

Wales Council for Voluntary Action

Supporting charities, volunteers and communities

7. Finding and getting money

7.4.13 Local funding - Wrexham



This information sheet is designed to give details about small grants, which are available for small groups and organisations within the voluntary sector in Wrexham. 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.

Wrexham Community Facilities and Activities Programme

The Wrexham Community Facilities and Activities Programme helps community and voluntary organisations provide facilities or carry out activities which will promote the regeneration of communities.

Funding is available for capital only schemes such as: creating new facilities, refurbishment of existing facilities, providing toilets for the disabled, providing access for the disabled, improvements to built or natural environment, equipment provided for community/social economy businesses.

The grants scheme is open to voluntary groups, community groups or charities in the County Borough of Wrexham providing they:

- Have a constitution or set of rules that have been signed or “adopted”.
- Have an equal opportunities policy.
- Have a bank or building society account.
- Have annual accounts (audited or signed as approved by a senior person from the group).

The grants scheme will provide grants up to a maximum of £4,000 per application. Applications are assessed 3 times a year, by an independent local panel.

Contact:

Grants Officer, Ty AVOW, 21 Egerton Street, Wrexham, LL11 1ND

Tel: 01978 312556

lynda.williams@avow.org

Sports Wales -Community Chest Grant

Community Chest is a Sports Wales, initiative that provides funding for community sport and physical activity. Under new guidelines, the maximum grant awarded has been increased to £1,500.

Community Chest supports any new projects that:

- Encourage more people to be active, more often
- Raises the standard of existing activities
- Encourages participation in sport and physical activity
- Encourages lifelong participation in sustainable activity
- Encourages partnerships with other agencies

Contact:

Sports Development, Waterworld, Holt Road, Wrexham, LL13 8DH

Tel: 01978 297359

www.wrexham.gov.uk/english/leisure_tourism/sports_development/sportlot/sportlot.htm

Sports Wales

Tel: 0845 045 0904

www.sportwales.org.uk/

Communities First Trust Fund

The Communities First Trust Fund (CFTF) aims to support any type of activity that involves local people, through small community organisations, that benefits their community. Applications are welcome from a range of community projects including music and the arts. The activities must provide some measure of economic, environmental, social or cultural benefit for people living in a Communities First area. There is no minimum amount but £5,000 is the maximum that can be applied for. Applications can be submitted to the CFTF until 30 November 2011 and are processed on a first come first served basis.

Eligible wards within Wrexham area are: Plas Madoc, Queensway, Hermitage 2, Caia Park and Gwenfro.

Contact:

Communities First Helpline

Tel: 0800 587 8898

help@wcva.org.uk

GwirVol Youth Led Grants

Wrexham Volunteer Centre has funding of up to £500 available through the GwirVol Youth Led Grants Scheme for young people aged 16 - 25, who are interested in organising a youth led volunteering project which will benefit their local community.

Applications can be made either by individuals or groups.

Contact:

Lynsey Edwards
AVOW Youth Volunteering Officer
Tel: 01978 312556
lynsey.edwards@avow.org

The Morgan Foundation

The Morgan Foundation specialises in supporting small to medium sized locally based organisations whose work focuses on children, families, disadvantage and disability. Any work which has a positive effect on the welfare and quality of life, or which enhances the opportunities and life choices for people in this region will be considered. They are particularly keen to support those who have already begun to make an impact, but need a helping hand to expand their work and increase their effectiveness. Grants may be considered for a range of purposes and areas of support to date have included:

- Physical and learning disability,
- Physical and mental health,
- Social challenge and deprivation.

The website has more information about their funding policy and gives examples of the types of projects supported so far. Please contact them by 'phone prior to submitting your application, particularly if you are unsure about your eligibility or have queries about any aspect of your application.

Contact:

Jane Harris (Administrator), The Morgan Foundation, PO Box 3517, Chester, CH1 9ET
Tel: 01829 782800,
Fax: 01829 782223,
contact@morganfoundation.co.uk
www.morganfoundation.co.uk

WREN (Waste Recycling Environmental Ltd)

WREN provides funding for projects that create, improve or maintain community facilities, and operates under the Landfill Communities Fund. Funding is available for community facilities and recreation areas, building restoration and improvements, conservation, environmental & biodiversity improvements and youth volunteering.

WREN Main Grant Programme

£2,000 - £50,000

WREN Small Grants Scheme

£2,000 - £15,000

This is a new funding stream and the fund is aimed at smaller projects, the total value of the project must be no more than £50,000.

All WREN applications are reviewed by local volunteer Advisory Panels who know the needs and requirements of your area and have regional knowledge.

All projects must be located within WREN operating areas and be available to the general public – please refer to our website for guidance or contact staff WREN for advice. How to apply: www.wren.org.uk/how-to-apply

Contact:

Meleri Jones, Wales Project Manager.

Tel: 01248 674907

meleri.jones@wren.org.uk

www.wren.org.uk

Welsh Church Acts Fund

This annual fund is used to provide financial assistance for charitable purposes to organisations operating within the Wrexham County Borough area, and priority will be given to organisations supporting:

- Social and Recreational Facilities
- Places of Worship and Burial Grounds
- Blind Persons and Elderly Persons

Grants are given for items of lasting benefit, to properly constituted organisations; Applicants, who have received grants within the last two years, are unlikely to be successful. Grants are not available for running costs, general appeals or to meet applications rejected due to council budget constraints. The maximum amount of award available is £500, and the closing date for applications is 31st July each year.

Contact:

Chief Finance and Performance Officer, Wrexham County Borough Council,
Lambpit Street, Wrexham LL11 1AR

Tel: 01978 292716

www.wrexham.gov.uk/english/council/church_funds/church_acts_fund.htm

Coalfields Regeneration Trust

The Coalfields Regeneration Trust supports organizations working to improve the quality of life within coalfield communities. Its aim is to make coalfields sustainable and to work towards the point where they can be prosperous, viable and cohesive without support. Their support areas are:

- Access to Employment, projects connecting people to mainstream opportunities rather than job creation.
- Education and Skills, projects providing added value and filling gaps, not statutory mainstream provision.
- Health and Wellbeing, preventative measures and healthy lifestyle support.
- Access to Opportunities, equality of access to services and local transport issues.

They have two grant schemes both within the above priority areas:

Main Grants. Grants range between £300 and £300,000 and can be for both capital and revenue purposes, including salaries. They will fund projects for up to three years.

Bridging the Gap Grants of between £500 and £10,000 are available, but projects must be completed within 12 months. Eligible activities could be: developing or improving organisations or groups; developing or improving an existing activity, facility or service; and developing a new activity, facility or service.

Both Main Grants and Bridging the Gap funding can cover up to 100% of project funding. Applicants must be either located in, or benefit the communities in the following Wrexham Maelor wards of: Minera, Penycae, Ponciau, Esclusham, including Rhostyllen, Bersham, Aberoer, Legacy, Pentre Bychan, and Branwylfa.

Contact:

Sian Sykes, Operations Manager, Coalfields Regeneration Trust, Part Unit 7
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CF37 1DZ. Tel: 01443 404455

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www.coalfields-regen.org.uk

Clwyd Community Chest

Denbighshire Voluntary Services Council (DVSC) administers the "Community Chest" grants and loans scheme for voluntary and community groups operating within the former County of Clwyd.

Grants of up to £250 and loans of up to £2,000 are made to organisations or groups [who are registered charities or undertake charitable objectives] who work with:

- Older people
- People with a physical disability
- People with learning disabilities
- People with mental health problems
- Children at a disadvantage

- Play and recreation facilities for children
- Unemployed people who undertake voluntary work
- Village hall maintenance
- Environmental activities
- Cultural activities

Contact:

Clwyd Community Chest,
C/O Denbighshire Voluntary Services Council (DVSC), Naylor Leyland Centre,
Well Street, Ruthin, Denbighshire, LL15 1AF.

Tel: 01824 702441

office@dvsc.co.uk

www.dvsc.co.uk

Cymorth Sustainability Grant

Funding is available to set up, sustain or expand good quality childcare provision in Wrexham County Borough.

Childminders, Out of School Clubs, Playgroups including Playgroup Plus and Private Day Nurseries are eligible to apply.

Grants can be used for

- Health and safety requirements to meet the C.S.S.I.W. National Minimum Standards
- Revenue costs e.g. wages, rent, utility bills
- Training which is required to continue working with children
- Equipment which both enhances the child's experience in a setting and promotes the inclusion of children with special needs.

Grant amounts awarded are not likely to exceed £400. Priority will be given to childcare settings in Community First Areas or other areas where settings meet a community need and are at severe risk of closure.

Contact:

Lynne Mort, Childcare Funding Support

Tel: 01978 298343 or 01978 292094

lynne.mort@wrexham.gov.uk

The Cemex Community Fund

The Cemex Community Fund provides grants from the Landfill Communities Fund, for projects that provide and maintain community facilities and amenities within the vicinity of a CEMEX site. Grants of between £1,000 and £15,000 are available for projects which:

- Provide and maintain public parks and amenities when the work protects the social, built and/or natural environment
- Repair or restore buildings or structures which are of religious, historical or architectural interest

There is a two-stage application process, and applications are considered quarterly. Priority is given to projects within a three-mile radius of CEMEX quarry and landfill sites. Their two sites within the Wrexham area are: Wrexham Plant, Rhosddu Industrial Estate, and Ballswood Quarry, Gegin Lane, Llay.

Contact:

Cemex Community Fund
PO Box 53978
London
SW15 1UU
cemexcf@yahoo.co.uk

Village Halls Grant Fund

The Wrexham County Borough Council, Grants for Village Halls fund, is an annual fund with a total budget of £17,500 for 2009/10. Grants of between £250 and the maximum of £2,500 can be used for equipment, building repairs and items of lasting benefit (e.g. energy saving measures). The awards cannot be made to cover staffing costs or general appeals/sponsorship.

Applications must be submitted by properly constituted management committees/trustees administering village halls within Wrexham County Borough. Town or Village Halls operated by Community Councils are eligible to apply. Church Halls and other meeting places will be considered, providing that there is no other village hall or community centre within that community. In all cases, the appropriate application form should be completed. Applications to the 2009/10 Fund should be submitted by the deadline of 5 June 2009. Only one award will be made to each organisation.

Contact:

Lynne Jones, Community Centres Officer, Wrexham County Borough Council
Tel: 01978 297443 during office hours
www.wrexham.gov.uk/english/leisure_tourism/grants/

Cory Environmental Trust

The Cory Environmental Trust distributes grants under LCF Objectives D, DA and E:

- Objective D: Improvement to community amenities or facilities, for a recreational or leisure activity. E.g. play areas, village halls, public parks, nature reserves, skate parks, visitor centres etc. Facilities must be fully accessible to the public.
- Objective DA: For the conservation of identified species or habitats that, are detailed in a Biodiversity Action Plan.
- Objective E: To maintain, repair or restore places of religious worship, or listed historical buildings or structures.

Projects must be based within 10 miles of the Hafod Landfill site, Johnstown. Eligible applicants can be charities, voluntary and community groups, environmental organisations, constituted not-for-private-profit organisations, local authorities and even government bodies.

Contact:

Angela Haymonds

Tel: 01753 582513

ajhaymonds@cetbritain.freeseve.co.uk

www.coryenvironmental.co.uk/page/cetb_homepage.htm

Wrexham Central Small Grants Scheme

The Wrexham Central Small Grant Scheme is aimed at small community groups with projects that bring local people together and enable them to take part in community activities. The grants of up to £250 can be used for a wide variety of purposes, such as: new equipment, running costs, room hire, publicity and promotion, putting on events, setting up new groups, small repairs to a community venue, even for match funding to draw down larger grants from alternative sources.

To be eligible for a grant, groups must be based in, or benefitting people from any of the following areas: Acton, Caia Park, Hightown or Rhosddu.

In addition to funding, assistance and support with the setting up of new community groups or activities is available from the Wrexham Central Community Development team.

Contact:

Community Development Team

Economic Development

Lampit Street

Wrexham

LL11 1AR

Tel: 01978 292542

nicola.millar@wrexham.gov.uk

South Wrexham Small Grants Scheme

The South Wrexham Small Grant Scheme is aimed at small community groups with projects that bring local people together and enable them to take part in community activities. The grants of up to £250 can be used for a wide variety of purposes, such as: new equipment, running costs, room hire, publicity and promotion, putting on events, setting up new groups, small repairs to a community venue, even for match funding to draw down larger grants from alternative sources.

To be eligible for a grant, groups must be based in, or benefitting people from any of the following areas: Acrefair, Cefn Mawr, Chirk, Johnstown, Newbridge, Pant, Penycae, Plas Madoc, Ponciau, Rhosymedre and Ruabon.

In addition to funding, assistance and support with the setting up of new community groups or activities is available from the South Wrexham Community Development team.

Contact:

Steve Robinson, Community Development Team, Bersham Enterprise Centre, Plas Grono Road, Rhostyllen, Wrexham LL14 4EG

Tel: 01978 298331

steve.robinson@wrexham.gov.uk

West Wrexham Small Grants Scheme

The West Wrexham Small Grant Scheme is aimed at small community groups with projects that bring local people together and enable them to take part in community activities. The grants of up to £250 can be used for a wide variety of purposes, such as: new equipment, running costs, room hire, publicity and promotion, putting on events, setting up new groups, small repairs to a community venue, even for match funding to draw down larger grants from alternative sources.

To be eligible for a grant, groups must be based any of the following areas: Coedpoeth, Gwersyllt, Brymbo, Rhosrobin, Bradley, Brynteg, Moss, Summerhill, Pentre Broughton, Southsea, Lodge, Llay, New Broughton, Tanyfron, Caego and Pandy.

In addition to funding, assistance and support with the setting up of new community groups or activities is available from the West Wrexham Community Development team.

Contact:

Community Development Team, Plas Pentwyn, Castle Road, Coedpoeth, LL11 3NA

Tel: 01978 722995

joanne.pugh@wrexham.gov.uk

Moving On Wrexham

Moving On Wrexham awards one-off grants to support individual young people in progressing in work, education, training or volunteering within Wrexham County Borough. Grants of up to £250 are available for young people in need, to purchase items which will help overcome barriers to their progression, such: as clothing for interviews, training resources, equipment, books and study materials.

Priority will be given to applications from young people aged 16 to 19, who are:

- Unemployed
- Offenders
- Homeless/vulnerably housed
- Lone parents

Applicants must be either living in Wrexham County Borough, or employed/participating in either: training, volunteering, attending school or college within Wrexham county Borough. Moving On Wrexham grants will be paid either by store vouchers which can be exchanged for goods at local stores; or by cheques to a nominated support worker in a voluntary organisation, college or training establishment. There is no deadline, however, funds are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Contact:

Application forms can be obtained from:

Moving On Wrexham, PO Box 3604, Chester, CH1 9JY

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.

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