

# Wales Council for Voluntary Action

Supporting charities, volunteers and communities

## 7. Finding and getting money

### 7.4.1 Small grants



#### Overview

This information sheet is designed to give details about small grants, *i.e.* up to the amount of about £15,000, which are available for small groups and organisations within the voluntary sector in Wales. The entries in this sheet are intended as a general guide, the contacts given will be able to provide you with more detailed information.

#### Allen Lane Foundation

The Foundation provides grants for voluntary not-for-profit organisations in the UK. Overall, the Foundation wishes to fund work which will make a lasting difference to people's lives rather than simply alleviating the symptoms or current problems, as well as projects that are aimed at reducing isolation, stigma and discrimination and that encourage or enable unpopular groups to share in the life of the whole community. Grants may be used for start-up, core or project costs and generally range from £500 to £15,000. The Foundation makes grants to organisations whose work the Trustees believe to be unpopular such as: refugees and asylum-seekers; black and ethnic minority communities; lesbian, gay and bi-sexual groups; those experiencing mental health problems, violence or abuse; offenders and ex-offenders, travellers and older people.

#### Contact:

Allen Lane Foundation, 90 The Mount, York, YO24 1AR

Tel: 01904 613 223

[enquiries@allenlane.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@allenlane.org.uk)

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

#### The Archbishop of Wales Fund for Children

The Fund, administered by the Church in Wales, supports children in need and their families and local communities through the work of local organisations.

The Archbishop of Wales Fund for Children was established in 2001 in the wake of the Children's Society decision to withdraw from all activity in Wales.

#### Aims and Objectives

The purpose of the fund is to support children in need and their families and local communities, through the work of organisations in this order of priority:

- Those in the Dioceses of the Church in Wales
- Those associated with other Christian bodies which are members of Cytun (Churches together in Wales)
- Other organisations working with children in Wales.

**Contact:**

Archbishop of Wales Fund for Children,  
The Church in Wales, 39 Cathedral  
Road, Cardiff CF11 9XF

Tel: 029 20 34 8254

[awfc@churchinwales.org.uk](mailto:awfc@churchinwales.org.uk)

[www.churchinwales.org.uk/awffc](http://www.churchinwales.org.uk/awffc)

**The Baily Thomas Charitable Fund**

This registered charity was established primarily to aid the research into learning disability and the care and relief of those affected by learning disabilities.

Over £1 million is given in grants of £250 and above. Applications will only be considered from voluntary organisations that are registered charities, are associated with a registered charity or from schools or Parent Teacher Associations.

Applications should be submitted by 1 May or 1 October.

**Contact:**

c/o TMF Management UK Limited, 410  
Capability Green, Luton LU1 3AE

Tel: 01582 439225

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

**Barclays PLC**

Barclays is committed to playing a leading role in the communities it serves. Its global community investment totalled £52.8 million in 2008. The support that Barclays provides through sponsorships and donations, both nationally and locally focuses on education, the environment, people with disabilities, the arts and social inclusion projects.

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Wales Community Team, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Windsor Court, 3 Windsor Place, Cardiff  
CF10 3BT

Tel: 029 20 42 6750

[jean.king@barclays.co.uk](mailto:jean.king@barclays.co.uk)

[www.barclays.com](http://www.barclays.com)

**Bernard Sunley Charitable Foundation**

The Foundation awards grants to a variety of categories including: education; youth; community; environment/conservation; health and welfare. Generally grants awarded will range from between £200 and £5,000. Grants will only be made to registered charities including schools in the UK. There is no application form - all submissions should be made in the form of a covering letter to the Director.

**Contact:**

Bernard Sunley Charitable Foundation,  
20 Berkley Square, London W1J 6LH

Tel: 020 7408 2198

Fax: 020 7499 5859

[asstdirbsunleycharfund@ukgateway.net](mailto:asstdirbsunleycharfund@ukgateway.net)

**Coalfields Regeneration Trust**

The Coalfields Regeneration Trust (CRT) is the UK's leading regeneration agency dedicated to the social and economic regeneration of Britain's coalfield communities. The Trust awards grants across the British coalfields. So far, since the Trust was launched in 1999, it has awarded grants totalling around £8.5 million to 500 groups in Wales.

In Wales the Trust is currently funded by the Welsh Assembly Government and offers a small and main grants

programme. The small grants programme known as 'Bridging the Gap', is a fast track programme targeted at small voluntary and community groups. Applications can be made for between £500 to £10,000 for small grants and up to £100,000 for Main Grants. The Trust's newly formed Welsh Grants Committee will consider capital and revenue bids.

The Trust will support projects that fit into one or more of the funding themes, which are supporting communities, learning communities, enterprising communities and supporting people into work. For full eligibility and programme details contact the Wales Office.

**Contact:**

Coalfields Regeneration Trust, Maritime Office, Woodland Terrace, Maes-y-coed, Pontypridd, Rhondda Cynon Taff CF37 1DZ

Tel: 01443 404455

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

## The Dulverton Trust

The main work of the Trust focuses on the areas of youth and education, general welfare conservation, religion, preservation, peace and security and Africa, as well as other miscellaneous causes at national level. However, there are a number of minor grants of up to £2,500 available for local and community projects across the UK. Major grants, for national or regional purposes, range in magnitude from £5,000 to £25,000. Applications are accepted only from UK-registered charities, and are expected to show what other sources of funding have been sought and secured.

The Trust does not fund the broad fields of health and medicine (including drug and alcohol addiction), projects concerning museums and exhibition centres, individual churches, the whole field of the arts, sports, individual schools, expeditions, or research projects. The Trust does not usually provide funding for salaries or endowment appeals. Applicants are encouraged to contact the Trust staff to establish eligibility before submitting an application.

**Contact:**

Trust Director, The Dulverton Trust, 5 St. James Place, London SW1A 1NP

Tel: 020 7629 9121

Fax: 020 7495 6201

[trust@dulverton.org](mailto:trust@dulverton.org)

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

## 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, 11 Park Place, London SW1A 1LP

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## Environment Wales

Funded by the Welsh Assembly 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.

**Management grants:** This fund supports new posts which are not part of the organisation's core activities. Grants range from £1,000 to £11,000. Applications need to be received by early November 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 materials only on *registered* sustainable development projects, where volunteers are involved. Grants average at £5,000. Capital items are limited to £800. Applications can be made at any time of the year, but funds are usually allocated by October.

**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 £5,000.

**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* organisations. Travel expenses, subsistence and course fees are covered.

### 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)

## Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation

The current priorities of the Foundation fall into four main categories: arts; education; social welfare and Anglo-Portuguese cultural relations. Applicants are advised to contact the Foundation for information on specific priorities within these categories. The Foundation gives grants, up to a notional limit of £15,000 only for proposals of a charitable kind, usually from organisations, which should normally be registered charities or otherwise tax-exempt. Organisations must be located within the UK or the Republic of Ireland and good quality applications from places outside London are especially welcome.

### Contact:

Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation  
(UK Branch), 98 Portland Place,  
London W1B 1ET

Tel: 020 7636 5313

Fax: 020 7908 7580

[info@gulbenkian.org.uk](mailto:info@gulbenkian.org.uk)  
[www.gulbenkian.org.uk](http://www.gulbenkian.org.uk)

## **The Paul Hamlyn Foundation**

One of the larger independent grant making foundations in the UK, it concentrates on supporting arts and education projects which aim to maximise the opportunities for individuals to experience a full quality of life both now and in the future, particularly in relation to children, young people and others who are disadvantaged. The Small Grants Programme makes small awards up to a maximum of £5,000 to support local schemes and initiatives within its main areas of interest. Applications are accepted from small, registered charities, schools and groups in the UK whose purposes are charitable and funding is normally for one year only.

### **Contact:**

Paul Hamlyn Foundation, 18 Queen Anne's Gate, London SW1H 9AA  
Tel: 020 7227 3500  
Fax: 020 7222 0601  
[information@phf.org.uk](mailto:information@phf.org.uk)  
[www.phf.org.uk](http://www.phf.org.uk)

## **Laing's Charitable Trust**

The Trust provides assistance for a wide range of activities. The activities that the Trust currently supports are homelessness projects, disadvantaged young people, education and the environment. Nearly 1,000 grants are made each year and most are for amounts of less than £1,000. Applications should be made in the form of a letter describing the proposed project and may be submitted at any time prior to the project's commencement.

### **Contact:**

Laing's Family Trusts, 33 Bunns Lane, Mill Hill, London, NW7 2DX  
Tel: 020 8238 8890  
Fax: 020 8238 8897

## **The Lankelly Chase Foundation**

The Foundation supports the work of registered charities throughout Great Britain, with the exception of the Greater London area. Its priorities are arts, heritage, breaking the cycle, developing communities, free and quiet minds, offenders and society, and for a special limited period refugees and asylum seekers. It supports community initiatives meeting local needs, particularly smaller charities, with only a local or regional remit. It recognises that the black and ethnic minority groups have particular needs and therefore welcomes applications from such organisations. Grants range from £1,000 to £40,000.

### **Contact:**

2 The Court, High Street, Harwell, Didcot, Oxon OX11 0EY  
Tel: 01235 820 044  
[www.lankellychase.org.uk](http://www.lankellychase.org.uk)

## **Lloyds TSB Foundations for England and Wales**

The Lloyds TSB Foundations is one of the largest independent funders of the voluntary sector in Wales. It aims to reach grassroots organisations throughout the Principality. Approximately £2 million was distributed to charities across Wales in 2007, and the average grant made by the Foundations was £14,500. The Foundation supports local and regional charities with an income up to £1 million.

The Foundation's mission is to support and work in partnership with recognised charities that help disadvantaged people to play a fuller role in the community.

**Contact:**

**Mid & South Wales** – covering:  
Blaenau Gwent, Bridgend, Caerphilly,  
Cardiff, Carmarthenshire, Ceredigion,  
Merthyr Tydfil, Monmouthshire, Neath &  
Port Talbot, Newport, Pembrokeshire,  
Powys, Rhondda Cynon Taf, Swansea,  
Torfaen, Vale of Glamorgan

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Pentagon House, 52-54 Southwark  
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[www.lloydstsbfoundations.org.uk](http://www.lloydstsbfoundations.org.uk)

**North Wales** - covering: Conwy,  
Denbighshire, Flintshire, Gwynedd, Isle  
of Anglesey, Wrexham.

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[www.lloydstsbfoundations.org.uk](http://www.lloydstsbfoundations.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 of 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

**The Rank Foundation**

The Foundation concentrates exclusively on encouraging and developing leadership amongst young people, supporting disadvantaged young people and those frail or lonely through old age or disability, and the promotion of Christian principles through film and other media. However, the Foundation does run a small grants programme for unsolicited appeals. General appeals including unsolicited appeals relating to youth educational and community care projects should be addressed to the Leamington Spa office.

Information on youth projects specifically initiated by the Foundation can be obtained from the Hebden Bridge office (for England and Wales).

**Contact:**

Grants Administrator, PO Box 2862,  
Whitnash, Leamington Spa CV31 2YH  
Tel: 01926 744550  
[sheila.gent@rankfoundation.com](mailto:sheila.gent@rankfoundation.com)

Grants Administrator, 28 Bridgegate,  
Hebden Bridge, West Yorkshire  
HX7 8EX  
Tel: 01422 845172  
[charles.harris@rankfoundation.com](mailto:charles.harris@rankfoundation.com)

## **The Sir Jules Thorn Charitable Trust**

By primary remit this is a medical research charity awarding grants to universities and hospitals in the UK. However its Smaller Donations Programme is open to appeals from registered charities providing relief to sick or disabled people and other disadvantaged groups. Most grants are for between £100 and £750.

### **Contact:**

The Sir Jules Thorn Charitable Trust,  
24 Manchester Square, London,  
W1U 3TH

Tel: 020 7487 5831

Fax: 020 7224 3976

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

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## **The Garfield Weston Foundation**

Recent rounds of funding have helped projects in the following categories: arts, community, education, welfare, medical, social, religion, youth and environment. In 2007 the Foundation supported 1,982 organisations with grants totalling over £41.7 million.

Applicants must have charitable status or be able to receive payment through a local charity. Applications from individuals will not be considered. There is no deadline for applications.

### **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)

## **The Yapp Charitable Trust**

The Trust makes grants to small charities throughout the UK for a variety of work. The trustees currently receive a very limited number of applications from Wales and they would like to reach more small charities in Wales. The Trust funds categories such as work with: elderly people; children and young people; people with disabilities or mental health problems; people trying to overcome problems such as addiction, abuse, relationship problems, a history of offending; and lifelong learning. Applicants must have charitable status, have been constituted and operating for at least three years, and a normal turnover of less than £60,000 per year. No grants are given for capital expenditure.

Priority for ongoing grants is given to applicants from very small charities.

### **Contact:**

The Yapp Charitable Trust 47A Paris  
Road, Scholes, Holmfirth, HD9 1SY

Tel: 01484 683 403

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

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

## **Wales Council for Voluntary Action Grant Schemes**

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 monthly *Funding news* bulletin. There is also funding information in the CFSN e-bulletin, which WCVA circulates monthly on behalf of CFSN.

### **Communities First Trust Fund**

Communities First is a Welsh Assembly Government regeneration programme targeting the most deprived communities in Wales. The Trust Fund, provides small grants 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.

#### **Contact:**

WCVA

Tel: 0800 587 8898

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

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

### **Communities Investment Fund**

As part of CFSN the Communities Investment Fund was launched by WCVA in collaboration with its project partners, Development Trusts Association Wales and Wales Co-operative Centre, to make long term investments through a flexible loan funding package.

This is supported by development grant assistance which is aimed at helping organisations towards loan readiness.

The Fund will help build the sustainability of independent community-based voluntary social enterprises and organisations located in Communities First areas within Objective One areas which are unable to raise sufficient funding from more conventional sources. This is a key strand in the Welsh Assembly Government's programme to address social exclusion, and will be achieved by helping to develop business capacity to generate income, by raising the level of business skills in managing assets successfully, and by encouraging the running of good quality business operations.

#### **Contact:**

WCVA

Tel: 0800 2888 329

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

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### **Millennium Volunteers**

Millennium Volunteers is an UK wide programme for young people who are interested or involved in volunteering. The purpose of the programme is to promote and recognise a sustained commitment by young people aged 16-24 to voluntary activity which makes a clear impact on the community.

In Wales the programme is managed by the MV Advisory Panel, a partnership between WCVA and the Council for Wales of Voluntary Youth Services. Applications can be made for sums £50 to £7,000 to cover volunteers' costs. There is no restriction on the number of applications that can be made.

Applications from youth-led projects can be approved very quickly through a fast track system. The advisory panel meets four times per year.

**Contact:**

WCVA Helpdesk  
Tel: 0800 2888 329  
[help@wcva.org.uk](mailto:help@wcva.org.uk)  
[www.wcva.org.uk](http://www.wcva.org.uk)

## Volunteering in Wales Fund

The Volunteering in Wales Fund supports projects whose aims are mainly achieved by volunteers; that recruit and place volunteers; that develop good practice in volunteering; or that encourage activities in areas where volunteering is less well developed. Any constituted voluntary organisation working, or planning to work in Wales, is eligible to apply. Grants of up to £25,000 are available in the first year, and there is an opportunity to apply for second and third year funding of up to £12,500 and £6,250 respectively.

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## Welsh Language Board

The aim of all the Welsh Language Board's Main Grants Scheme is to increase the use of Welsh. The Board can distribute grants to support activities that aim to fulfil this objective. Grants are available to support activities of organisations if promoting and increasing the use of the Welsh language is an integral and central part of its constitution. Organisations may apply for a grant towards holding

appropriate activities, supporting core costs and salaries, as well as other costs relating to running the organisation.

If promoting and increasing the use of the Welsh language is not an integral part of the constitution, organisations may still be eligible to apply if the programme's objective is to increase the use of the Welsh language in Wales. This could include programmes that (although this list is not intended to be exhaustive):

- create new opportunities to use the language;
- provide information to people regarding the opportunities available to them to use the language;
- encourage and support the use of Welsh;
- safeguard and develop the activities of organisations and movements established to promote the Welsh language;
- produce resources to facilitate the use of Welsh.

There are also grants for producing bilingual materials (e.g. leaflets and signs) available through the Business Grant Busnes Scheme.

**Contact:**

Welsh Language Board Grants Team,  
Market Chambers, 5 – 7, St. Mary St,  
Cardiff, CF10 2AT  
Tel: 029 2087 8000  
[www.bwrdd-yr-iaith.org.uk](http://www.bwrdd-yr-iaith.org.uk)

## Disclaimer

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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