

# Neath Port Talbot Council for Voluntary Service

Your local county voluntary council



## 7. Finding and getting money

### 7.4.11 Funding for community buildings

#### **Introduction**

Fundraising for the building or refurbishment of a community building is a big challenge. It can take anything between two and five years, or even longer, from the initial plans through to getting the funding and starting construction. You may need to invest a great deal of time, energy and some funds in the project before you know whether you can raise the cash needed. Therefore, you need to be sure that there is a clear need for the building and that the community has access to it.

Finding funding for your community building, village hall or community centre can seem a very complex task with such a vast number of statutory and non-statutory grant giving bodies working at a European, national, regional and local level.

With this in mind, this information sheet includes the most obvious funders who at best give priority to community buildings or at least give consideration to community buildings' needs. This information sheet should be used as a general guide only. You should always try to contact the appropriate trust for more detailed information before applying.

Remember there may also be local sources of funding available, which are not mentioned in this information sheet. Once you have a specific need or project in mind we suggest you visit your local county voluntary council which will hold detailed information on grants, including any local funds.

#### **Awards for All Wales**

This BIG Lottery Fund programme aims to fund projects which involve people in their local community, bringing them together to take part in and enjoy a wide range of heritage, charitable, health, educational, environmental and other community activities. Grants of between £500 and £5,000 are available.

BIG will fund projects that can be completed in 12 months to meet one or more of the following aims:

- Support community activity.
- Extend access and participation.
- Increase skills and creativity.
- Improve the quality of life.

A range of organisations can apply. They must be:

- A not-for-profit group with a governing document such as a constitution, a bank or building society account and a set of accounts.
- A community or town council.
- School.
- Health body. No closing date has yet been set for this programme.

**Contact:** Big Lottery Fund, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Ladywell House, Newtown, Powys SY16 1JB.

Tel: 0845 4 10 20 30

Fax: 01686 622458

[enquiries.wales@biglotteryfund.org.uk](mailto:enquiries.wales@biglotteryfund.org.uk)

[www.biglotteryfund.org.uk](http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk)

## **CADW**

### **Grants for Historic Buildings**

Cadw is an executive agency of the Welsh Government. It is responsible for protecting, conserving and promoting an appreciation of Wales' built heritage.

**Historic Buildings Grant** is given to assist the repair and restoration of buildings or structures of outstanding historic or architectural interest.

**Conservation Area Grant** is given for external works to buildings in conservation areas where the works proposed are judged to significantly preserve or enhance the Conservation Area in which the building or structure in question is situated. Only work to the historic fabric of a building is eligible for grant support. Applications for routine maintenance or for rewiring/security measures for example, will not be considered.

**Civic Initiatives (Heritage) Grants** - Grants are given for projects, which will preserve, enhance or improve the physical environment in Welsh towns, and increase social awareness of the built heritage in Wales. The scheme is aimed at civic societies and other voluntary groups. This is a wide-ranging scheme aimed at projects that contribute to awareness of built heritage and promote its appreciation e.g., exhibitions, publication of educational material and physical work to assist in the presentation, interpretation and appreciation of historic structures (e.g. adding plaques).

**Contact:** Cadw

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

Tel: 01443 336 000

Fax: 01443 336 001

[cadw@wales.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:cadw@wales.gsi.gov.uk)

[www.cadw.wales.gov.uk](http://www.cadw.wales.gov.uk)

## Esmée Fairbairn Foundation

Esmée Fairbairn is one of the largest independent grant making foundations in the UK. The Foundation makes grants to organisations that aim to improve the quality of life for people and communities in the UK, both now and in the future. Grants are made through two routes:

- Main Fund
- Strands

The Foundation invites applications from registered charities or groups with charitable purposes. There are no deadlines for applying.

### **Contact:**

Esmée Fairbairn Foundation,  
90, York Way, London, N1 9AG

Tel: 020 7812 3700

Fax: 020 7812 3701

[info@esmefairbairn.org.uk](mailto:info@esmefairbairn.org.uk)

[www.esmefairbairn.org.uk](http://www.esmefairbairn.org.uk)

## Charles Hayward Foundation

The foundation runs a number of grant making programmes, which include one for medical research, a community grants programme and a programme for the elderly. Funding is also available for capital cost of buildings, extension, adaptations, equipment, and furnishings.

Grants vary in size from £1,000 to £20,000. Occasionally, trustees may make larger grants to fund projects of an exceptional nature, which show outstanding potential.

All applications will receive a reply, but there may be some delay as the trustees meet only four times a year to consider applications.

**Contact:** David Brown,

The Charles Hayward Foundation, Hayward House, 45 Harrington Gardens  
London SW7 4JU

Tel: 020 7370 7063/7067 [www.charleshaywardfoundation.org.uk](http://www.charleshaywardfoundation.org.uk)

## The LankellyChase Foundation

Grants of between £1,000 and £40,000 are available to projects. The Foundation funds projects in the following broad areas: arts, breaking cycle of abuse and deprivation, developing communities, heritage, mental health and offenders and society. In addition, there is a limited programme of support for organisations working with refugees and asylum seekers. Priority is given to smaller charities, many of whom have only a local or regional remit. Support for large national charities is limited.

Specific programmes relating to community buildings include:

### Support for historic churches

To support local communities to manage and improve the community use of Grade 1 and Grade 2\* Listed Buildings. It replaces the Foundation's small grants scheme for Grade 1 Listed Buildings in rural areas. The programme will demonstrate new ways of working with congregations and communities in disadvantaged areas to prevent the loss of historic churches and show how the regeneration of a historic church building can be a catalyst for community renewal.

### Developing communities

Applications are invited from organisations that assist the process of building a more inclusive society provide a range of activities that are:

- Community controlled and managed.
- Responsive to the needs of all sections of their community.
- Working in partnership with other voluntary and statutory agencies to tackle the needs of their community in a holistic way.
- Seeking to develop sustainable funding strategies to enable them to participate in the long-term development of their community providing opportunities for all to fulfil their potential.
- Seeking to create new employment opportunities that generate real wealth within communities.

Capital grants of up to £50,000 are available to help acquire an asset, adapt existing assets (building) and purchase equipment.

Priority for capital grants will be given to organisations working in the more remote rural areas of the UK where access to community facilities is severely restricted.

**Contact:** The LankellyChase Foundation,  
1 The Court, High Street, Harwell, Didcot, Oxfordshire OX11 0EY

Tel: 01235 820044

Fax: 01235 432720

[enquiries@lankellychase.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@lankellychase.org.uk)   [www.lankellychase.org.uk](http://www.lankellychase.org.uk)

## Garfield Weston Foundation

The Foundation provides funding for projects in the UK in the general fields of: education; arts; health; environment; community; youth; religion; welfare; and social. There are no specific priorities for funding and a wide range of charitable activity is supported.

The Foundation supports registered UK charities, including those with registered, exempt and excepted status (churches, educational establishments, hospitals and housing associations).

**Contact:** The Garfield Weston Foundation, Weston Centre,  
10 Grosvenor Street,  
London, W1K 4QY  
Tel: 020 7399 6565  
Fax: 020 7399 6580 [www.garfieldweston.org](http://www.garfieldweston.org)

## J Paul Getty Jr Charitable Trust

The Trust's main aim is to fund well-managed projects which help to relieve poverty, support disadvantaged people, and effect long-term change where help is not readily available from the public or private purse. The Trust also provides funding for the arts, and towards the conservation of the natural and built environment.

The Trust offers two levels of grants:

- Main grants of between £10,000 and £250,000 over a period of one to three years.
- Small grants of up to £5,000 are available for smaller charities.

The Trust's grant making is currently focused on supporting registered charities in England, although applications may be considered from other parts of the United Kingdom if the project is likely to be of nationwide significance.

**Contact:** J Paul Getty Jr. Charitable Trust, 1 Park Square West,  
London NW1 4LJ  
Tel: 020 7486 1859  
[www.jpgettytrust.org.uk](http://www.jpgettytrust.org.uk)

## The Heritage Lottery Fund

This fund covers the whole of the UK. Those eligible to apply are public, charitable or non-profit distributing bodies established in the UK with preservation or conservation of the heritage as one of their purposes.

Money will be available to secure, conserve and improve assets of existing national, regional and local heritage importance. The following areas of heritage are covered: ancient monuments, historic buildings and their contents; landscapes of scenic,

scientific or historic importance; special library collections, manuscripts, archives and other records, museums and galleries collections; and industrial, transport and maritime history.

### **Parks for People (£250,000 to £5 million)**

This three-year joint initiative between Heritage Lottery Fund and the Big Lottery Fund helps with the restoration and regeneration of public parks and gardens, including squares, walks and promenades.

### **Repair Grants for Places of Worship (£10,000 to £100,000 in Wales)**

This programme is designed to help conserve and sustain heritage at risk, through urgent repairs to places of worship.

### **Townscape Heritage Initiative (£250,000 to £2 million)**

Grants that help communities to regenerate historic parts of their towns and cities. The programme is designed to address problems in areas of particular social and economic need through the United Kingdom. It encourages partnerships to carry out repairs and other works to a number of historic properties within those areas, and improve the quality of life for all those who live, work or visit there.

**Contact:** Heritage Lottery Fund (Wales) Suite 5A, Hodge House, Guildhall Place, St Mary's Street, Cardiff, CF10 1DY

Tel: 029 2034 3413

Fax: 029 2034 3427

[wales@hlf.org.uk](mailto:wales@hlf.org.uk)

HLF Helpline 020 7591 6000

[enquire@hlf.org.uk](mailto:enquire@hlf.org.uk)

[www.hlf.org.uk](http://www.hlf.org.uk)

## **The Laing Family Foundations**

There is an evangelical Christian background to the group, but collectively the grants lists cover most fields of welfare and health as well as the promotion of Christianity, at home and overseas. Support for medical research, of the scientific sort is limited, and there is no general support for the arts. Over 1,000 grants a year are made, though many of them are small, very large grants can also be made. Most of the grants are for national organisations, big or small, with only limited support for local organisations or local branches of the larger networks.

An application for a grant towards a specific capital project should be in the form of short letter giving details of the project, its total cost, the amount raised and some indication of how it is financed.

**Contact:** The Laing Family Foundations, 33 Bunns Lane, Mill Hill, London, NW7 2DX

Tel: 020 8238 8890

Fax: 020 8238 8897

## Landfill Community Fund

Under recent legislation, a landfill tax has been imposed on site owners, part of which should be used to the benefit of the surrounding environment and communities within a specified radius of the site. If you have a site and think you have a suitable project, you have to register as an *environmental body*.

ENTRUST will assess your project and if it meets the relevant criteria, they will issue your project with documentation allowing you to claim the required amount from the landfill operator near you. Application forms and guidance notes are available from ENTRUST. There are examples of community buildings receiving funding for building and activity projects.

**Contact:** ENTRUST, 60 Holly Walk, Royal Leamington Spa, Warwickshire, CV32 4JE  
Tel: 01926 488300  
[information@entrust.org.uk](mailto:information@entrust.org.uk)  
[www.entrust.org.uk](http://www.entrust.org.uk)

## Manifold Trust

The Trust supports the preservation of culturally important activities and buildings. Areas covered include: churches; arts and education; the environment and social causes. Most grants are between £500 and £5,000 but larger grants are also given. All applicants must be registered charitable status. General enquiries and applications for grants should be made in writing only.

**Contact:**  
The Manifold Trust, Shottesbrooke House, Maidenhead SL6 3SW  
Fax: 01628 820159  
[helen.niven@cumberlandlodge.ac.uk](mailto:helen.niven@cumberlandlodge.ac.uk)

## The Veoila Environmental Trust

The scheme aims to promote sustainable waste management practices and benefit local communities in the vicinity of a landfill site. Projects must fall into one of the following four categories (also outlined as 'objects' in the Landfill Tax Regulations 1996 and 1999):

- Remediation and restoration of contaminated land.
- Prevention and removal of pollution, for example, on Brownfield land.
- Provision, improvements and maintenance of parks and public amenities.
- Repair, restoration and maintenance of churches or buildings of historical or architectural interest. Churches must be open to the public for religious worship and other buildings must also fulfil public access requirements. Examples of projects include improvements to church interiors, restoration of a village hall or renovation of a listed building.

There is no minimum or maximum level of funding and the Trust may fund small local projects or larger long-term projects. The exact level of funding will depend on the individual projects.

Applications may be submitted at any time as the Trust Board and Regional Panels meet regularly.

**Contact:** The Onyx Environmental Trust, Ruthdene, Station Road, Four Ashes, Wolverhampton WV10 7DG

Tel: 01902 794677

[info@veoliatrust.org](mailto:info@veoliatrust.org)

[www.veoliatrust.org](http://www.veoliatrust.org)

## **People and Places (Big Lottery Fund)**

People and Places aims to bring people together to make their communities stronger and to improve their rural and urban environments.

It will support local and regional projects and projects that work throughout Wales. People and Places can fund projects that revitalise communities, improve community relations and enhance local environments and community amenities.

Money is available for capital and revenue projects and can be used for the development of communities or communities of interest.

**The programme will remain open for applications until mid-2011.** The current programme will be reviewed and will be followed by a new People and Places programme in 2011.

**Contact:** For funding information or general enquiries please call the BIG advice line on **01686 611 700** or email [enquiries.wales@biglotteryfund.org.uk](mailto:enquiries.wales@biglotteryfund.org.uk)

## **Sport Wales**

Sport Wales is the national organisation responsible for developing and promoting sport and recreation. Sports Wales operates a number of funding schemes that aim to increase participation and improve performance in Welsh sport.

### **Facility development**

The lottery funded capital scheme is used to improve the facility base at both a local and national level. Supporting and underpinning development work, capital funding is used strategically to support the development of sport and physical activity primarily in areas of greatest need. The fundamental principles underpinning the distribution of money for capital projects at a local level have been to ensure:

- Lasting and maximum sport and community development benefit.

- Value for money.
- Benefits for the areas and projects identified as having the greatest recreational, sporting and financial need.

Projects of £12,500 or more involving capital building and construction, playing areas, purchase of land or rights in land, and/or the purchase of capital equipment.

**Contact:** your nearest Sport Wales regional office for further information

Tel: 0845 045 0904

Fax: 0845 846 0014

[info@sportwales.org.uk](mailto:info@sportwales.org.uk)

[www.sports-council-wales.co.uk](http://www.sports-council-wales.co.uk)

## The Tudor Trust

The trust meets a range of both capital and revenue needs, notably including related building costs, for voluntary and community groups. There is no maximum or minimum grant amount and grants are usually made over one, two or three years.

**Contact:** The Trustees, The Tudor Trust, 7 Ladbroke Grove,

London, W11 3BD

Tel: 020 7727 8522

[general@tudortrust.org.uk](mailto:general@tudortrust.org.uk)

[www.tudortrust.org.uk](http://www.tudortrust.org.uk)

## The Wolfson Foundation

Grants are for buildings and equipment, but not for revenue or project costs, in three major areas:

- medical research and health care
- science, technology and education
- arts and humanities

Grants can be very large and few are for amounts of less than £5,000.

The trustees make grants for:

- Capital projects, towards the cost of a new building or extension, or for renovating existing ones.
- Equipment for specific purposes and/or furnishings and fittings.

**Contact:** The Executive Secretary, Wolfson Foundation,

8 Queen Anne Street,

London W1G 9LD

Tel: 020 7323 5730

Fax: 020 7323 3241

## The Pilgrim Trust

The trustees' current priorities are:

### Preservation

Trustees currently aim to allocate about 60% of annual grants to this area of interest.

Trustees have a special interest in:

- The preservation of historic buildings and architectural features, particularly projects giving a new use to buildings that are of outstanding architectural or historic interest. However, Trustees will only consider the repairs to historic fabric, not the installation of new facilities.
- Conservation of works of art, books, manuscripts, photographs and documents and museum objects.
- Promotion of knowledge through academic research and its dissemination.

### Places of worship

(Grants for this area of interest come from the allocation for preservation and scholarship).

- The Trust makes annual block grants for the repair of the fabric of historic churches of any denomination to the Historic Churches Preservation Trust for churches in England and Wales. Applications should therefore be addressed directly to the appropriate body.
- The Trust makes grants for the conservation of historic contents (organs, bells, glass and monuments etc.) and important structures and monuments in church yards for places of worship of all denominations.

### Social welfare

The Trust currently aims to allocated about 40% of annual grants to this area of interest.

- Projects that assist and support people involved in alcohol or drug misuse.
- Projects in prisons.
- Projects that seek to inform and develop policy and practice in the priority areas outlined above.

**Contact:** The Pilgrim Trust,  
Clutha House, 10 Storeys Gate, London  
SW1P 3AY

Tel: 020 7222 4723

[info@thepilgrimtrust.org.uk](mailto:info@thepilgrimtrust.org.uk)

[www.thepilgrimtrust.org.uk](http://www.thepilgrimtrust.org.uk)

## Allchurches Trust Limited

Allchurches Trust aims to promote the Christian religion, to contribute to the funds of any charitable institutions or associations and to carry out any charitable purpose. Grants will be considered in response to appeals in support of Churches, Church establishments, religious charities, charities preserving UK heritage, theological colleges and schools promoting Christian religion.

**Contact:** Allchurches Trust, Beaufort House, Brunswick Road, Gloucester GL1 1JZ  
Tel: 01452 873189

[atl@ecclesiastical.com](mailto:atl@ecclesiastical.com)

[www.allchurches.co.uk](http://www.allchurches.co.uk)

## The Trusthouse Charitable Foundation

Grants are available to charitable and not-for-profit organisations in the UK. Funding is directed towards projects that fall within the Foundation's priority areas: Health and Disability; Community Support; and Arts Education and Heritage. Funding is available for revenue or capital costs.

The Foundation offers grants under three separate schemes:

- Fast track scheme - For applications of £5,000 and below (capital and revenue grants)
- Small Grant Programme (capital and revenue grants) between £5,001 and £9,999
- Large Grant Programme for between £10,000 and £30,000 for capital projects only (e.g. buildings including new build, renovations, extensions). The total amount of the project must not exceed £1 million.

**Contact:** The Trusthouse Charitable Foundation, 6th Floor,  
65 Leadenhall Street, London, EC3A 2AD

Tel: 020 7264 4990

[www.trusthousecharitablefoundation.org.uk](http://www.trusthousecharitablefoundation.org.uk)

## The Gerald Micklem Charitable Trust

The organisations in which the Trust is most interested are UK charities working on a national basis in the following areas:

- Disability
- Deafness and blindness
- Medical conditions affecting both adults and children
- Medical research, but not in substitution of NHS spending
- People with learning disabilities
- Children and young people, especially the disadvantaged
- Environment and wildlife

They do not make grants to, or sponsorship arrangements with, individuals or to organisations that are not UK registered charities.

There is no typical grant size, though the trustees make a large number at £2,000 - £3,000. Grants can be recurring or one-off, and for revenue or capital purposes.

Contact: Bolinge Hill Farm, Buriton, Petersfield, Hampshire, GU31 4NN

Tel: 01730 264207

[mail@geraldmicklemct.org.uk](mailto:mail@geraldmicklemct.org.uk)

## **The Community Facilities and Activities Programme (CFAP)**

This grant scheme is operated by the Welsh Government to help community and voluntary organisations provide facilities or carry out activities which will promote the regeneration of communities.

The programme is only open to voluntary and community groups. Your organisation must be self-governing, primarily non-business, not profit distributing, and be for public benefit.

If you require funding for a building, you must be its legal owners or be able to demonstrate security of tenancy in the long term.

The programme is predominantly a capital build programme.

It is intended as a fund for organisations to draw upon to fill remaining gaps in finances after other sources of support have been explored - see the list of principal sources of funds for community and voluntary organisations.

Grants are made under Section 126 of the Housing Grants, Construction & Regeneration Act 1996.

Applications to provide match funding for European grants are considered in the same way as others and are assessed competitively to ensure that the available funds can help the most deserving projects.

### **What types of projects can be funded?**

CFAP can help you provide facilities or carry out activities which will promote the regeneration of communities by tackling the following priorities:

- Creating or refurbishing facilities available to the community as a whole, or adapting them to ensure equal access to disabled people as required under the Disability Discrimination Act 1995.
- Acting to improve the built or natural environment for local people.
- Improving the well-being of the community by encouraging active and healthy life styles.
- Providing facilities or activities which reduce poverty, inequality, discrimination and social disadvantage.
- Encouraging training that targets vulnerable or excluded people.

- Stimulating community businesses and social enterprises.
- Assisting the promotion of job opportunities and increased incomes.
- Involving people of all ages and abilities in the community and addressing the needs of socially excluded groups.
- Strengthening the cultural and linguistic identity of the community.

### **How much money is available?**

Grants may be awarded for a single capital project or to support costs for up to three years. The largest grants are normally £100,000 in any one financial year (1 April to 31 March) or £300,000 in total. Most applications are much smaller than this.

The budget for your project should be accurate and realistic, as grants cannot normally be increased after approval.

Applications to provide match funding for European grants or lottery grants are considered in the same way as others. If you are seeking match funding, therefore, you should still demonstrate that all other appropriate sources have been pursued. You must attach to your application evidence of the support to be given by the principal funding body, or full details if you are awaiting the outcome. You should be as realistic as possible when indicating the timescale of the project.

### **Are commercial activities eligible for support?**

Public funding for organisations carrying out commercial activities, even those with charitable status, is governed by the European Commission's 'state aid' rules. These rules allow grant funding from public sources only if the total received over a rolling three-year period will be below a particular level (currently €100,000, around £65,000). However, projects may be eligible under one of a number of block exemptions, which include grant aid specifically targeted at training or employment creation. Further advice can be obtained from Lisa Clarridge of the Social Justice Policy Unit, on 01685 729307.

**Contacts:** If you have any queries or require an application pack, please contact the relevant case officer for your area.

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(01685) 729315

Bridgend, Caerphilly, Denbighshire, Flintshire, Rhondda Cynon Taff, Torfaen, Wrexham

Eryl Loring

(01685) 729317

Cardiff, Carmarthenshire, Ceredigion, Neath Port Talbot, Newport, Pembrokeshire, Swansea

Roger Plater

(01685) 729321

Anglesey, Blaenau Gwent, Conwy, Gwynedd, Merthyr Tydfil, Monmouthshire, Powys, Vale of Glamorgan and all projects submitted in the Welsh language

## **Funding for appraisals and feasibility studies**

### **Architectural Heritage Fund**

The AHF's Project Development Grant scheme is only available to building preservation trusts that are on the AHF's Register of revolving fund BPTs or are members of the UK Association of Preservation Trusts. To qualify the trust must have demonstrated that the end use for the project is likely to be feasible and have decided to take the project forward.

Project development grants are intended to help BPTs with the costs and expenses of developing a project once its viability has been established, and take it towards the point at which work starts on site.

The maximum amount available per project from this grant scheme is £20,000 in total and could include, for example, a combination of:

**Administration costs:** any reasonable administrative costs relevant to the project (e.g. printing and copying, photography, telephone etc) may be claimed, up to a limit of £1,000.

**The costs of a suitably qualified project organiser** to develop and co-ordinate a viable project and take it towards the point at which work starts on site. The project organiser is usually someone appointed for a fee from outside, but could be an employee; the grant will not normally exceed 75% of the project organiser's total cost, up to a limit of £15,000;

**Other development costs:** a BPT can apply for assistance towards development costs of an eligible project that cannot be recovered from other funders, e.g. the fee cost of business plans. BPTs with paid staff may claim for their own staff time and overheads to produce such items at cost, up to a limit of £7,500;

**The costs of a Mentor** to work with a less experienced BPT to help them move their project forward up to a limit of £7,500; in some cases this help may be available before an options appraisal is commissioned.

**Contact:** The Architectural Heritage Fund, Alhambra House, 27-31 Charing Cross Road, London, WC2H 0AU

Tel: 020 7925 0199

[ahf@ahfund.org.uk](mailto:ahf@ahfund.org.uk)

[www.ahfund.org.uk](http://www.ahfund.org.uk)

## Coalfields Regeneration Trust

Aims: The Coalfields Regeneration Trust's mission is 'to promote and achieve the social and economic regeneration of the Coalfields of England, Wales and Scotland'.

The Trust has specified that it will support projects that fit into one or more of the following funding themes:

- Supporting communities includes both capital and revenue elements that creates or improves community facilities; improves access to services including health, debt and welfare rights advice, and supports the involvement of local people.
- Learning communities includes activities for people of all ages on accredited and non-accredited courses providing they are additional to statutory provision. It includes early years, out of school activity and summer camps, youth work activity, mentoring and volunteering schemes.
- Enterprising communities is to support the development of social enterprise and voluntary groups to generate income, it includes start up costs, developing buildings and equipment to improve sustainability, business training and schemes that focus on sharing resources and contracting.
- Supporting people in to work aims to build on existing employment schemes by supporting new and locally designed approaches that get people into work. These include project that improve job prospects through wage subsidy, vocational skills and tailor made training schemes; schemes that target hard to reach people; activity centred around growth industries providing training and job guarantee schemes; and labour market programmes.

Eligibility: Grants are made to charities, voluntary organisations, local authorities, agencies and partnerships. 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.

Applicants must be financially sound, and should not have reserves which are greater than 12 months running costs or more than four times the value of the sum applied for.

Applications: Guidelines and application forms are available from the Trust's Pontypridd office. Applicants are invited to discuss their proposals with the Regeneration Manager. The Trust emphasises the need for comprehensive planning for projects. There are separate application arrangements for:

- Bridging the Gap (small grant) (£500 to £10,000) – requiring constitutions, recent accounts, an independent referee, and a project description.
- Main Grant (£10,000 to £100,000) – requiring more detailed information.

- The Coalfields Social Enterprise Grants Scheme - provide new and emerging social enterprises with grant funding for capital and/or revenue costs to aid the growth and development of social enterprises within former coalfield areas. The grant scheme expires in 2012.

Area covered: Existing and former coalfield areas and, exceptionally, projects outside these areas which will benefit a coalfield area. Detailed information is available from the CRT office.

**Contact:** Coalfields Regeneration Trust, Part Unit 7, Maritime Office, Woodland Terrace, Maes-y-coed, Pontypridd, Rhondda Cynon Taff CF37 1DZ

Tel: 01443 404 455

Fax: 01443 408 804

[alunt@coalfields-regen.org.uk](mailto:alunt@coalfields-regen.org.uk)

[www.coalfields-regen.org.uk](http://www.coalfields-regen.org.uk)

## **Waste Recycling Environmental (WREN)**

Support for environmental and community-based projects in areas of England, Scotland and Wales close to Waste Recycling Group landfill sites. Projects must provide public amenities or parks; conserve biodiversity; or restore buildings for worship or which are of historic/architectural interest.

Eligible projects include: provision, maintenance or improvement of a public park or public amenity; and delivery of biodiversity conservation. Small Grants of £2,000 to £15,000; Main Grants between £15,000 and £50,000; and Biodiversity Action Fund grants from £75,000 to £250,000

Projects must be based within 10 miles of an active WRG landfill site. Area eligibility can be checked online at: [www.wren.org.uk/apply](http://www.wren.org.uk/apply)

**Contact:** Waste Recycling Environmental Ltd (WREN), WREN House, Manor Farm, Bridgham, Norfolk, NR16 2RX

Tel: (01953) 717165

[wren@wren.org.uk](mailto:wren@wren.org.uk)

[www.wren.org.uk](http://www.wren.org.uk)

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### For further information contact

**Neath Port Talbot Council for Voluntary Service**

*Tŷ Margaret Thorne, 17-19 Stryd Alfred, Neath, Neath Port Talbot, SA11 1EF*

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