

CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL.
Officer report to Portfolio Holder
County Councillor Mr W Jones
16th June 2010

REPORT AUTHOR:	Community Regeneration Manager
SUBJECT:	Community Enablement Support Fund capital grant applications
REPORT FOR:	Decision

This report details the applications that have been received for the second round of Community Enablement Support Fund capital grant support for the benefit of Community Groups and Voluntary Organisations.

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)

There is £230,000 for allocation in the 2010/11 financial year, the recommendations detailed in the report amount to £69,407. If all recommendations are approved this will leave £61,550 for the third round allocation.

Organisation	Requested	Recommended
Bettws Community Centre	£15,000	£15,000
Bronllys Community Council	£3,400	£3,400
Edw Valley Play Area Group	£15,000	£15,000
Kinnerton & Ednol Village Hall Committee	£7,601	£3,800
Llanafan & District Community Centre	£15,000	£15,000
Llandrinio Village Institute	£1,007	£1,007
Llandrindod Wells A.F.C.	£1,200	£1,200
Market Hall Trust, Crickhowell	Unspecified	£12,000
Senni Village Hall	£15,000	£15,000
Total Recommendations	£73,208	£81,407

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).

Relevant Policy (ies):	Guide to Grants for Community Groups and Voluntary Organisations		
Person(s) To Action Decision:	Community Regeneration Manager		
Date By When Decision To Be Actioned:			
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):	All Powys Members where applicable
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Background Papers used to prepare Report

Community Enablement Support Fund Capital Applications

Organisation	Project Cost	Requesting	Recommendation
CG3762 Bettws Community Centre Refurbishment of community hall	£31,024	£15,000	A grant of £15,000 is recommended.
Reason for Recommendation Bettws Community Centre management committee manages the Community Centre, for the benefit of the local and wider community. With this application they are seeking financial assistance to refurbish the Community Centre; the works will include repairs and refurbishment of the main hall floor, improvements of the kitchen in line with current health and safety regulations and to replace the existing inadequate heating system. An award of £15,000 is recommended under the Community Enablement Support Fund and an application has also been made to the Welsh Church Act Fund.			

Organisation	Project Cost	Requesting	Recommendation
<p style="text-align: center;">CG4644</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bronllys Community Council</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Childrens play equipment</p>	£6,815	£3,400	<p>A grant of £3,400 is recommended subject to satisfactory health and safety requirements being in place.</p>

Reason for Recommendation

The residents of Bronllys have for a number of years wished to develop play facilities for the younger age group in their community. The Community Council in conjunction with a group of young have now raised sufficient funding for the scheme to be progressed.

Through fundraising in the local and wider community the group have raised in excess of £3,000 and have other activities organised. The application received is towards the play equipment including a jelly board, swinging log, tyre crossing, log bridge, stepping logs and a tread mill.

The Community Regeneration Manager has made a site visit and it is understood the Bronllys Community Council as land owners will take ownership of the completed project; however the young parents of the village have formed the constituted voluntary organisation responsible for the fundraising activities.

The Community Council will be responsible for the health and safety requirements, maintenance checks and raising the funds to cover insurance, looking after the facility on a day to day basis, with ROSPA checks done as necessary.

A grant of £3,400 is recommended.

Organisation	Project Cost	Requesting	Recommendation
<p>CG4643</p> <p>Edw Valley Play Area Group</p> <p>Childrens play equipment</p>	£34,941	£15,000	A grant of £15,000 is recommended subject to satisfactory health and safety requirements being in place.

Reason for Recommendation

The Edw Valley Play Area Group is a properly constituted voluntary group and with this application, aim to create a safe environment and provide play equipment to meet community needs as expressed by the local people and organisations.

This application is for funding towards including the seesaw, cradle swings, flat seat swings, the wobble log and an "A" frame net and safe surface that complies with the current Health and Safety regulations.

The applicant has supplied evidence that the equipment/safety surfaces are suitable for purpose and that their insurance policy covers the playground area. Maintenance and checks of the play equipment will need to meet ROSPA standards.

The current play area is on the school site at Franksbridge, currently under the responsibility of the school. Officers within the Authority are working with Edw Valley Play Area Group and a 21 year lease of the play area will be signed shortly, however it is felt that that the delay in considering the grant application was not beneficial and that a grant of £15,000 or **a 50% grant rate of the shortfall, after all other Government, Lottery and European** funding secured has been taken into account is recommended subject the completed lease and a satisfactory health and safety check system being in place.

Organisation	Project Cost	Requesting	Recommendation
<p style="text-align: center;">CG3557</p> <p>Kinnerton & Ednol Village Hall Committee</p> <p>Heating and re-wiring of the village hall</p>	£7,601	£7,601	A grant of £3,800 is recommended
<p style="text-align: center;">Reason for recommendation</p> <p>Kinnerton is located in the eastern part of Radnorshire on the B4594 Road and close to the Offa's Dyke Path and is therefore a fairly isolated community. The village hall is of post war construction and has been well maintained and improved. The local School makes some use of the hall but only on a spasmodic and irregular basis.</p> <p>The hall committee always appears active in looking for ways of making improvements, with some members of the committee having completed some works voluntarily. The request received to the Community Enablement Support Fund Capital grant scheme is for funding towards re-wiring the village hall and the installation of a new heating system, the wiring in the hall is pre1960 and has been declared unsafe.</p> <p>The application states the committee wish to complete the project through August 2010 and has sufficient reserves to meet the remaining costs of the work undertaken.</p> <p>A grant of £7,165 is recommended.</p>			

Organisation	Project Cost	Requesting	Recommendation
<p style="text-align: center;">CG2184</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Llanafan and District Community Centre</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Refurbishment of toilets and resurfacing of carpark</p>	£62,384	Unspecified	A grant of £15,000 is recommended

Reason for recommendation

Llanafan and District Community Centre Committee has the responsibility of maintaining the hall at Llanafan for the benefit of the inhabitants of Llanafan, Llanfinihangel Brynpabuan and Llysdinam.

The Committee have been concentrating on fund raising to make the improvements required and the application received is towards the necessary refurbishment and alterations at the hall, which includes resurfacing of the carpark and also building an extension to the hall which will house a toilet block that is fully compliant with current DDA regulations. Improvements will also be made to the current kitchen in line with Health and Safety standards. Full planning approval has been granted.

The Community Enablement Support Fund has not previously considered applications towards re-surfacing of carparks so therefore an award of £15,000 towards the extension build is recommended on this occasion. An application has also been made to the Welsh Church Act Fund.

Organisation	Project Cost	Requesting	Recommendation
<p style="text-align: center;">CG3052</p> <p>Llandrinio Village Institute</p> <p>Purchase of folding tables</p>	£2,014	£1,007	A grant of £1,017 is recommended

Reason for recommendation

Llandrinio Village Institute Committee maintains the village hall and recreation field for the benefit of the people of Llandrinio and District and the wider public when the need arises.

The hall committee always appears active in looking for ways of making improvements and in recent years, various improvements to the facilities have been undertaken. There have been several very successful concerts and pantomimes held at the Hall and it are regularly used for whist and bingo evenings and occasionally parties and fairs.

The application received is for the replacement of the current tables with new easier to handle folding tables. A grant of £1,017 is recommended on this occasion.

Organisation	Project Cost	Requesting	Recommendation
<p align="center">CG4067</p> <p align="center">Llandrindod Wells A.F.C.</p>	<p align="center">£2,201</p>	<p align="center">£1,200</p>	<p align="center">A grant of £1,200</p>
<p>Refurbishment of Changing Rooms Reason for Recommendation</p> <p>Llandrindod Wells A.F.C. was established in 1883 and is a busy thriving football club with teams in both junior and senior leagues. Its senior side play in the Mid Wales Associates League (South) and hopes to gain promotion to the Spa Mid Wales League. The youth team currently play in the Herefordshire Under 18 Floodlit League.</p> <p>The application received is for funding towards the refurbishment of the club's changing rooms and installation of toilet facility in the away dressing room. In addition the referee's changing room will be refurbished and equipped with a shower. These alterations will ensure that the current inadequate facilities are brought up to current Health and Safety standards.</p> <p>The Committee have sufficient funding to complete the project within the current financial year and a grant of £1,200 is recommended.</p>			

Organisation	Project Cost	Requesting	Recommendation
<p align="center">CG2649</p> <p align="center">Market Hall Trust Crickhowell</p> <p align="center">Refurbishment of Market Hall</p>	<p align="center">£24,450</p>	<p align="center">Unspecified</p>	<p align="center">A grant of £12,000 is recommended</p>

Reason for recommendation

The Market Hall Trust has been granted a long term lease by Powys County Council, and in conjunction with an award from the Brecknockshire Reserve Fund and other funding sources they have been refurbishing the hall for the benefit of the community.

In consultation with CADW the trust has installed a lift to the refurbished first floor which provides:

- A sustainable 'running cost' income by renting the old court room to a local café;
- A workshop space for the Tools for Self Reliance project to recondition sewing machines,
- Space to promote Crickhowell as a centre of excellence for the sale of Fair Trade products;
- ICT equipment to promote the history of Crickhowell in partnership with the CRic resource centre;

The lower hall has been refurbished to allow the continuation of the outdoor market and to provide a central open space for community activity, exhibitions, arts events and other seasonal social gatherings. The refurbished building provides a central community focal point with an added tourism dimension which contributes to the buildings sustainability and the local economy.

The application received to the Community Enablement Support Fund is towards the final stage of the refurbishment, the front elevation of the building, which is suffering from stone deterioration and has now become a Health and Safety issue.

An application has also been made to the Welsh Church Act Fund and an award of £12,000 is recommended on this occasion,

Organisation	Project Cost	Requesting	Recommendation
<p align="center">Senni Village Hall</p> <p>Internal refurbishment of hall extension</p>	<p align="center">Overall project costs – £131,816</p> <p align="center">Phase 3 - £30,187</p>	<p align="center">£15,000</p>	<p>A grant of £15,000 towards phase 3 to the project is recommended.</p>

Reason for Recommendation

Senni Village Hall was in decline for several years, until in 2007 when a new committee was formed and after consulting with the local and wider community, they began a four phase development plan.

During 2008, the Committee and other volunteers spent various weekends on a tidy up campaign, clearing debris from around the hall and redecorating it both internally and externally. The two major problems were then that the outside antiquated toilet facilities were inadequate and unsuitable particularly as they are some distance away from the main building, the small poorly laid out kitchen is also inadequate and in breach of current Health and Safety standards.

The Committee successfully applied to Community Renewal, a Rural Development Plan grant scheme administered by PAVO, for the building of an extension to the existing hall, this included the shell of the building and services such as water, plumbing and electricity.

The application now received to the Community Enablement Support Fund, is for internal works including a new kitchen, construction of new toilet facilities, improvements to disabled access to the main building and the construction of other interior walls, floors and ceilings.

An application to the Welsh Assembly Community Facilities and Activities scheme for the fourth and final stage of the project has been made, which includes the refurbishment of the main hall and a decision is expected late July.

The Community Regeneration Manager has completed a site visit and a grant of £15,000 is recommended.