

CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL.
Officer report to Portfolio Holder
County Councillor Mr W Jones
23rd February 2011

REPORT AUTHOR: Community Regeneration Manager

SUBJECT: Community Enablement Support Fund Capital and Revenue applications

REPORT FOR: Decision

This report details the applications that have been received for the additional round of CESF grant support for the benefit of Community Groups and Voluntary Organisations. This has resulted from previously approved projects being under spent or the applicant organisations unable to raise the additional funding they required.

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 Capital Applications (See Appendix 1)

The remaining budget is £22,293 and there will be £98 remaining for allocation if the recommendations in this report are approved.

Organisation	Request	Recommendation
CARAD	£1,695	£1,695
Four Crosses Village Centre Committee	£8,041	£8,041
Llangyniew Community Council	£500	£500
Guilsfield Football Club	£12,000	£12,000
Total Recommendations	£22,195	£22,195

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 Appendix 1

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 Appendix 1	In line with current criteria as outlined in the Guide to Grants for Community Groups and Voluntary Organisations (dated 2005).

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Relevant Policy (ies):	Guide to Grants for Community Groups and Voluntary Organisations Powys Arts and Culture Strategy Powys Community Strategy		
Within Policy:	Yes	Within Budget:	Yes
Relevant Portfolio Member(s):	Cllr Wynne Jones		

Relevant Local Member(s):	All Powys Members where applicable
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Background Papers used to prepare Report:

Appendix 1 – Capital applications

Organisation	Project Cost	Requesting	Recommendation
<p style="text-align: center;">CG4026</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CARAD</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Replacement of central heating boiler</p>	£3,390	1,695	A grant of £1,695 is recommended
<p>Reasons for Recommendation</p> <p>The aims of CARAD are <i>'to promote the benefit of the inhabitants of Mid Wales – advanced education, provide facilities for social welfare, recreation and leisure activities with the object of improving the conditions of life'</i>. CARAD works to achieve its aims, through running arts, crafts, media performance and local history sessions, which build the skills and confidence of local people and contribute to local, social, and economic regeneration plans.</p> <p>The application received to the Community Enablement Support Fund is for funding towards the replacement of the central heating boiler in the Arts Space building. It is twelve years old and has become very unreliable, having been repaired repeatedly, it now requires immediate replacement.</p> <p>An award of £1,695 is recommended on this occasion.</p>			

Organisation	Project Cost	Requesting	Recommendation
<p style="text-align: center;">CG3645</p> <p>Four Crosses Village Centre Committee</p> <p>New disabled toilet facilities</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">£19,083 (including VAT)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">£8,041</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">A grant of £8,041 is recommended</p>

Reason for Recommendation

Four Crosses Village Centre Committee, owned and managed by the local community is in generally good condition. The Hall was refurbished some 10 years ago and 3-phase electric has recently been installed into the building

The Hall is used by a number of regular groups to include the Youth Club and Community Council. The facilities have a large hall which will seat 200 for concerts etc, 175 for evening functions with tables and 140 seated individually around tables. There is a room off the main hall for a bar plus kitchen and side room.

This request for financial assistance is towards a disabled toilet facility.

The applicant wishes to undertake the work as soon as possible and can meet any shortfall of grant from their own accounts and fundraising efforts. The application meets the criteria of the Fund and it is recommended that a grant of £8,041 is considered on this occasion.

A grant of £8,041 is recommended.

Organisation	Project Cost	Requesting	Recommendation
<p align="center">CG3706</p> <p>Guilsfield Football Club</p> <p>Access to sports pitches</p>	<p align="center">£74,475</p>	<p align="center">£12,000</p>	<p align="center">A grant of £12,000 is recommended</p>

Reason for recommendation

Guilsfield Community Centre and Mid Wales Housing are working together to provide new low cost housing and additional sporting and leisure opportunities for all ages and abilities in the community.

The population of Guilsfield has expanded rapidly over the last 10 years and the sports facilities were inadequate for the local needs. The Guilsfield Community Centre Committee acquired a site of 9.5 acres to ensure that it is not lost to further building development and to protect existing sporting facilities and provide new sporting facilities. The Committee have provided a new football pitch and a floodlit all weather area. There are currently 358 sport club members in Guilsfield and it is expected to rise to 600.

The current application received is to install mains water and electricity to the pitchside of the senior pitch and install floodlights to both the senior and second pitches. Relevant planning permission has been obtained.

The Committee has received confirmation that they have been successful with their application for National Assembly of Wales, Community Facilities and Activities programme, securing £50,000 for the project.

A grant of £12,000 is recommended on this occasion and the Organisation has sufficient funding in reserves to start the project immediately...

Organisation	Project Cost	Requesting	Recommendation
<p data-bbox="268 185 389 219">CG3121</p> <p data-bbox="177 259 485 331">Llangyniew Community Council</p> <p data-bbox="161 409 501 481">Purchas of portable IT equipment</p>	<p data-bbox="568 185 724 293">£1,199 (including VAT)</p>	<p data-bbox="874 185 951 219">£500</p>	<p data-bbox="1066 185 1342 257">A grant of £500 is recommended</p>

Reason for Recommendation

Llangyniew have seen a significant amount of development in recent years, benefiting from a good range of community services and infrastructure and having the capacity to accommodate additional development.

Llangyniew Community Council have made this application with the support of local organisations, they wish to purchase a digital projector that can be used at the playgroup, mother and toddlers, Women’s Institute, Gardening and Wildlife club, Art classes and various other local community groups.

It was felt that the Community Council is best placed to make the application for grant funding, so that the groups in the Community Council area can benefit from the purchase of the IT equipment which includes an ASUS notebook, digital projector and screen. It will be available for hire for a nominal fee, which will be used to cover insuring the equipment, from the Clerk of the Community Council. The Applicant has sufficient funding in place to purchase the equipment immediately.

A grant of £500 is recommended.

