

Community and Voluntary Support Conwy

Your local county voluntary council



7. Finding and getting money

7.4.4 Welsh Government grant funding

Overview

The Welsh Government offers a wide range of grants to organisations across Wales such as local authorities, Community Safety Partnerships and the voluntary sector. The grants are used to deliver services that meet the needs of the public in Wales, such as improving housing, reducing homelessness, promoting community safety and regenerating areas of deprivation.

This information sheet contains details of the grant schemes offered by the Welsh Government either directly or, via independent bodies. There is a brief summary of each scheme and contact details.

The Aggregates Levy Sustainability Fund for Wales

Support for capital projects in communities significantly affected by active aggregate extraction.

For further information and an application pack, contact:

Welsh Government, Planning Division, Cathays Park, Cardiff CF10 3NQ
Tel: 029 2082 3261 or planning.division@wales.gsi.gov.uk

CADW

Civic Initiative (Heritage) Grants Scheme

Cadw runs a grant scheme for helping voluntary organisations to promote a better understanding of their local heritage. This is known as the Civic Initiatives (Heritage) Grants Scheme. The maximum grant - which has to be matched by the voluntary organisation - is £5,000. The scheme is aimed at small-scale projects which help to preserve, enhance or improve the historic environment of Wales and increase social awareness of Welsh heritage. It is of particular relevance to civic societies or other local, voluntary groups. Cadw can make grants to voluntary organisations for plaques to commemorate historic places or people. There is no dedicated blue plaque scheme, such as in England, but as part of its Civic Initiatives (Heritage) Grants scheme Cadw supports local organisations undertaking projects that enhance understanding and appreciation of the historic environment.

Cadw has previously made grants for plaques that:

- assist with the presentation of a historic structure
- improve public appreciation of the built heritage or
- provide visitor information.

The maximum grant is £5000, and this must be match-funded from non-public-sector resources.

Historic Buildings Grant

The focus for Cadw's grant giving is on historic building repair schemes which will help stimulate regeneration opportunities and/or which will help save listed building that are at risk.

Grants are also available for historic buildings from other Welsh Government Departments, such as the [Community Facilities Activities Programme](#) or from organisations such as the [Heritage Lottery Fund](#) or the [National Churches Trust](#)

A free and regularly updated online guide to relevant sources of funding for historic buildings is published by the Architectural Heritage Fund on the Funds for [Historic Buildings website](#).

Applications for both these schemes are available on the Cadw website <http://cadw.wales.gov.uk>

or by contacting Cadw at the address below;

Contact: Cadw

Plas Carew, Units 5&7, Cefn Coed, Nantgarw, Cardiff, CF15 7QQ

Tel: 01443 336 000

Fax: 01443 336001

cadw@wales.gsi.gov.uk

www.cadw.wales.gov.uk

Welsh Archaeological Trusts

Grants from this programme are only made to the four Welsh Archaeological Trusts to undertake rescue archaeology throughout Wales.

The trusts are concerned with the development and implementation of policies relevant to the preservation, recording, interpretation and presentation of the archaeology historic landscapes and built heritage of Wales.

Contact: Gwilym Hughes

Tel: 01443 336 033

cadw@wales.gsi.gov.uk

www.cadw.wales.gov.uk

Community Facilities Programme

The Community Facilities Programme is a capital grant fund which aims to develop and improve community facilities which in turn provide services that communities need in order to tackle poverty and its effects.

Aims

The Programme will be open to projects throughout Wales. Applications will need to demonstrate that the facility to be improved is:

- Needed and used by the community and offering services not duplicated in the surrounding area;
- Providing services which prevent or mitigate poverty and its effects;
- Reintroducing or preventing the loss of community services;
- Supported by and developed along with the local community;
- Strategic and can demonstrate this by evidencing it has the support of the local authority, local County Voluntary Council, Local Health Board or similar partner; and
- Sustainable over the medium to long term.

Eligibility

The Programme is community based, and will be open to community and voluntary sector organisations, including social enterprises. The focus of the programme will be on increasing opportunity and tackling poverty. The Welsh Government recognises that in order to do this they need to improve the health and wellbeing; opportunities for lifelong learning; and economic prospects of the individual members of our most vulnerable communities.

They want to see applications that are community led and developed in partnership with community, public and private sector partners. The co-location of organisations providing services such as credit union access, local health services, post office services, youth services, sports facilities, library services, etc. is encouraged.

The funding criteria

Capital grants will typically be available to a maximum of £500,000. For exceptional projects that can also demonstrate difficulties in attracting funding from other sources, this maximum could be exceeded.

Grants will be available for capital works to provide or improve community facilities which are preventing or tackling poverty by offering one or more of the following services:

- Providing, safeguarding or re-introducing a valuable community service such as access to a credit union, post office, library, last shop/retail outlet in the area;
- Hosting skills based or other accredited training to improve the job prospects of individual beneficiaries;

- Hosting local health services, exercise or healthy living activities;
- Providing community IT access, broadband access and/or IT training to aid digital inclusion;
- Hosting a foodbank, food co-operative, access to advice services or other activity which prevents or seeks to mitigate the effects of poverty;
- Hosting activities delivered through a Welsh Government tackling poverty programme such as Communities First or Families First;
- Encouraging the co-location of local groups and service providers to improve the overall sustainability of the facility;
- Making the most of available funding by avoiding the duplication of services and working with other local partners in the community, public and private sectors to improve the life chances of local people.

Applications

Applications will be invited from community led projects fitting the published criteria. The Community Facilities Programme will be a rolling grant programme which means that applications can be submitted at any time; there will be no formal funding rounds. Applications must be able to demonstrate that the facility is sustainable and so must be accompanied by a business plan and supported by annual accounts where available. The application process will be in two stages. Stage one will be a short application which will be used to assess eligibility and fit to the scheme criteria, i.e. the tackling poverty agenda. Applicants will get a response to stage one in 20 working days. Stage two will require the submission of a business plan. The two stage process will help to ensure that projects that are not a good fit for the funding criteria do not waste resources developing an application which has little chance of succeeding. Potential applicants will be expected to work with their local authorities and CVCs as well as the local community in order to develop their applications.

Further information

You can get information and register for an application pack by contacting the Community Grants team as follows:

- South East Wales: Mike O'Shea Tel: 0300 062 8612
- North and Mid Wales: Nesta Doughty Tel: 0300 062 5627
- West Wales: Helen Brown Tel: 0300 062 8265

<http://wales.gov.uk/topics/people-and-communities/grants/community-facilities-programme/?lang=en>

Children and families delivery grant

The aim of the grant is to reduce inequalities in health, education and economic outcomes for children living in poverty.

The grant Programme will be 3 years in duration and up to £2.8 million will be available each 12 month period of programme. Collaborative bids for funding will be prioritised and proposal must be capable of being delivered on an all Wales basis.

The grant will support families in practical, measurable ways and responds to five specific priority areas:

- **Childcare:** Increasingly, families across Wales can access affordable, quality childcare
- **Play:** There are increased opportunities for children in Wales to play
- **Informed:** Families are appropriately informed about financial and practical support available to them
- **Engaged:** 'Seldom heard' families are engaged and access the programmes, support and services available to them
- **Policy and strategic development:** Support for policy and strategic development in relation to children, young people and families. Systemic opportunities for children and young people to participate in decisions that affect them and have their voices heard are increased.

The grant is open to Third Sector organisations only. The grant may be used for revenue expenditure only.

Further Information

<http://wales.gov.uk/topics/people-and-communities/grants/children-and-families-delivery-grant/?lang=en>

Provision of advice and services in relation to youth crime and domestic violence

The grant scheme allocates funds to specialist voluntary organisations which provide a range of services and advice to local agencies in respect of youth crime, domestic violence and violence against women. The scheme is aimed primarily at organisations which are able to operate effectively at an all Wales level, though local or regional projects of an innovative nature may be considered.

Funding is available for organisations which provide consultancy, training and support to youth offending teams, and for organisations which provide advice and services in respect of domestic abuse or violence against women.

The scheme includes revenue support to assist voluntary organisations working with domestic abuse problems to alleviate homelessness and rooflessness.

If you wish to apply for funding from this scheme, detailed guidance notes and application forms are available.

Contact: Jane Andrews,
Community Safety Division, Welsh Government, Rhydycar, Merthyr Tydfil CF48 1UZ
Tel: 01685 729088
jane.andrews@wales.gsi.gov.uk

The Sustainable Development Fund

The Sustainable Development Fund (SDF) aims, through partnership, to develop and test new ways of achieving a more sustainable way of living in a countryside of great natural beauty and diversity, in which the local characteristics of culture, wildlife, landscape, land use and community are conserved and enhanced. The scheme started in June 2000 in National Parks and started in April 2001 in Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONBs).

The scheme is open to individuals or organisations from the public, private or voluntary sectors if they can demonstrate that their proposal meets the eligibility criteria. The level of grant support for the voluntary sector will not normally exceed 75%, and for other organisations will not normally exceed 50%, but up to 100% will be available in exceptional circumstances. The scheme's objectives are to:

- Explore ways of pursuing concurrently the principles of sustainability and of breaking down barriers that can act as obstacles to sustainability.
- Develop models for the sustainable management of the countryside that could be applied more widely in Wales.
- Generate greater awareness and understanding of sustainability.

Priority will be given to eligible products that:

- Demonstrate innovation or best practice.
- Involve young people and local communities.
- Leverage contributions from other sources.
- Add value or new dimensions to existing sustainability projects.

Application forms are available from the National Park Authorities and from AONB Officers in local authorities that have AONBs. All projects will have to meet the eligibility criteria listed below.

They have to:

- Be sustainable.
- Demonstrate they have genuine support or involvement of communities.
- Support one or more of the objectives of the scheme.
- Be complementary to key local and national strategies, e.g. Local Agenda 21.
- Bring organisations together in partnership to tackle problems.

Contact:

Brecon Beacons National Park
Tel: 01874 624 437

Pembrokeshire Coast National Park
Tel: 01646 624 874

Snowdonia National Park
Tel: 01766 770 274

Welsh Government
Tel: 029 2082 3169

Funding for healthcare and health improvement initiatives.

The [Health Challenge Wales Voluntary Sector Grant](#) supports national voluntary organisation projects that strengthen sustainable health improvement.

The [Substance Misuse Bursary Scheme](#) provides funding for drug and alcohol workers to access training and further education opportunities.

[Disabled Facilities Grants](#) can provide up to 100% of the cost of adapting your home to enable you to continue living there.

The majority of Welsh Government health spending is allocated to NHS Wales. Independent Living Grants are distributed to Care & Repair agencies in Wales to help older people remain safe and well in their own homes. The Social Care Workforce Development Programme supplements the training and development resources of social care workers.

Further information

<http://wales.gov.uk/funding/grants/health/?lang=en>

Home Improvement and Care & Repair Agencies

Revenue support is available to assist care & repair agencies which provide practical, technical and financial help and advice on home improvements, maintenance and repairs to older and disabled home occupiers to allow them to remain in their own homes in the community for as long as they wish or are physically able to.

Contact:

Mr Jeff Childs

Tel: 029 2082 5219

Mr Huw McLean

Tel: 029 2082 3921

housing-privatesectorunit@wales.gsi.gov.uk

National voluntary youth organisations grant scheme

The aim of this scheme is to assist national voluntary youth organisations, which facilitate youth services for young people in Wales, to increase the extent and quality of opportunities for non-formal learning for all 11 to 25 year olds in Wales.

Any national voluntary organisation, which can show that it is operating in the Youth Work/Service Sector and delivering a distinct programme of youth work in Wales, to young people aged 11-25 years of age, is eligible to apply.

The scheme is not open to local voluntary youth groups or organisations or constituent groups of National Voluntary Youth Organisations.

Applications

The scheme operates on a 3-year funding cycle further information on the scheme is available from:

Youth Work Strategy Branch, 3rd Floor, Cathays Park, Cardiff CF10 3NQ

Tel: 029 2080 1344

<http://wales.gov.uk/topics/childrenyoungpeople/working/national-voluntary-youth-organisations-grants-scheme/?skip=1&lang=en>

Prevention and Alleviation of Homelessness and Rooflessness

Revenue support to assist voluntary organisations to alleviate homelessness and rooflessness in Wales is available to:

- Assist homeless, potentially homeless people or roofless people, particularly those for whom local authorities are not required to secure housing under the 1996 Act.
- Provide specialist advice, support and/or accommodation not readily available elsewhere.
- Conduct research into the incidence and causes of rough sleeping in an area.

The Welsh Government has in the last few years allocated additional revenue and related capital funding to support local authorities facilitating the development of local homelessness strategies. Funding has also been provided for local authorities across Wales for Temporary Accommodation and Prevention projects.

For 2006-2008 funding has been made available to organisations to support Good Practice in Homelessness programmes.

Further details are available from the Grants Team, Housing Directorate of the Housing Strategy and Services Unit. Bids must be submitted via local authorities in the area in which the project will be operating.

Contact:

Nick Jones

Tel: 01685 729198

Nicholas.Jones@wales.gsi.gov.uk

Social Housing Management Grant Programme

The purpose is to clearly link the programme to the achievement of the social housing vision and broad objectives set out in:

- Wales' National Housing Strategy.
- Housing strategies in place at the local level.

The main themes of the programme change on an annual basis. Current themes are:

- Helping older people live independently in their own homes and other housing activities relating to improving health.
- Housing management and sustainable development.
- Housing management and anti-social behaviour.
- New horizons – innovations in social housing management.

Themes in past years include:

- Letting of social housing.
- Marketing social housing.
- Best value.
- Promoting tenant participation and training.
- Promoting and mainstreaming equality of opportunity.
- Housing and health.
- Developing local housing strategies.
- Developing council housing stock business plans.
- Examining and evaluating alternative models of social housing management.
- New Horizons - innovation in social housing management.

A copy of the application form, detailed notes for guidance and the criteria can be found on the Welsh Government's website.

Contact:

Nick Jones

Tel: 01685 729198

housinggrantsadministration@wales.gsi.gov.uk

Substance Misuse Action Fund

This fund is allocated to the 22 Community Safety Partnerships (CSP's) in Wales to commission services against the needs identified in their local Substance Misuse Improvement Plans.

The fund is accessible by the voluntary sector through collaboration with their local CSP.

Contact: Steve Craddock, Performance Management and Finance Manager,

Substance Misuse Strategy Implementation and Finance Team
Community Safety Division
Welsh Government
Rhydycar
Merthyr Tydfil
CF48 1UZ
Tel: 01685 729105
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Government Sponsored Public Bodies

These are not Government departments or part of one but they do provide Welsh Government funding for various causes. They are semi-autonomous bodies operating at arms length. Each has a board which is charged with the responsibility for its work.

The Arts Council of Wales distributes funds on behalf of the National Lottery and Welsh Government to arts related projects.

Our **Arts Grants** provide targeted support for organisations and individuals primarily working in Wales. We want to enable them to fulfil their artistic potential and to offer creative experiences of the highest possible quality.

We place artistic quality firmly at the heart of our decisions. We want to support activity that has the greatest possible impact and that creates the widest possible access to the arts across Wales. We're determined to only fund activity that meets our strategic objectives. The following grants are available:

Small Grants (from £250 to a maximum of £5,000) – rolling programme

Large Grants (from £5,001 to a maximum of £30,000) – four deadlines per year

For further information on the grants above and other schemes and services for individuals and organisations, please take a look at our funding guidelines: [Arts Grants for Individuals](#) and [Arts Grants for Organisations](#).

Creative Wales Awards (one deadline per year, up to £12,000)

The awards enable artists to take time to experiment, innovate, and take forward their work. The awards aim to develop excellence by offering a period of research and development to some of Wales' most interesting artists.

Major Creative Wales Awards (one deadline per year, £20,000 to £25,000)

In addition to the above, artists are required to demonstrate a consistent level of achievement and contribution within their area of professional practice in Wales.

Capital Programme - capital lottery funding can be used towards spending on capital assets. Capital assets include buildings, equipment and vehicles. You can apply for Capital Lottery funding to buy, upgrade, refurbish and in exceptional cases that meet our strategic priorities, build capital assets. Applications can be for: purchase of

equipment, minor and major capital projects, feasibility studies and public art. Please read our programme guidelines to see the types of projects that can be supported.

Night Out – Community Touring Scheme

Night Out is an Arts Council of Wales scheme that helps local volunteer promoters put professional performances in village halls and other community venues across Wales.

Wales Arts International

Wales Arts International facilitates international work in the arts through collaborations, projects, networks and communication. The team can provide advice and support to artists and arts organisations from Wales who work on an international level, and are also a contact point for international artists and arts organisations working in Wales.

Wales Arts International is a partnership between Arts Council of Wales and British Council.

Contact:

Address: Arts Council of Wales, Bute Place, Cardiff CF10 5AL

For Arts Grants and Creative Wales contact the Information Team: 0845 8734 900

For capital funding advice contact either Jane Colhoun (02920 441336) or Tim Evans (02920 441381)

Night Out queries contact: 02920 441340

Wales Arts International queries contact: 02920 441320

Countryside Council for Wales

The Countryside Council for Wales (CCW) is the government's statutory advisor on wildlife, countryside and maritime conservation matters in Wales. It promotes the protection and enhancement of the landscape, the conservation of wildlife and habitats, opportunities for quiet enjoyment of the countryside, and public understanding of the environment.

Having gone through a transitional period in the delivery of its grant aid, CCW is adjusting to a new Corporate Strategy themed approach to delivering its work, together with a changing emphasis on funding within the environmental sector.

Potential grant applicants are encouraged to contact the Regional Countryside Officer in their local office before submitting a grant application. Grants will not normally exceed 50 per cent of the scheme costs.

Contact: Countryside Council for Wales, Maes-y-Fynnon, Penrhosgarnedd, Bangor, Gwynedd LL57 2DW

Tel: 01248 385500

Enquiry Line 0845 130 6229

enquiries@ccw.gov.uk.

www.ccw.gov.uk

Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Wales

The main work of the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Wales (RCAHMW) is to compile information by surveying, recording and interpreting terrestrial and maritime archaeological and historical sites, structures and landscapes.

RCAHMW supports other bodies working in the same field mainly through advice. However, where appropriate, it is prepared to give financial support.

Contact: RCAHMW, Plas Crug, Aberystwyth, Ceredigion, SY23 1NJ

Tel: 01970 612 203

david.browne@rcahmw.org.uk

www.rcahmw.org.uk

Sports Council for Wales

The Sports Council for Wales operates a number of funding schemes that aim to increase participation and improve performance in Welsh sport. Further detailed information on the grant schemes and eligibility criteria is included in the relevant guidelines available from the Sports Council.

Coach Cymru

A Welsh Government and Lottery Sports Fund for Wales funded scheme, providing funds for the training, support and employment of coaches.

Élite Cymru

Providing the most highly promising athletes in Wales with the support they need to achieve their potential. This could include sports science support, medical back-up, career and education advice, coaching and access to training facilities. Applications for support are considered only for those sports and activities recognised by the Sports Council for Wales.

Facility Development

A National Lottery funded capital scheme aimed at improving sports facilities at both a local and national level, in areas identified as having the greatest levels of recreational, sporting and financial need. Projects must demonstrate lasting and maximum sport benefit as well as value for money.

Girls First Initiative

An initiative for Welsh secondary schools aimed at encouraging girls to participate in after school sporting activities. A maximum of £1,000 is available per school.

Overseas Expeditions Development Support

A scheme to assist in funding overseas expeditions which will enhance the development of a sport. Grants are limited to a contribution of up to 50% of the estimated costs of travel, safety equipment and other essential materials. The level of grant rarely exceeds £1,000.

Minor Grants

Providing funding for projects that create new, additional or improved opportunities to play sport. The scheme is used widely to encourage individuals, families and communities to become more active. Total project costs cannot exceed £12,500.

SPORTLOT Community Chest

A grant scheme aimed at developing sport at grass roots level, particularly for young people, women and girls and disadvantaged groups. Decision-making for grants below £750 is carried out at a local level. Committees have been established in each of the 22 Welsh local authorities, made up of local people with knowledge of sport in the area.

Sports Safety

A scheme to assist national sports safety organisations, sports safety clubs and rescue teams to provide safety and rescue cover for people taking part in recreational activities in the natural environment. Eligible activities include capital schemes, replacement specialist equipment and special projects to raise participation and/or standards. Maximum grants awarded are 75% of total project costs to a limit of £7,500 for capital expenditure and £2,500 for revenue expenditure.

Sportsmatch Cymru

A scheme providing a vital link between the commercial sector and the development of grass-roots sport, offering sports clubs and governing bodies support with projects that increase grass-roots participation, by match '£ for £' investment by the private sector.

Contact: Sports Council For Wales,
Sophia Gardens, Cardiff CF11 9SW

Tel: 0845 045 0904

Fax: 029 2030 0600

scw@scw.co.uk

www.sports-council-wales.co.uk

Grants to promote the Welsh language

The purpose of this grant scheme is to support activities that promote and facilitate the use of the Welsh Language. The grants will support the objectives of the Welsh Ministers' *Welsh Language Strategy for 2012-2017 - A living language: a language for living*.

The strategy aims to see an increase in the number of people able to speak Welsh and the number that use it. The main focus of the Welsh Government grant will be to support activities that promote the Welsh Language within families, children and young people and the community.

This scheme is open to Third Sector organisations, Private Sector Businesses and the Public Sector.

These are a few of the activities that the Welsh Government will not fund –

- provision of education, the production of educational materials or child care, activities with political aims,
- Activities which would be more appropriately funded by other organisations including organisations such as the Arts Council of Wales for artistic activities and the Welsh Books Council for books and magazines publication.
- Translation work , or purchases of translation equipment,
- staff costs for providing bilingual services,
- costs of attending or developing Welsh for Adults Courses,
- activities which have already started without grant aid, or which have come to an end.

For more information -

<http://wales.gov.uk/topics/welshlanguage/grantswelshlanguage/;jsessionid=AB646D0D9C966BFEB9A656FE06FD336D?skip=1&lang=en>

Funding from other Government-related funds

There are a range of miscellaneous sources of Government-related funding and include funds administered by voluntary bodies such as Wales Council for Voluntary Action and county voluntary councils.

ENTRUST Landfill Tax Credit Scheme (LTCS)

Whilst not strictly Government-funded, this grant scheme permits landfill operators to support a wide range of environmental projects by giving them a 90% tax credit against their donations to environmental projects. Landfill tax credits must be spent in compliance with the landfill tax regulations.

HM Revenue and Customs have announced that the Landfill Tax Credit Scheme is changing its name to the Landfill Communities Fund.

ENTRUST does not fund any works within the LTCS. ENTRUST's role is strictly regulatory and they cannot compel any landfill operator to fund a particular project.

It is, however, charged with enrolling, monitoring and auditing organisations that have enrolled with ENTRUST as Environmental Bodies. These distributive bodies help other groups access landfill tax credits.

There are a number of routes to accessing funding. Organisations do not need to be charitable although they must be non-profit distributing and any surplus must be used to further fund your organisation's objectives.

Contact:
ENTRUST
60 Holly Walk
Royal Leamington Spa
CV32 4JE

Tel: 01926 488300
information@entrust.org.uk
www.entrust.org.uk

Environment Wales

Funded by the Welsh Government, Environment Wales is a partnership of environmental organisations in the voluntary sector. Its aim is to contribute to sustainable development by supporting and encouraging voluntary action to protect and improve the environment in Wales. There are five grant funds, each of which can cover up to 75% of a project's costs with the balance being met from non-central Government sources.

Registration process: Registration is an opportunity for Development Officers to assess a project's sustainability and address any issues that might be a potential barrier to Environment Wales funding. The process can also help groups to think through their projects and fine-tune their objectives. Projects must be registered with Environment Wales before they can access our Project, Management or Training Support grant schemes.

Management grants: This fund supports new posts which are not part of the organisation's core activities and are available to *registered* projects only. Grants range from £1,000 to £12,000. Applications need to be received by October for awards starting on 1 April the following year. Funding can be for up to a maximum of 6 years.

Project grants: These grants are for providing equipment and materials for *registered* projects, where volunteers are involved. The maximum available is £10,000. Capital items are limited to £2,000. Applications can be made at any time of the year.

Pre-project grants: These cover feasibility studies, business plans and community appraisals where studies are carried out by third parties. Grants range from £500 to £6,000.

Start-up grants: These cover the costs involved with establishing new voluntary or community groups, including hiring venues, facilities and equipment, the purchase of small items of equipment, publicity and printing costs, training, insurance etc. Up to £1,000 may be applied for.

Training support grants: Grants are available for the costs of courses and conferences (which are organised by third parties) for staff and volunteers in *registered*

projects. Travel expenses, subsistence and course fees are covered. The maximum grant available is £600.00.

Contact:

Environment Wales, Baltic House, Mount Stuart Square, Cardiff, CF10 5FH

Tel: 029 2043 1727

info@environment-wales.org

www.environment-wales.org

Wales Council for Voluntary Action (WCVA)

WCVA administers a number of grant schemes on behalf of the Welsh Government.

Members of WCVA receive funding information as part of the fortnightly *e-briefing*, or by signing up for WCVA's free e-membership you can receive the fortnightly *Funding news* bulletin.

Wales Africa Community Links

Funded by the Welsh Government's 'Wales for Africa' scheme, Wales Africa Community Links supports Welsh community-based organisations (CBOs) to build sustainable, long-term partnerships with CBOs in Sub-Saharan Africa. Links can make a difference to health, youth, livelihoods, environment and social harmony in both Wales and African communities, through exchanging learning, skills, resources or influencing decision-makers. Our grants, which are tied to the UN Gold Star Award good practise framework for linking, support Wales Africa Community Link groups to:

Involve your community – up to £1,000

Build your partnership with Africa – up to £2,000

Deliver small-scale development projects – up to £3,000

Contact: WCVA's Helpdesk

0800 2888 329

walesafrica@wcva.org.uk

www.walesafrica.org

GwirVol

The aim of the GwirVol Youth Volunteering Grants scheme is to support the **delivery** of a wide range of new volunteering opportunities in Wales and overseas that will support the step change in access to volunteering for young people aged 14-25 and especially for disadvantaged young people. The GwirVol grant scheme offers three different strands of funding.

- **Creating Opportunities:** For organisations looking to create new youth volunteering projects, new youth volunteering roles or to recruit more young people

into existing volunteering roles. Creating Opportunities grant applications can be for up to a maximum amount of £10,000.

- **Millennium Volunteers:** For organisations looking to recognise the commitment young people give to volunteering through offering the 200 hour award of excellence. Millennium Volunteers grant applications can be for up to a maximum amount of £10,000.
- **International:** For organisations looking to develop overseas volunteering opportunities that benefit young people and their communities in Wales as well. International grant applications can be for up to a maximum amount of £30,000.

GwirVol also runs the **StreetGames** grants which are open all year with no closing date. If your organisation involves young volunteers in sports activities go to [StreetGames](#) grants now!

You can get more information and download the application forms and guidance at <http://www.gwirvol.org/en/grants/>

Communities Investment Fund

Communities Investment Fund (CIF) is supporting applications for finance in three categories:

1. Asset development - the purchase or development of land, property, machinery or equipment
2. Revenue costs - working capital and finance to support the development of income generating capacity
3. Business skills - training, business services, recruitment and development

How much money is available?

CIF is investing a total of £6 million into the third sector. Of that, £2 million is supporting general third sector enterprise development and £4 million is being invested in organisations looking to deliver public service contracts on behalf of a public authority such as the Welsh Government, a Health Board, local authority or a UK Government department such as DWP.

What organisations are eligible to apply to CIF?

Any third sector organisation is eligible to apply to CIF provided that the finance supports projects or activities that will take place in Convergence areas.

What is the relationship between grants and loans?

CIF is primarily a loan fund, but small grants are available to support a business case and loan application.

How much can be borrowed, and over what period of time?

Applications between £1,000 and a maximum of £250,000 will be considered. Repayments can be structured in line with an organisation's ability to re-pay for up to 25 years.

What are the costs and what flexibility does CIF offer?

The interest rate will typically be 6%. Loans can be tailor-made to the circumstances of each applicant and repayment holidays are available where appropriate.

What is CIF achieving?

CIF is developing a stronger enterprise culture within the third sector in Wales and creating sustainable community-centred opportunities for people and additional employment.

In many cases, third sector organisations are best-placed to deliver certain public services and CIF is allowing organisations to develop the capacity to successfully bid for and deliver public service contracts.

The Communities Investment Fund (CIF) is funded by the Welsh Government and European Structural Funds (European Regional Development Fund).

Contact:

WCVA's Helpdesk
Tel: 0800 2888 329
cif@wcva.org.uk

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The information provided in this sheet 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.

For further information contact

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