

**CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL.  
ORGANISATION AND REGENERATION  
BOARD SUB COMMITTEE**

16<sup>th</sup> June 2010

**REPORT AUTHOR:** Community Regeneration Manager

**SUBJECT:** Community Enablement Support Fund One-off Revenue Grant Applications

**REPORT FOR:** Decision

### Summary

This report details the applications that have been received for the second round of CESF grant support for the benefit of Community Groups and Voluntary Organisations. The financial resources within this budget available to the Board for distribution 2010/11 are as follows:

The Community Enablement Support Fund one-off revenue budget has an allocation of £113,410 for 2010/11 financial year, the recommendations detailed in the report amount to £27,022. If all recommendations are approved this will leave £40,898 for the third round allocation.

### 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 On going Revenue Applications (See Appendix 1)**

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Request</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
<b>Arts Alive</b>	<b>£8,000</b>	<b>£4,000</b>
<b>Brecon Bowling Club</b>	<b>Unspecified</b>	<b>£1,500</b>
<b>Cantorion Llandrindod</b>	<b>£2,500</b>	<b>£1,500</b>
<b>Dyfodol Powys Futures</b>	<b>£13,926</b>	<b>Decline</b>
<b>Institute of Art and Ideas</b>	<b>£61,575</b>	<b>Decline</b>
<b>Knighton Festival of Town Criers</b>	<b>£1,000</b>	<b>£1,000</b>
<b>Llanidloes Music and Arts Club</b>	<b>£1,390</b>	<b>£1,390</b>
<b>Montgomeryshire Youth Theatre</b>	<b>£2,500</b>	<b>£2,500</b>

<b>Powys Arts Forum</b>	<b>£3,882</b>	<b>£3,882</b>
<b>Powys Arts Service</b>	<b>£5,000</b>	<b>£5,000</b>
<b>South Powys Youth Music Association</b>	<b>£7,806</b>	<b>£3,500</b>
<b>Talgarth Festival of the Black Mountains</b>	<b>£2,500</b>	<b>£2,500</b>
<b>TASC</b>	<b>£3,250</b>	<b>£3,250</b>
<b>Total recommendations</b>	<b>£113,329</b>	<b>£30,022</b>

### **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 of 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.

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

<b>Person(s) To Action Decision:</b>	<b>Community Regeneration Manager.</b>
<b>Date By When Decision To Be Actioned:</b>	

<b>Relevant Policy (ies):</b>	<b>Guide to Grants for Community Groups and Voluntary Organisations</b>
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		<b>Powys Arts and Culture Strategy</b>	
		<b>Powys Community Strategy</b>	
<b>Within Policy:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Within Budget:</b>	<b>Yes</b>

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<b>Relevant Portfolio Member(s):</b>	<b>Cllr Wynne Jones</b>
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<b>Relevant Local Member(s):</b>	<b>All Powys Members where applicable</b>
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**Background Papers used to prepare Report:**

**Community Enablement Support Fund 'One Off' Revenue Applications**

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Project Cost</b>	<b>Requesting</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
<b>CG2260</b> <b>Arts Alive, Crickhowell</b> <b>Dragon Gateway</b>	<b>£38,900</b>	<b>£8,000</b>	<b>£4,000</b>

**Reason for Recommendation**

Arts Alive aim to benefit everyone in their local community, advance education and promote appreciation and involvement in the arts. Based in the Old Primary School building, Crickhowell, which they lease from the County Council, the organisation offers a lively programme of activity primarily for the younger population of their local community.

They now wish to continue providing opportunities for the entire community, including those with disabilities. They wish to continue with their outreach work and wish to focus on work with community groups. They aspire and aim to operate a specialist Training Centre for Community Arts in the area.

With this request they are seeking financial assistance for the "Green Fire" project, this has been devised in direct response and in consultation with the local communities. It will explore local distinctiveness, belonging, boundaries and looks at ways of celebrating and mapping the distinctive environment. Schools, individual artists, environmental groups, amateur and professional writers, poets, storytellers, performers, musicians and dancers will come together to mix their particular talents for this projects.

Expenditure is made up of staffing and accommodation costs, artists' fees, materials, exhibition costs, and development work. The applicant also lists expenditure in kind contributions from the voluntary sector totalling £12,000 together with a £1,000 sum for contingency. Funding has been secured from the Brecon Beacons National Park - £6,000, and the Arts Council for Wales - £12,000.

A grant of £4,000 is recommended on this occasion, in line other funding awards to similar projects throughout Powys.

Organisation	Project Cost	Requesting	Recommendation
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CG2260</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Brecon Bowling Club</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Danny Musto Memorial Cup</b></p>	<b>£2,836.44</b>	<b>Unspecified</b>	<p>A guarantee against genuine financial loss of up to £750 is recommended.</p>

**Reason for Recommendation**

The Brecon Bowling Club are seeking financial assistance towards the “Danny Musto Memorial Cup” this being the 30<sup>th</sup> successive year the competition will be held and the Tournament will take place between the 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> of June 2010. Expenditure is shown as promotional materials £348; printing raffle books £60; catering £122; and prize money £1,225.

There were over 100 competitors competing throughout the week of the event in 2009 and the Brecon Bowling Club are working with the Sports Council of Wales on a junior development plan to encourage young bowlers to take up the game. Competitors for this competition are drawn from the mid and south Wales area.

Powys County Council has assisted with sponsorship for similar requests in the past, although for small-scale events where total expenditure does not exceed £3,000, a guarantee against genuine financial loss is current policy. This means that an outright grant is not paid, but should the event incur a loss, the amount of money agreed to cover up to the agreed loss will be paid.

Therefore a guarantee against genuine financial loss of up to £750 is recommended.

Organisation	Project Cost	Requesting	Recommendation
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CG4065</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Cantorion Llandrindod</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Performance of Gloria and the Requiem in D Minor</b></p>	<b>£5,888</b>	<b>£2,500</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>A guarantee against genuine financial loss of up to £1,500 is recommended.</b></p>

**Reason for Recommendation**

Cantorion is a mixed choir consisting of 35 members drawn from the town of Llandrindod Wells and the surrounding area. The membership is open to all who enjoy choral singing and the choir meets each week for a two-hour practice. The choir's repertoire includes a wide variety of music ranging from unaccompanied early 16<sup>th</sup> century Church music, Madrigals, Requiems, Masses to part songs of the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. The programme includes a well-known popular work, which has audience appeal and lesser-known pieces, which may be new to the audience.

The choir also aims to perform three to four concerts each year in Chapels, Churches or Village Halls in the surrounding villages and towns. Cantorion also support local Eisteddfodau, it gives a concert every year at the Victorian Festival, organises an informal "sing-song" for the residents at a local care home for the Elderly. The choir also sing at the Majors charity concert, the Saint David's concert and when requested, assists at carol services, Special Church services, Weddings and Memorial services.

The Cantorion choir make a significant contribution to the cultural life of Llandrindod Wells and the surrounding area. It presents wide range of music to a wide variety of people in various settings that would not normally be available in a sparsely populated rural community.

The application submitted is towards funding of a performance of Performance of Gloria and the Requiem in D Minor, in collaboration with a local youth choir on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2010.

Powys County Council has supported the organisation in the past owing to the profile of this event and a grant has been offered as a guarantee against genuine financial loss. Officers would again recommend that this guarantee against loss be considered however not to exceed £1,500.

Organisation	Project Cost	Requesting	Recommendation
<p><b>CG4641</b></p> <p><b>Dyfodol Powys Futures</b></p> <p><b>Cool Futures project</b></p>	<b>£50,415</b>	<b>£13,926</b>	<b>To decline the application.</b>

### Reasons for Recommendation

Dyfodol Powys Futures, (formerly Powys Children and Families Forum) was established to maintain, develop and improve both the quality and quantity of provision for children, young people, families and carers within Powys. It is a registered charity. PC & FF has gone through re-organisation and has changed its name to Dyfodol Powys Futures and has moved to a Company Limited by Guarantee. The main aims and objectives are

- Provides services to meet the needs of children, young people and families within Powys
- Influence the children and young peoples services planning process
- Provides information on training, developments in children's and young people's services, funding etc.
- Provides training to meet the specific needs of children, young people and families that are being worked with
- Provides a social enterprise crèche
- Provides a resource library for borrowing
- Delivers Sure Start In Breconshire
- Co-ordinates Sure Start across the County
- Delivers Genesis across the County

The application received to the Community Enablement Support Fund is for funding towards the "Cool Futures" project, a mentoring project intended to provide early intervention to reduce the incidence of offending behaviour amongst young people (10 – 17 years) and who have offended or are at the risk of offending, It offers one to one support to the young person referred to the project by schools, Police, Youth Offending Teams, Local Resource Solution Panels and other statutory agencies.

The project receives £36,489.49 from the Powys County Council Community Safety Partnership and has requested the remaining funding as a grant award. This application is to contribute directly to salaries and office costs of the Organisation and would therefore be deemed core revenue funding and ineligible under the current criteria of the Community Enablement Support Fund one-off revenue fund.

Organisation	Project Cost	Requesting	Recommendation
<p align="center"><b>CG2654</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Institute of Art and Ideas</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Arts Festival</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>£123,150</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>£61,575</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>To decline on this occasion</b></p>
<p align="center"><b>Reason for Recommendation</b></p> <p>The Institute of Art and Ideas (IAI) aims to promote all forms of creative expression new thinking and ideas that push boundaries. Through a dedicated online educational programme, the events and ideas extend to a much wider audience, reaching out to 400,000 people annually.</p> <p>The organised events include the Art Festival at Hay, which brings together the world's leading contemporary artists, curators and commentators, and the Philosophy Festival at Hay, which puts innovation and cutting-edge thought at the forefront of contemporary culture.</p> <p>The HowTheLightGetsIn festival was a ten days held from the 28<sup>th</sup> May 2010 to 6<sup>th</sup> June 2010. It brought together philosophers, writers, academics and musicians for thought-provoking interdisciplinary debate, incisive talks and infectiously danceable music.</p> <p>Visitors were challenged by the likes of Mary Midgley, Raymond Tallis, Michele le Doeuff, Will Hutton, Roger Penrose, Philip Blond, Jesse Norman, Mary Warnock, Helena Kennedy, Zygmunt Bauman and Bonnie Greer.</p> <p>The applicant has requested 50% of the project costs, however under the current criteria of the Community Enablement Support Fund retrospective applications are ineligible. Therefore it is recommended to decline the application on this occasion.</p>			

Organisation	Project Cost	Requesting	Recommendations
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CG4611</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Knighton Festival of Town Criers</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>2010 Town Criers Festival</b></p>	<b>£3,850</b>	<b>£1,000</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>A guarantee against genuine financial loss of up to £1,000 is recommended</b></p>

**Reason for Recommendation**

The Knighton Festival of Town Criers' competition will be held on Saturday 21st August 2010, this being the eight annual event of the competition.

The Welsh Border Open has previously attracted competitors from Pembrokeshire, Hertfordshire and Cornwall; The festival begins at 10.30am at the Offa's Dyke Centre in West Street, from where the town criers and their escorts will parade through the town to the Community Centre led by Knighton Town Silver Band.

The first competitions begin at 11am and the second at 1.30pm. After the second competition, the criers and their escorts will participate in an organised visit to local facilities. The day will end with prizes being presented at an evening dinner at the Church Hall. The public will be admitted free to the competitions and the organisers hope that this historical and cultural event will increase tourists and visitors to Knighton.

Some of the Competitors will remain in the local area to compete the following week, at the Llandrindod Wells Victorian Festival. Powys County Council has supported the organisation in the past owing to the profile of this event and a grant has been offered as a guarantee against genuine financial loss. Officers would again recommend that this guarantee against loss be considered however not to exceed £1,000.

Organisation	Project Cost	Requesting	Recommendation
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CG3614</b></p> <p><b>Llanidloes Music and Arts Club</b></p> <p><b>Community Workshops</b></p>	<b>£2,780</b>	<b>£1,390</b>	<p><b>A grant of £1,390 is recommended.</b></p>
<p><b>Reason for Recommendation</b></p> <p>The Llanidloes Music and Arts Club was formed in 1947, it is the only music and arts society within the Llanidloes area and currently has 64 members.</p> <p>This request is for financial assistance towards running costs and arts activities. The Organisation states that the funding requested from the Authority would be towards the continuation of community arts activities in Llanidloes and the surrounding area, working with a number of various sectors in local communities to include children and adults with disabilities.</p> <p>The project also benefits the area socially and economically, purchasing locally, and developing skills and confidence within the Community.</p> <p><b>An award of £1,390 is recommended on this occasion.</b></p>			

Organisation	Project Cost	Requesting	Recommendation
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CG3119</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Montgomeryshire Youth Theatre</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Annual Youth Theatre programme</b></p>	<b>£5,148</b>	<b>£2,500</b>	<b>A grant of £2,500 is recommended</b>

**Reason for Recommendation**

The Montgomeryshire Youth Theatre provide year round provision of drama and performing arts opportunities for young people aged between 9 and 21 years of age. Through professionally led weekly workshops, productions and related projects they provide a programme in three centres namely Welshpool, Llanfyllin and Llanidloes. For the new financial year they wish to ensure that a basic programme of three terms per annum of weekly workshops for existing groups at Senior, Junior and Intermediate levels can be sustained and are proposing joint projects, specialist workshops, large and small scale productions. Current Membership stands at approximately 140 in number with an increasing demand for membership.

The applicant is seeking financial assistance from Powys County Council towards its activities and has received funding from the Arts Council of Wales and Welshpool Town Council. It is understood that the Youth Theatre has worked closely with the Youth Service in Powys County Council and meets the criteria of the Powys Arts and Cultural Strategy.

A grant of £2,500 is recommended in line with last year's award.

Organisation	Project Cost	Requesting	Recommendation
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CG1601</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Powys Arts Forum</b></p> <p><b>Revenue expenditure</b></p>	<b>£7,764.94</b>	<b>£3,882</b>	<p><b>A grant of £3,882 or a 50% grant rate of the shortfall, after all other Government, Lottery and European funding secured has been taken into account is recommended.</b></p>

### Reason for Recommendation

Powys Arts Forum is an independent not-for-profit organisation supporting the arts in Powys and open to all. The Organisation was designed to function as a communications hub for all those who have an interest in the arts or who practice any artistic discipline in the county.

The application received is for funding towards the Powys Artists networking events, which will be held during October 2010, building on the success of INGREDIENT X in 2007.

The Powys Arts Forum Conference held in Builth Wells on 11/12 June 2010, agreed that the trustees of the Forum design a structure for the Arts Month, with a rolling focus, so that events in the north would take place early in the month those in the centre in the middle of the month, and those in the south at the end of the month and that there is a clear agreement on the roles of the Forum and the participating clusters of artists, and that there is commitment to common goals - not just using it as a narrowly-focused marketing opportunity.

To further develop this process the Forum wish to engage three part-time amateurs this autumn, who will be improving the Forum's profile and broadening its membership base.

The Organisation have also made application to "Chance to Create," a Rural Development Plan grant scheme administered by Powys County Council Arts Development Unit, so therefore a grant of £3,882 or a 50% grant rate of the shortfall, after all other Government, Lottery and European funding secured has been taken into account is recommended

Organisation	Project Cost	Requesting	Recommendation
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CG1601</b></p> <p><b>Powys County Council Arts Service</b></p> <p><b>“Night Out Scheme”</b></p>	<b>£19,000</b>	<b>£5,000</b>	<p><b>A grant of £5,000 is recommended.</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Reason for Recommendation</b></p> <p>The Arts Service provides advice, assistance and information to artists, arts and community organisations and the public. It supports artists and community groups in developing and accessing arts activity in their area.</p> <p>As part of their enabling role, the Arts Service administer the ‘Night Out ‘ Rural Touring Scheme in conjunction with the Arts Council of Wales. The scheme was supported last year and is being supported in the 2010/11 financial year by an allocation of £1,000 from the Art &amp; Theatres General budget.</p> <p>However, the Community Regeneration Unit together with the Arts Council of Wales have undertaken a promotion of the scheme to Community Centres and Village Halls throughout Powys and now this has resulted in an increased demand from village halls and community groups for this scheme, outstripping the funds available and many requests will have to be refused. In addition, pressures on the Arts &amp; Theatres General budget may mean that the allocation to the scheme will disappear next year.</p> <p>An award of £5,000 is recommended.</p>			

Organisation	Project Cost	Requesting	Recommendation
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CG2611</b></p> <p><b>South Powys Youth Music Association</b></p> <p><b>Revenue application</b></p>	<b>£25,806</b>	<b>£7,806</b>	<p><b>A grant of £3,500 in line with the grant to the North Powys Youth Orchestra is recommended</b></p>

**Reason for Recommendation**

South Powys Youth Music Association supports and promotes the development of youth music within Brecknockshire and Radnorshire. The organisation was previously known as the South Powys Youth Orchestra and having recently reformed is currently registering as a charity with the Charity Commission and is an organisation run entirely by volunteers.

Activities already achieved are coaching courses, specialist workshops with other professional organisations. The applicant has a number of fund raising activities throughout the year in order to provide types of activities such as those listed above together with residential coaching courses and workshops for the young people. There are currently 415 under 18 year olds currently involved with South Powys Youth Music Association and there is an annual concert for parents and friends.

The application meets the criteria of the fund and a grant of £3,500 in line with the grant to the North Powys Youth Orchestra is recommended.

Organisation	Project Cost	Requesting	Recommendation
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CG2644</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Talgarth Festival of the Black Mountains</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Festival 2010</b></p>	<b>£9,649</b>	<b>£2,500</b>	<p><b>A guarantee against genuine financial loss of up to £2,500 is recommended</b></p>

**Reason for Recommendation**

Talgarth Festival of the Black Mountains is in its fifteenth year as a 'free' summer festival located all around the town of Talgarth, Mid-Wales, based on the Town Square and catering for people of all ages and interests.

The annual event takes place on the August Bank Holiday weekend and provides entertainment and educational activities for local residents and the large number of Tourists that attend. With the Square closed to traffic, local people and visitors were able to explore and enjoy the varied programme, with entertainment and exhibits located a various venues around the town. Exhibits include displays by the Brecon Beacons National Park, Countryside Council for Wales and the Brecknock Wildlife Trust and some small exotic animals from Bristol Zoo.

The main items of expenditure are hire of marquees - £3,000, performer and entertainers - £3,100, promotional materials - £2,500, travel expenses - £1,000 and Children's activities - £2,100

Powys County Council has assisted with sponsorship for similar requests in the past, although for small-scale events where total expenditure does not exceed £3,000, a guarantee against genuine financial loss is current policy. This means that an outright grant is not paid, but should the event incur a loss, the amount of money agreed to cover up to the agreed loss will be paid.

Therefore a guarantee against genuine financial loss of up to £2,250 is recommended.

Organisation	Project Cost	Requesting	Recommendation
CG1602 TASC Workshops	£6,700	£3,250	A grant of £3,250 is recommended.

### Reasons for Recommendation

The Traditional Arts Support in the Community (TASC) was formed in 1994 as the outreach arm of the Mid Wales May Festival and has been involved in many community projects such as the community public space mural in Newtown, voice workshops in the Elan Valley and Welsh fiddle conventions in Newtown and Builth Wells. TASC also works through networking and offering mutual support to other groups and has helped to found the Radnor Valley Community Band, Llandinam Village Band, Rhayader and District Folk Dance Club, and Sirens singing group.

The main objectives are to develop skills in traditional music, dance and song by means of events and workshops and by creating resources to help that process such as website, CDs and sheet music.

The application received is to support three activities that focus on teaching traditional skills:

1. Ongoing research into local history, traditional music in Montgomeryshire, leading to production of educational resources.
2. Creation of Events – using important traditional artists as well as local musicians, dancers and singers. This includes Llandinam Folk Club and Twelfth Night.
3. Developing skills, including a new “Training the Trainers” event during the autumn.

A grant of £3,250 is recommended on this occasion.