr, Civic Centre, Castle Street Merthyr Tydfil CF47 8AN telephone 01685 725017 or email ruralaction@merthyr.gov.uk

Merthyr Tydfil Community Trust Small Grants Scheme

This fund is available to small voluntary and community groups for any charitable purpose (excluding religious activities).

Grants awarded will not normally exceed £200. The application must be for an activity based in the County Borough of Merthyr Tydfil.

Applications can only be considered from organisations whose income in the last financial year was less than £10,000.

Contact:

Voluntary Action Merthyr Tydfil
Voluntary Action Centre
89–90 High Street
Merthyr Tydfil CF47 8UH
Tel: 01685 353900
enquiries@vamt.net

Merthyr Tydfil Development Fund

The Merthyr Tydfil Development Fund is an annual fund which voluntary and community organisations working in the County Borough of Merthyr Tydfil can apply to for grants to support projects benefiting people in Merthyr Tydfil.

It is managed by Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council working in partnership with Voluntary Action Merthyr Tydfil.

Voluntary and community organisations working in the County Borough of Merthyr Tydfil, which are able to demonstrate that their goals will benefit the community can apply for a grant providing they:

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

Grants range from £5,000 to a £25,000 and grants are for a maximum of 1 year.

Contact:

Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council
Civic Centre, Castle Street,
Merthyr Tydfil CF47 8AN
Tel: 01685 725076

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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:

Category	Maximum Grant	Match Funding Contribution
Small	Up to £1,500	Nil
Large	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 £2,000 you could apply for a maximum grant of £1,500.

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, however there are limited financial resources available.

Contact:

Regeneration Resources Team
Development & Regeneration
Valleys Innovation Centre
Navigation Park, Abercynon CF45 4SN

Tel: 01443 665789

Sports Council for Wales - Community Chest Grant

Community Chest is a Sports Council for Wales, National Lottery grant funded scheme that is designed to encourage more people to become more physically active more often. Under new guidelines, the maximum grant awarded has been increased to £1,000, however if you are a club then you are now eligible to apply for £1,000 for club development and also for a further £1,000 for physical activity/health initiatives within your club.

The grants can be used to support amongst other things:

- Walking or cycling projects
- Projects to encourage employees to become more physically active
- Recruitment and development of volunteers, leaders and coaches
- Extending existing sports clubs to provide new activities
- Parent recreational session whilst their children are training in a club session

Contact:

Wendy Groves, Team Leader,
Sports Development

Tel: 01685 725408

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or the Sports Council for Wales

Tel: 0845 045 0904

Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council - Early Years & Development & Childcare Partnership (EYDCP) Grants

Several grants are available from the Early Years Development and Child Care Partnership (EYDCP)

- Sustainability Grant for Sessional Childcare Providers
- Small Equipment Grant for Parent and Toddler Groups
- New Places Grant for New Sessional Childcare Settings.

With the exception of the New Places grant and the Child minder start-up grant, applications are sent to all providers that are registered with the Children's Information Service and it is a condition of the grants that providers be registered on this data base.

Grant application forms for new childminders are handled by the NCMA Development Officer.

Contact:

Child Care Development & Training Officer

Tel: 01685 727394

CIS@merthyr.gov.uk

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