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ECONOMY, RESIDENTS AND COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Monday, 28th February, 2022

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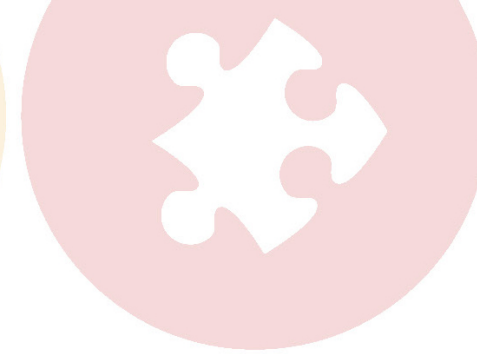
SUPPLEMENTARY PACK

1.	COVID RECOVERY FUND
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To receive and consider the report of the Leader, County Councillor Rosemarie Harris.

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Covid Recovery Funding

28th February 2022

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Sector breakdown of applications received

Sector	Approved	Refused	Pending
Health & Wellbeing	9	8	
Arts	7	6	
Sports	5	7	
Community Councils (Play areas/public toilets)	4	2	
Village Halls	7	3	
Events	7	3	
Youth	7	6	1
Community Assets (Not Community Council)	11	7	1



Covid Community Recovery Fund Process

- On line applications received through public website (Covid Recovery Page). This included application form and criteria.
- Regeneration Officers carried out initial assessment against criteria of applications received using a traffic light system. Green met criteria, amber more information required, red did not meet criteria.
- The assessment report was taken to the Economic Development Delivery Group meeting, for consideration and discussion
- The final assessment was presented to the Thriving and Sustainable Economy Board for final approvals/refusal agreement.
- Applicants were informed of outcome.



Example of successful application assessment 1.

Project	App Received	Project Cost £	Grant Request £
Church hall Re-engagement with the community	15/9/2021	£3015.00	£2412.00

Panel Assessment Date	Panel comment	EDDG Assessment Date	TASE Assessment	TASE comment
8/10/2021	Meets criteria. Connection with community after Covid	15/10/2021	28/10/2021	Meets criteria, engagement with the community.

Approved Grand Value £	Approval letter sent	Conditions	Any further comments
£2412.00	12.11.2021	Increased use of the hall Extracting new users Encourage previous uses	

Example of successful application 1. – project proposal

Project	Project Proposal
Church hall Re-engagement with the community	The grant is to achieve the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Re-engagement of existing clubs by providing a subsidy to provide free services to the local community.2. Provide PPE and sanitizing stations within the hall.3. Updated and revamped website to attract new members and a booking system.4. A new 'the after-hours school club' to provide an opportunity for school aged children to socialize and following the Covid lockdown5. Community engagement and welfare events6. To offer online services such as concerts, readings and plays through a web-based camera.



Assessment Process application 1

Date Received	Actions:
15/09/21	Checked by Regeneration Service Meets criteria of the fund, coded green.
15/10/21	Assessed by Economic Delivery Group (EDDG):Meet criteria of fund, connection with community after covid. Recommended to Thriving and Community Board.
28/10/21	Meets criteria, engagement with the community. Approved for award.
12/11/21	Award letter, T & Cs and undertaking form sent



Example of successful application 1. – Outcomes

Project	Project Outcomes
Church hall Re-engagement with the community	Project will achieve the following: Increased use of the hall Extracting new users Encourage previous uses Creation of a new after school club

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Example of successful application assessment 2.

Project	App Received	Project Cost £	Grant Request £
Community Health for Arts	03/08/2021	£18,738.00	£18738.00

Panel Assessment Date	Panel comment	EDDG Assessment Date	TASE Assessment	TASE comment
15/09/2021	Meets criteria, wider county benefit. Health & Wellbeing following covid	21/09/2021	22/09/2021	Meet criteria new ways of working following covid ensuring sustainability and wellbeing.

Approved Grand Value £	Approval letter sent	Conditions	Any further comments
£14,990.00	29/09/2021	Engage with 200 clients	Project current underway.



Example of successful application assessment 2.

Project	Project Breakdown	Project Cost	Award	Panel Comments
Community Arts for Health	Funding to create a new role for a post-holder who will plan, develop and fundraise in respect of the following: The re-introduction of projects which have been adversely affected by covid across Powys. Consolidation of a number of innovative projects which have been developed during Covid, e.g. art boxes for care homes, and online art classes for those with long term covid issues and taking art activities into public areas.	£18,738.00	£14,999	Meets criteria finding new ways of working following Covid ensuring sustainability.



Assessment Process application 2

Date Received	Actions:	
03/08/21	Checked by Regeneration Service Meets criteria of the fund, coded green.	
21/09/21	Assessed by Economic Delivery Group (EDDG):Meet criteria of fund, wider county benefit. Health & Wellbeing following covid. Recommended to Thriving and Community Board (TASE).	
22/09/21	TASE: Meets criteria, new ways of working following covid ensuring sustainability and wellbeing.	
29/09/21	Award Letter, T & C's and undertaking form sent	



Example of successful application 2. – Outcomes

Project	Project Outcomes
Community Arts for Health	Project will achieve the following: Will connect with 200 people in the community adversely affected by Covid Will engage in the community taking arts lesson into public areas and in care homes. Online art lessons.



Example of unsuccessful application assessment 1.

Project	App Received	Project Cost £	Grant Request £
Multi use Sports area	28/07/2021	£5763.00	£4589.00

Panel Assessment Date	Panel comment	EDDG Assessment Date	TASE Assessment	TASE comment
15/09/2021	Did not meet criteria maintenance.	21/09/2021	22/09/2021	Agreed with officer comments. Did not meet criteria

Approved Grand Value £	Approval letter sent	Conditions	Any further comments
N/A	E-mail sent 2.10.2021 offering further assistance	N/A	



Example of unsuccessful application assessment 1.

Project	Project Breakdown	Project Cost	Request	Panel Comments
Multi use Sports area	The synthetic surface requires replacing a dangerous, old tarmac surface and is a safe space for a wide range of users to enjoy. The maintenance costs for the MUGA surface were considered as part of the redevelopment plans, however, the COVID-19 pandemic restricted our ability to raise maintenance funds through fund raising activities.	£2246.32	£1797.00	Did not meet criteria considered maintenance. E-mail informing decision, offering further assistance.

Assessment Process unsuccessful application 1

Date Received	Actions:	
15/09/21	Checked by Regeneration Service Did not meet criteria of the fund, maintenance coded red.	
21/09/21	Assessed by Economic Delivery Group (EDDG): Did not meet criteria, considered maintenance of Recommended to Thriving and Community Board (TASE) not to approve.	
22/09/21	TASE : Agreed did not meet criteria, maintenance issue.	
2.10.21	E-mail sent offering further assistance	



Example of unsuccessful application assessment 2

Project	App Received	Project Cost £	Grant Request £
Community Renewal Digital project	30/07/2021	£13,750.00	£10,000.00

Panel Assessment Date	Panel comment	EDDG Assessment Date	TASE Assessment	TASE comment
05/09/2021	Application better placed with Community Renewal Fund Skill Initiative training	21/09/2021	22/09/2021	Agreed with officer comments.

Approved Grand Value £	Approval letter sent	Conditions	Any further comments
N/A	E-mail sent 2.10.2021 & 17.11.2021 re skills project	N/A	



Example of unsuccessful application assessment

Project	Project Breakdown	Project Cost	Request	Panel Comments
Community Renewal Digital project Page 19	The project will enable to contract volunteer coordination social media and general administrative services to mentor and support a body of volunteers, who will have been trained and supported to digitally create, contribute to and share stories about heritage. The creation of a Volunteer Peer Network will help older people take advantage of digital-skills training to improve their quality of life. The Covid lockdowns have highlighted how lack of digital skills has further disadvantaged the elderly and socially isolated including Young people	£13,750.00	£10,000	Application better placed with Community Renewal Fund. Could access training through the Powys Community Skills Initiative Programme.



Assessment Process unsuccessful application 2

Date Received	Actions:
15/09/21	Checked by Regeneration Service Application better placed with Community Renewal Fund Skills Initiative training. Coded Red.
21/09/21	Assessed by Economic Delivery Group (EDDG): Agreed with Regeneration Officer Recommendation. Forward to Thriving and Community Board (TASE) not to approve, but explain alternative funding stream.
22/09/21	TASE : Agreed with recommendation and to inform applicant of alternative funding.
2/10/21	E-mail sent 2.10.2021 & 17.11.2021 re skills project

