

**CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL.
MONTGOMERYSHIRE COMMITTEE**

9th May 2007

REPORT AUTHOR: Head of Regeneration and Environment

**SUBJECT: Community Enablement Support Fund
Grant Applications**

REPORT FOR: Decision

Summary

This report details the applications that have been received for the first round of CESF and MTF grant support for the benefit of Community Groups and Voluntary Organisations. The financial allocation available for distribution by the Montgomeryshire Committee is £17,250. Confirmation of the Montgomeryshire Trust Fund allocation is being sought from the finance section and will be reported to the meeting

Proposal

Applications have been assessed in accordance with the criteria set out in the Guide to Grants for Community Groups and Voluntary Organisations revised in 2005/06. Where the recommendation suggests supporting organisations, the purpose of an organisation's application meets the objectives of one, if not more, of the Authority's strategies or plans.

A summary of the requests is shown in the following tables for ease of reference to the full contents of the report:

**Community Enablement Support Fund Revenue Applications
(See Appendix 1)**

Organisation	Request	Recommendation
Pensioner Groups	£670	£670
Get Going Gang	£2,000	£2,000
Montgomery County Music Festival	£1,200	£1,200
Montgomeryshire Community Drama Association	£1,500	£1,500
Total recommendations	£5,370	£5,370

**Montgomeryshire trust Fund Applications
(See Appendix 2)**

Organisation	Request	Recommendation
Churchstoke Bowling Club	£500	£100
Forden Recreation Association	£750	£750
Total recommendations	£1,250	£850

Corporate Improvement Plan

Providing financial assistance is in accordance with one of the key priorities of the Corporate Improvement Plan, namely to enhance Social and Economic Development within the Authority's area

Options Considered/Available

Not applicable

Preferred Choice and Reasons

As outlined in the report, the preferred choices are the recommendations detailed at Appendices 1 & 2

Sustainability and Environmental Issues/Equalities/Other Policies

Comments of Portfolio Holder

The financial support provided through the Funds to Community and Voluntary Organisations is one the key factors in maintaining and sustaining our local communities in Powys

Comments of Local Member(s)

Not applicable

Other Consultations Undertaken

Consultation has been undertaken with Officers of the Authority with specialist knowledge.

Recommendation:	Reason for Recommendation:
To approve individual awards listed Appendices 1 & 2	In line with current criteria as outlined in the Guide to Grants for Community Groups and Voluntary Organisations (dated 2005).

Person(s) To Action Decision:	Community Grants Officer
Date By When Decision To Be Actioned:	

Relevant Policy (ies):			
Within Policy:	Yes	Within Budget:	Yes

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Relevant Portfolio Member(s):	Cllr Wynne Jones
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Relevant Local Member(s):	
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Background Papers used to prepare Report:

Appendix 1

Community Enablement Support Fund Revenue Grant Applications

Senior Citizen Clubs and Pensioner Groups.

As the basic Constitutions and ethos of these clubs are very similar, these particular applications have been grouped for the Montgomeryshire area as listed below.

The Clubs generally meet once a week and aim to provide a social meeting point. They invite interesting speakers for the Senior Citizens in each local community as well as other seasonal activities such as the annual Christmas lunch and party. Many of the Clubs organise regular trips especially in the summer months and for which transport costs being their main expenditure incurred during the year. The grant requests and subsequent recommendations listed in the table below are in line with current grant criteria.

Organisation	Project Cost	Requesting	Recommendation
CG3428 Clwb Maglona (Broddyfi Senior Citizens)	£2,230	£300	A grant of £300 is recommended
CG3431 Four Crosses Evergreen Club	£2,000	£200	A grant of £200 is recommended
CG3425 Meifod Forget Me Not Club	£1,145	£170	A grant of £170 is recommended

Organisation	Project Cost	Requesting	Recommendation
<p style="text-align: center;">CG3439</p> <p>Get Going Gang</p> <p>Summer Holiday Activities</p>	£9,514	£2,000	A grant of £2,000 is recommended

Reason for Recommendation

The Get Going Gang provides summer playscheme activity in Welshpool. The scheme offers places for 4 - 15 year olds and provides for children from a variety of backgrounds

This particular playscheme has been in existence for a number of years and meets the criteria set by the Community Services Directorate, in all aspects to meet the requirements of registration. This scheme is supported by Children in Need and an application has also been made to the Lottery Awards for All.

A grant of £2,000 is recommended on this occasion.

Organisation	Project Cost	Requesting	Recommendation
<p>CG3006</p> <p>Montgomery County Music Festival</p> <p>5th May 2007</p>	<p>£11,115</p>	<p>£1,200</p>	<p>A grant of £1,200 is recommended.</p>

Reasons for Recommendation

The Montgomery County Festival dates back to 1921, being an annual concert at Theatr Hafren involving choristers and helpers across north and central Powys the 2007 event to be held on Saturday 5th May.

For this year's concert, the conductor will again be Gwyn L. Williams (who is the Chief Executive of the International Music Eisteddfod, Llangollen), with soloists: Richard Allen (Tenor); Owen Webb (Base) and Megan Llewellyn Dorke (Soprano) and Kathryn Turpin (Contralto) who will perform Puccini's *Messe Di Gloria* and Dvorak's *Mass in D Major*. The festival choir is expected to be approx 90 in number, its membership being drawn from a number of local choral societies across the Montgomeryshire area.

Whilst the cost of the event has increased slightly on last year, the applicant is requesting the same level of grant at £1,200. The main elements of expenditure as follows: conductor and soloists £2,100; orchestra, instrument hire, music hire/purchase, performing rights £4,300; advertising and printing £1,160; theatre hire and costs £570; rehearsals (venue, payment to conductors/accompanists) £1,500; commission on ticket sales £560; insurance £342; and sundry expenses £583.

Ticket prices also remain static for the paying audience (as the organisation feels that an increase could be detrimental to sales, but that its prices were constantly under review. Ticket income is predicted at £2,800 based on 2005 and 2006 audience numbers. Usually around 300 tickets are sold generating gross ticket sale monies of £2,800 before commission of 20% by the Theatre box office. Approx 400 - 450 tickets should be available dependant of space required by the orchestra.

Grants have also been submitted to the Welsh Amateur Music Federation, the Powys Welsh Church Acts Fund, with donations being requested from a number of charitable trusts and local community councils.

Balance of the proposal will be met from: programme sales; choir donations and subscriptions; appeals/patronage; personal and business donations; programme advertising and tax returned under the gift aid scheme.

The Community Enablement Support Fund has awarded grants in previous years for the promotion of artistic elements of this event, and for which a grant is again recommended.

Organisation	Project Cost	Requesting	Recommendation
<p style="text-align: center;">CG3086</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Montgomeryshire Community Drama Association</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Final of the One Act Play Competition.</p>	£5,850	£1,500	<p>A grant of £1,500 is recommended.</p>

Reasons for Recommendation

The Montgomeryshire Community Drama Association (MCDA) is an umbrella organisation for all amateur drama groups in Montgomeryshire.

A major part of MCDA commitment is to encourage the interest of young people in live theatre. The Youth Theatre Festival is tailored to suit the lives and commitments of 10 to 26 year olds and involved adults.

The Application received is for funding towards the Final of the One Act Play Competition. The competition aims to encourage the writing of plays for amateur theatre in English and Welsh. There are four categories; an open section, plays suitable for performance by a cast of 16-25 year olds, best play in the Welsh language and best play from a Wales based writer.

An Adjudicating Panel appointed by the Drama Association of Wales will read and consider the plays entered into the Competition at the regional events and then the final six plays in each category will compete at Theatr Hafren on the 1st and 2nd of June 2007 and the winning plays will be published by DAW Publications.

The main items of expenditure include printing and promotional materials - £750, Adjudicators fees - £400, hire of Theatr - £1,500, awards and trophies - £450 and administration - £750.

Support was given to the competition, when it was last held in Montgomeryshire in 2002 and an award of £1,500 is recommended on this occasion.

Appendix 2 – Montgomeryshire Trust Fund Applications

Organisation	Project Cost	Requesting	Recommendation
CG3044 Churchstoke Bowling Club New Roof to the Clubhouse	£752	£500	A grant of £100 is recommended.

Reason for Recommendation

Application has been received from the Churchstoke Bowling Club towards a new roof to the clubhouse. The club has approx. 80 members over a wide age range and over 500 people play in competition there throughout the season. The club are actively involved with the local school and have attended various courses to enable several members to assist in teaching the school children the art of bowling.

It is understood from the applicant that they're in a position to complete the work fairly quickly, and they have the necessary money in reserves to match fund this request.

A grant of £375 has been awarded from the Community Enablement Support Fund capital grant scheme and an award of £100 is recommended on this occasion.

Organisation	Project Cost	Requesting	Recommendation
<p style="text-align: center;">CG3139</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Forden Recreation Association</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Refurbishment of Community Centre</p>	£16,700	£750	A grant of £750 is recommended
<p>Reason for Recommendation</p> <p>Forden Recreation Association manages the Community Centre, which is situated adjacent to the school site.</p> <p>With this application they are seeking financial assistance to refurbish the Community Centre, the works will include interior and exterior decoration of the hall - £3,500, renew wall and roof insulation - £6,000, replace boiler and heating controls - £3,000, replacement of various doors in line with current health and safety standards - £4,150 and spot repairs to walls and the boundary fence as required. On the exterior of the building all existing paint work and stained areas will be repainted</p> <p>They wish to complete the work in early August; during the School summer holidays so that there is no disruption to the school use of the Community Centre.</p> <p>A grant of £750 is recommended on this occasion.</p>			