

# Wales Council for Voluntary Action

Supporting charities, volunteers and communities

## 7. Finding and getting money

### 7.4.13 Local funding - Powys



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

This sheet should be read in conjunction with **7.4.1 Small Grants** which details small grants which are available on a regional or all Wales basis.

#### Can Do Communities

**Aims:** Grant fund for isolated voluntary and community organisations, undertaking projects that contribute towards social and economic community regeneration and make a real difference to the quality of life in rural areas.

**Comment:** The scheme is for capital projects that have both an economic and social benefit. This can include: Creating or refurbishing facilities available to the community as a whole or adapting them to ensure equal access to disabled people. Improvement to the built or natural environment for local people improving the well being of the community by encouraging activities and healthy life styles or Encouraging training that targets vulnerable or excluded people. Funded by The Welsh Assembly Government under the

Communities and Facilities Activities Programme.

**Amount:** £4,500

**Restrictions:** Capital Only

**Application Process:** Application form

**Closing Date:** Ring for next closing date

**Phone:** 01597 822191

**Email:** [info@pavo.org.uk](mailto:info@pavo.org.uk)

**Website:**

[www.pavo.org.uk/index.php?id=539&L=0](http://www.pavo.org.uk/index.php?id=539&L=0)

#### Health and Well Being Small Grant scheme

**Aims:** This scheme gives voluntary groups in Powys the opportunity to undertake new activities and actions that promote health and wellbeing, and the aims of the Health Social Care and Wellbeing Strategy. Powys Local Health Board and Powys County Council fund the scheme, and the scheme is administered by PAVO

**Comment:** Undertake new activities that promote the aims of the Health, Social Care and Wellbeing Strategy 2008-11. Funding is provided by Powys Local Health Board, Powys County Council Social Services Department and Health Challenge Wales.

**Amount:** £1000

**Application Process:** Two rounds a year and by application form

**Closing Date:** Ring for next closing date

**Phone:** 0845 009 3288

**Email:** [info@pavo.org.uk](mailto:info@pavo.org.uk)

**Website:**

[www.pavo.org.uk/index.php?id=412&L=0](http://www.pavo.org.uk/index.php?id=412&L=0)

## **Powys Environmental Partnership Small Grants Scheme**

**Aims:** The Powys Environmental Partnership, one of the five thematic Partnerships of the Powys Community Strategy has a Small Grants Scheme for environmentally related projects in Powys.

**Comment:** All projects need to link to the Community Strategy environmental priorities. To view the Community Strategy and for more information on the environmental priority actions log on to <http://community-strategy.powys.org.uk>

**Amount:** £500-£750

**Restrictions:** For details contact Hayley Beavan on the contact details below

**Application Process:**

**Closing Date:** Ring for latest round

**Phone:** 01597 822191

**Fax:** 01597 828675

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**Website:**

[www.pavo.org.uk/index.php?id=400](http://www.pavo.org.uk/index.php?id=400)

## **The Grass Roots Fund**

**Aims:** The Grass Roots Fund is (a Wales Assembly Government Sponsored grant, but administered by PAVO) designed to build capacity in small voluntary and community groups formed by communities of interest. These groups may not have easy access to other funding streams and are thus disadvantaged. There is a total of

£5,000 available under this scheme to allocate in Powys.

**Comment:** The 'disadvantaged groups' to include: ethnic minority groups, disabled people's groups, lesbian, gay and bisexual groups, women's groups, homelessness groups, refugee and asylum seeker groups, gypsies and travellers' groups, groups helping people with low levels of literacy or numeracy, isolated groups and language communities.

Possible activities include:

- Developing a newsletter or website
- To purchase computer equipment
- To arrange meetings or pay for room hire
- To arrange training events
- To cover the cost of speakers

**Amount:** £100 -£2000

**Restrictions:** Organisations applying must have:

- an annual income of less than £5,000 represent or serve a disadvantaged group, listed above.
- be based and operate in Wales.
- have an acceptable constitution, or be able to identify a constituted organisation who will receive the grant on their behalf.
- be a not for profit organisation.

**Application Process:** Contact the PAVO Helpdesk for a application form.

**Closing Date:** Ring for details

**Phone:** 01597 822191

**Email:** [info@pavo.org.uk](mailto:info@pavo.org.uk)

**Website:** [www.pavo.org.uk](http://www.pavo.org.uk)

## Powys Welsh Church Acts Fund

**Aims:** The Welsh Church Acts Fund currently delivers versatile grants in three diverse areas: Community groups, including arts and cultural organisations (priority is given to community centres, village halls and organisations for children and young people); Churches and chapels (in the main for the external restoration, repair and maintenance of the main fabric of the building); and Individuals (in particular young people, young adults and young offenders).

**Comment:** A bias exists towards capital schemes and innovative projects. Most grants are for one-off assistance with funding towards the repair and maintenance of community buildings when it is deemed the work is beyond the merely routine. Priority is given to community centres, village halls and organisations catering purely for children and young people. One-off grants are available to churches and chapels against their importance as historic buildings or as a major feature in the local environment and not as religious or denominational facilities. Personal need is a major criteria for awarding grants to individuals and priority is given to young people, young adults and young offenders. Individuals making application must either be Powys-based residents or, if in college, the son or daughter of a Powys resident.

**Amount:** Financial maximum of £3,000 (up to the level 15% of approved costs) to organisations; a maximum of £2,000 (10%) for churches and chapels; £500 (50%) for individuals.

**Restrictions:** Grants given to organisations will not be made against

revenue expenditure, wages or other employment costs. Nor are they available for personal clothing or equipment costs. Grants to churches and chapels cannot be given for internal repairs (apart from exceptional circumstances). Nor are grants made for the construction of new churches or chapels. Grants to individuals do not cover personal clothing or foreign holidays. General applications from national bodies are automatically rejected.

**Application Process:** Application forms are available from the contact.

**Closing Date:** Applications may be submitted at any time. The application deadlines for each financial year are usually in March, June, August and September.

**Contact:** Grant Applications  
Powys Welsh Church Acts Fund  
Economic and Communities  
Regeneration Directorate  
St John's Offices, Fiveways  
Llandrindod Wells  
Powys

**Phone:** 01597 827500

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## Powys Community Enablement Support Fund

**Aims:** The Community Enablement Support Fund programme's main purpose is to support social and community development. Voluntary groups and organisations that demonstrate that they are properly constituted can apply for either 'Capital' or 'Revenue' elements. Powys County Council recognises the value of community groups and organisations in

trying to sustain their own communities, undertaking projects that involve local participation which are inclusive of everyone. Local participation is viewed as more effective when it includes a cross-section from the local community, representing some of the groups that are often overlooked by society. Local participation should seek to involve people in the community from different ages, different races, those with disabilities, different religions, different genders, different sexualities, those whose language of choice is Welsh and with different educational backgrounds.

**Comment:** In order to try and be as flexible as possible, the Council does not have a prescriptive list of types of projects which can be funded. The Council hopes to try and encourage creativity, innovation and development in supporting each project. Priority will be given to those projects that clearly show they have: schemes that fit one or more of the Council's stated strategies or policies; good local commitment and benefit to their local community; demonstrate commitment to achieving full participation from all the community; equal access to provision, to include the choice of language and culture; schemes that promote good relations between people of different racial groups; schemes that carefully consider accessibility for disabled people; schemes that promote and support equality and diversity.

**Amount:** £15,000

**Restrictions:** There are some items or activities which the Council cannot fund. In these instances, potential applicants will be advised on initial contact with the Council. Ineligible items include the following: Fundraising events; The

consumable costs of street lighting, such as Christmas lights; Street furniture; CCTV; The purchase of minibuses; Political or religious activities; Duplication or overlapping of services or provision; Personal clothing.

**Application Process:** For further details about the Fund and how to apply, contact the office.

**Closing Date:** Applications may be submitted throughout the year. There are no set deadlines. Applications will be assessed on a quarterly basis.

**Contact:** Jenni Thomas  
Powys Community Enablement Support Fund  
Economic and Community Regeneration Directorate  
St John's Offices, Fiveways  
Llandrindod Wells  
Powys  
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### **Community Welcome Scheme (Powys County Council- Tourism Section)**

**Aims:** The Community Welcome Scheme is a delegated grant scheme which aims to support small scale community led tourism projects throughout Powys. The scheme offers capital and revenue grant support. Some examples of potential projects are: tourism infrastructure developments, websites, enhanced visitor information, feasibility studies, landscaping green areas, street furniture, improvements to footpaths, cycle routes and bridleways, heritage/church trails etc.

**Comment:** Powys County Council in conjunction with Powys Regeneration Partnership has been successful in securing £300,000 to run a grant scheme called..... This project is part funded through the Rural Development Plan for Wales 2007 - 2013 which is financed by the European Union and the Welsh Assembly Government. The scheme will be run on a "first come, first served basis" and is open to town and community councils, community enterprises, tourist associations and the voluntary sector.

**Amount:** The grant amount is set at 80% of eligible project costs up to a maximum of £10,000 per capital project and up to £5,000 per revenue project.

**Restrictions:** The projects must be based within Powys, incorporate tourism benefits and be led by the community.

**Contact:** Hazel Bowen/Elisa Parry

**Phone:** 01874 612 278

**Email:**

[community.tourism@powys.gov.uk](mailto:community.tourism@powys.gov.uk)

## **Powys Rural Development Plan**

The Rural Development Plan for Wales 2007 – 2013 (RDP) is a European Union funded programme to promote the development of rural areas. Its aim is to encourage and help rural communities to think about the longer-term potential of their area. It seeks to encourage the development and delivery of integrated, high-quality, original projects that support sustainable development based upon local need and innovative approaches towards rural development. The first programme period is running from June 2008 – February 2011. Powys through the Powys Regeneration Partnership (PRP) has attracted

significant EU financial resources to assist in the regeneration of the area. Project areas that have attracted support are:

- Support for business creation and development
- Encouragement of tourism activities
- Conservation and upgrading of the rural heritage
- Village renewal and development

Powys is set to receive £3.9 million from the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the Welsh Assembly Government to deliver these projects. If you would like further details on any of the projects please contact Lee Price on 01982 552224 or email

[leepr@powys.gov.uk](mailto:leepr@powys.gov.uk)

## **Brecon Beacons National Park**

**Sustainable Development Fund** is an annual award of £250,000 from the Welsh Assembly Government to support projects that develop and assess ways of achieving a more sustainable way of living within the Brecon Beacons National Park.

SDF aims to assist projects which take into account economic, environmental, community and cultural issues, and which improve quality of life for communities.

Areas for priority in 2008/9 are projects that:

- Support community based transport initiatives designed to reduce the carbon footprint.
- Support sustainable visitor transport initiatives, including access to 'hot spots'.

- Support sustainable food marketing and the promotion and consumption of local produce.
- Promote the sustainable use of water resources, through the support of projects designed to promote access to water.

Application deadlines:

2008/9

9<sup>th</sup> January 2009, 10<sup>th</sup> March 2009.

Please note there are limited funds remaining for 2008/9 but larger projects are invited to apply for 2009/10 funding.

[www.breconbeacons.org/content/communities/sustainability/subsustainable-development-fund](http://www.breconbeacons.org/content/communities/sustainability/subsustainable-development-fund)

The **Sustainable Events Fund**<sup>1</sup> offers grants of up to £1000 to support the START UP of events within the Brecon Beacons National Park. The event should be a NEW IDEA or CONCEPT and be SUSTAINABLE (annual event) and ideally take place outside the normal tourism season. Existing events willing to expand and follow sustainable event criteria will be considered. Current priorities for events include: community based sustainable transport initiatives designed to reduce the carbon footprint, sustainable food marketing and the promotion and consumption of local produce, projects designed to promote access to water.

The current fund runs to March 2009. For further information please contact

Ceri Bevan, Sustainable Communities Officer on 01874 620471 or [ceri.bevan@breconbeacons.org](mailto:ceri.bevan@breconbeacons.org)

1. The Sustainable Events fund is a National Assembly for Wales Sustainable Development initiative administered by Officers at the Brecon Beacons National Park Authority.

The **Crossing Park Boundaries**<sup>2</sup> project supports vulnerable and socially excluded groups in making initial visits to the Brecon Beacons National Park in order to experience the benefits this spectacular area has to offer. The project can assist through financial support e.g. transport costs; information & advice and practical support and is available to groups both within and beyond the National Park area. If you work with a group who would benefit from outdoor experiences and environmental engagement within the National Park and would like further information on this project, please contact Ceri Bevan, Sustainable Communities Officer on 01874 620471 email [ceri.bevan@breconbeacons.org](mailto:ceri.bevan@breconbeacons.org)

2. Crossing Park Boundaries is a partnership between the Brecon Beacons National Park Authority and the Countryside Council for Wales (CCW).

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