

# Neath Port Talbot Council for Voluntary Service

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

The Aggregates Levy was introduced by the Finance Act 2001, which came into effect in April 2002. Part of the money generated by the Levy has been used to set up a Sustainability Fund to address the environmental costs associated with aggregate extraction. In Wales, the Fund is used to address issues specific to Wales:

- Legacy of old minerals permissions.
- Promoting the use of alternative materials to aggregates.
- Reducing the impact of aggregate extraction.
- Environmental and amenity benefits to communities affected by aggregate extraction.
- Conserving sites of special interest.
- Educational projects.

Funding is available for projects that address the above issues and meet the criteria set out in the information packs. Potential applicants are advised to discuss proposed projects prior to submitting an application.

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Planning Policy Branch, Cathays Park, Cardiff CF10 3NQ  
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[Planning.Division@wales.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:Planning.Division@wales.gsi.gov.uk)

## **CADW**

### **Civic Initiatives (Heritage) Grants**

The scheme provides grants up to £5000 to local voluntary organisations for projects which contribute to increasing awareness of the historic environment and promote its appreciation. This could include staging exhibitions or the publication of educational material about the historic environment.

Physical works will be considered where they improve public appreciation of the historic environment.

This could include the erection of plaques, which assist with the presentation of historic structures, improve public appreciation of the historic environment or promote visitor information.

The scheme is of particular relevance to civic societies who will need to contribute match funding.

### **Rural Regeneration Grant Scheme**

Cadw can offer a grant towards repairing a building in the countryside in order to make it suitable for a previous use or convert it for a new use.

The building must be

- listed
- 'at risk'
- in the countryside or a village of 500 inhabitants or less.

The grant is available to trusts, charities, public bodies, individuals, or businesses (but there are conditions if the building is sold within ten years).

This scheme is for buildings of any type, including agricultural, industrial, religious, domestic, and commercial.

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### **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.

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## **Community Facilities and Activities Programme**

The Community Facilities and Activities Programme is designed to provide or improve community facilities and support community activities aimed at the regeneration of communities. The programme is open to voluntary and community groups.

Applicants need to be independent, self-governing, non-profit distributing, primarily non-business and be for public benefit. The programme can provide support to help 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.

### **Community activities**

The programme can fund any proposals that support the involvement of local people in community activity that will contribute to the regeneration of an area. Applicants are encouraged to submit proposals that are compatible with the Communities First Community Vision framework.

Grants may be awarded for capital projects of up to three years and the largest grants are normally £300,000.

Please note that owing to existing commitments, there will be limited funding available.

### **Contact:**

Judith Davies  
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**Bridgend, Caerphilly, Denbighshire, Flintshire, Rhondda Cynon Taff, Torfaen, Wrexham**

Eryl Loring  
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**Cardiff, Carmarthenshire, Ceredigion, Neath Port Talbot, Newport, Pembrokeshire, Swansea**

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

## **Children and families organisations grant**

The overall objective of the scheme is to support the core activities of voluntary organisations in the social care sector working on an all-Wales level, to develop preventative child and family support services, and to avoid family breakdown. Its aim is to develop the capacities of eligible voluntary organisations to help the Welsh Government achieve its objectives of creating a more inclusive society with equality of opportunities and to enable children to play a positive role in the community wherever possible. It focuses on the following themes:

- National representation of bodies providing services for children in Wales.
- Day-care.
- Looked after children (including advocacy, fostering and adoption).
- Disabled children.
- Parenting.
- Child protection.
- Children from ethnic and other minority groups.
- Play.

### **Contact:**

Welsh Government, Childrens Strategy Division and Families Division (Child and Family Programmes Team)

Andrew Carter  
Tel: 029 2082 5894

Leia Dally  
Tel: 029 2082 6379

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## **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.

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## **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

## **Health and Social Care Sector - grants for all Wales voluntary organisations operating in the social care sector on an all Wales basis**

These grant schemes operate under Section 64 of the Health Services Act 1968 and Section 28b of the NHS Act 1997.

The purpose of the grant is to support funding gaps in the core activities of voluntary organisations operating in the health and social care sector and at an all-Wales level for:

- Older people (s64).
- Carers (s64).
- Adults with physical and / or sensory disabilities (s64).
- Adults with learning disabilities (s28b).
- Adults with mental health problems (s28b).

Separate grant schemes operate for each of the above groups of people. To be eligible for consideration, voluntary organisations must work in the health and social care

sector for people in at least one of the above categories and they must operate on an all-Wales (national) basis.

The main aim of the schemes is to enable eligible voluntary organisations to help the Welsh Government achieve its objectives for people in the above categories as set out in *Wales: A Better Country*.

**A bidding round for this grant scheme opened on 6 August 2007 and closed for applications on 19 October 2007. Grants were given for 3 years from April 2008 until 2010-11.**

**Contact:**

Older People - Graham Carter

Tel: 029 2082 3423

Carers - Gavin Parry

Tel: 029 2082 6980

Physical/Sensory Disabilities – Sarah Cochrane Tel: 029 2082 3097

Learning Disabilities - Alyson Collins

Tel: 029 2082 5441

Mental Health - Tina Jones

Tel: 029 2082 5734

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

## **Health Challenge Wales voluntary sector grant scheme**

The grant scheme exists to strengthen health promotion work in Wales. Grants are offered to national voluntary organisations, which can contribute to health promotion and complement national developments in health promotion in Wales.

Funding rounds invite applications that respond to Health Challenge Wales by:

- Helping to influence the conditions necessary for people to lead healthy lives and to improve their health.
- Helping individuals and groups to do what they can to improve their own health and that of their families.
- Helping to communicate the 'better health' message more effectively.
- Improving the ability of national voluntary and community organisations to engage with the Welsh Government and key partners to develop health promotion policy and practice. This may involve working either individually or collectively with, for example, the Wales Centre for Health, the National Public Health Service and local Health, Social Care and Well-Being partnerships to achieve improved health outcomes in Wales.

The key health themes of Health Challenge Wales are:

- Smoking.
- Obesity.
- Accidents and injuries.

- Alcohol and other substance misuse.
- Infections (sexually transmitted; healthcare acquired; vaccine preventable; dental decay).
- Mental health and well being.

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**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:**

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**National voluntary youth organisations grant scheme**

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.

To provide financial assistance towards central costs and projects undertaken by a single organisation or a combination of organisations and agencies. Any national 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.

Detailed notes for guidance and application forms are available from the Youth Work Strategy Branch.

**Contact:**

Children and Young People's Strategy Division, DCELLS, Ground Floor,  
Ty'r Afon, Bedwas Road, Caerphilly CF83 8WT.

Tel: 01443 663746

Fax: 01443 663753

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

## **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.

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## **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.

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## **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,  
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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.

## **Arts Council of Wales**

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

### **Capital Grant Scheme**

A fund predominately for arts buildings and equipment but can also support public art, feasibility studies and development work. A 'Capital Small Grant' is also available for projects between £2,000 and £10,000.

### **Creative Wales Awards (£5,001 to £12,000)**

Funding for professional artists, with the view of helping artists develop their potential and refresh their skills and creative partnerships. The awards are also aimed to enable artists to take time away from their usual commitments in order to concentrate on developing their work.

### **Major Creative Wales Awards (£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.

### **Night Out – Community Touring Scheme**

The purpose of this scheme is to help community groups and organisations host live professional performances without incurring the normal financial risk.

### **Contact:**

Arts Council of Wales, 9 Museum Place, Cardiff CF10 3NX

Tel: 029 20 37 6500

Fax: 029 20 22 1447

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

## **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](mailto:enquiries@ccw.gov.uk).

[www.ccw.gov.uk](http://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

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## **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

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

## **Welsh Language Board**

Established under the Welsh Language Act, the Board's main purpose is to facilitate the use of the Welsh language.

The Board seeks to work in partnership with those organisations offering advice and help to service providers in Wales to give a natural choice of language to their customers.

## **Grants to promote the Welsh language**

The Board offers grants to voluntary organisations working on projects that will lead to an increase in the use of Welsh.

This scheme provides financial assistance for activities which increase and facilitate the use of Welsh. Grants may be provided for a period of up to three years.

In addition there are grant schemes to provide bi-lingual materials and for businesses. All eligible applicants must have a constitution, acceptable legal status and a democratic management structure.

However, the Board can consider applications from new organisations, or from organisations which are established but have not yet formalised their status.

Contact: Welsh Language Board, Market Chambers, 5-7 St Mary Street, Cardiff CF10 1AT

Tel: 029 2087 8000 Fax: 029 2087 8001

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[www.welsh-langauge-board.org.uk](http://www.welsh-langauge-board.org.uk)

[www.bwrdd-yr-iaith.org.uk](http://www.bwrdd-yr-iaith.org.uk)

## **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](mailto:information@entrust.org.uk)

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

## **Environment Wales**

Environment Wales is a partnership of organisations in the voluntary sector, funded by the Welsh Government. Its aim is to contribute to sustainable development by supporting and encouraging voluntary action to protect and improve the environment in Wales.

The initiative is administered by the Wales Council for Voluntary Action (WCVA) on behalf of the Welsh Government.

Projects must be formally registered to be eligible for some of their grant schemes. There are five grant funds, each of which can cover up to 75 per cent of a project's costs.

**Management grants:** Funds new posts with registered projects or constituted and well-established groups.

**Project grants:** Given to registered projects for the purchase of large capital items or building costs

### *Development Grants*

*Training support grants:* For registered projects for training of staff or volunteers and events organised by the project to train others.

*Pre-project grants:* Given to constituted groups only for work to be done by external consultants investigating into the feasibility of a project, and promotional materials to help the project gain support.

*Start-up grants:* Cover initial costs of setting up a group, such as the hire of a room to meet in. There must be a bank account in the group's name to receive funds.

**Contact:**

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

Tel: 029 2043 1727

[info@environment-wales.org](mailto:info@environment-wales.org)

[www.environment-wales.org](http://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.

**Communities First Trust Fund**

The Communities First Trust Fund provides grants up to £5,000 for groups in Communities First areas for any type of activity that involves local people through community-led organisations. The fund, administered by WCVA, is aimed at supporting activities that provide economic, environmental, social or cultural benefit for people.

Applications are assessed on a first come first served basis. The deadline for 2010/11 applications is Monday 31 January 2011.

**Contact:**

Communities First Helpline

Tel: 0800 587 8898

[help@wcva.org.uk](mailto:help@wcva.org.uk)

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

**Millennium Volunteer Awards**

Millennium Volunteers (MV) is part of a UK wide volunteering programme for 16-25 year olds. It is available to organisations offering or developing volunteer opportunities for young people in line with the MV key aims to:

- Make a positive impact within local communities, offering challenging and interesting volunteering opportunities for all young people
- Enable young people to acquire new skills and knowledge and develop personally
- Set a standard for volunteering opportunities in Wales
- Encourage ownership of the programme by young people.

Opportunities should be challenging, offer a community benefit, and personal development to the young people and enable them to complete 200 hours volunteering.

Funding of up to £8,000 is available to cover direct volunteer costs, although you can also apply to run MV without going through the grants process.

**Contact:** WCVA's Helpdesk

Tel: 0800 2888 329

[help@wcva.org.uk](mailto:help@wcva.org.uk)

## **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

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

## **GwirVol Youth Volunteering Grants**

During 2010-2011 GwirVol will make available the following grants:

- 'Opportunities' grants of up to £10,000 to help provide increased volunteering opportunities.
- 'Promotion' grants of up to £5,000 for activities that will promote volunteering to and for young people.
- 'International' project funding of up to £30,000 to encourage international volunteering opportunities for young people who do not traditionally volunteer.
- 'StreetGames' grants of up to £2,000 to projects wishing to develop volunteering activities in sport for young people in Wales. Projects must benefit disadvantaged areas.

The grant schemes aim to prioritise opportunities with and for a diverse range of young people (aged 16 – 25):

- Young people from disadvantaged communities particularly Communities First areas and Black, Asian & Minority Ethnic communities
- Young people with physical or learning disabilities Young people aged 16 – 18
- Young people not in employment, education or training

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[help@wcva.org.uk](mailto:help@wcva.org.uk)  
[www.gwirvol.org](http://www.gwirvol.org)

## Communities Investment Fund

The first phase of the Communities Investment Fund (CIF) was active from 2006 to 2008. It provided flexible loan investments supported by development grant assistance. A new £6 million fund is currently at an advanced stage of development, and it is envisaged that funds will be available early in 2011.

The new fund will provide £2 million of general funds, available for mixed investment purposes, for example property and asset development, revenue/working capital costs and start up costs.

£4 million will be allocated to *Invest to Serve*, a fund available to organisations seeking to develop income generation from delivery of public sector services, through contracting and service level agreements.

The new fund will continue to help build the financial sustainability of independent community-based social enterprises and non-profit distributing organisations located in convergence areas, that are unable to access commercial finance and are able to demonstrate positive financial and social returns on investment.

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