

**CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL.**  
**Officer report to Portfolio Holder**  
**County Councillor Mr W Jones**  
**8<sup>th</sup> November 2010**

**REPORT AUTHOR:** Community Regeneration Manager

**SUBJECT:** Community Enablement Support Fund Capital and Revenue applications

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**REPORT FOR:** Decision

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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 £27,315 and there will be £3,035 remaining for allocation if the recommendations in this report are approved.

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Request</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
<b>Albert Hall Management Committee</b>	<b>£1,020</b>	<b>£1,000</b>
<b>Llangynidr Tennis Club</b>	<b>£8,280</b>	<b>£8,280</b>
<b>Hay Town Council</b>	<b>£15,000</b>	<b>£15,000</b>
<b>Total Recommendations</b>	<b>£24,300</b>	<b>£24,300</b>

#### **Community Enablement Support Fund One – Off Revenue Applications (See Appendix 2)**

The remaining budget is £7,324 and if the recommendation in this report is approved, there remains £2,324 for allocation.

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Request</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
<b>Institute of Art and Ideas</b>	<b>£10,000</b>	<b>£5,000</b>
<b>Total Recommendations</b>	<b>£10,000</b>	<b>£5,000</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 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

<b>Recommendation:</b>	<b>Reason for Recommendation:</b>
<b>To approve individual awards listed Appendices 1 &amp; 2</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>
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<b>Date By When Decision To Be Actioned:</b>	
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<b>Relevant Policy (ies):</b>	<b>Guide to Grants for Community Groups and Voluntary Organisations</b> <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>
<b>Relevant Portfolio Member(s):</b>	<b>Cllr Wynne Jones</b>		
<b>Relevant Local Member(s):</b>	<b>All Powys Members where applicable</b>		

**Background Papers used to prepare Report:**

## Appendix 1 – Capital applications

Organisation	Project Cost	Requesting	Recommendation
<b>CG4087</b>  <b>Albert Hall Management Committee</b>  <b>Treatment of Dry Rot.</b>	<b>£2,040</b>	<b>£1,020</b>	<b>A grant of £1,020 is recommended</b>

### Reason for Recommendation

The Albert Hall, a grade II listed building situated in the conservation area at Ithon Road, Llandrindod Wells and is a fine example of a local theatre. A Victorian building built in the late 19<sup>th</sup> Century and completed and opened in 1896. Initially it was an annexe to the adjoining Calvinistic Methodist (now Presbyterian) Chapel, but was used for a variety of purposes from the beginning. It was converted to a theatre by the Calvinistic Methodist Church Group in 1922/23 and remained in the ownership of the Church until 1957. It was then sold to a firm of auctioneers for use for furniture storage and sale purposes. It was eventually returned to theatre use in 1962 when purchased for the town of Llandrindod by a group of theatre enthusiasts, who ran the facility from their own personal funds. In 1978 Trusteeship was transferred to the Albert Hall Management Committee who became registered Charity with the Charity Commission, and is categorised by the Charity Commission as a Village Hall.

The theatre was initially one of a number of Albert Halls erected in Britain after the construction of The Royal Albert Hall, London. The applicant believes it to be only one of those still being used as a theatre, and feel it is important to retain it as such. It is a very good example of late Victorian theatres and architecture. The building is hired out for audience-attended theatre, concert hall and meetings purposes. Mainly it is used for rehearsals for plays, shows, concerts etc.

The Applicant has previously been awarded £3, 280 to provide improved toilet facilities in line with current health and safety standards and to restore some original internal features of the Grade 2 listed building and this work has now been completed.

Unfortunately when on site, the builder discovered dry rot in one particular area of the theatre that requires urgent attention to ensure it does not spread further within the building timbers.

The application received is for 50% of the costs of this emergency remedial works and although not more than one application from a particular organisation is usually considered under in Community Enablement Support Fund during any one financial year. Due to the nature of the works required, if the condition of the timbers had been discovered prior to the original application, the works would have been included and for the Applicant to apply for funding in the next financial year will increase the damage to the building and the cost of repair.

Therefore on this occasion, it is recommended that a second application from the Albert Hall Management Committee be considered and a grant of £1,020 is recommended.

Organisation	Project Cost	Requesting	Recommendation
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CG3717</b></p> <p><b>Llangynidr Tennis Club</b></p> <p><b>Resurfacing of the tennis courts</b></p>	<p><b>£16,652</b></p>	<p><b>£8,280</b></p>	<p><b>A grant of £8,280 is recommended, being 50% of the shortfall after all other lottery, European and government funding has been secured.</b></p>

**Reason for recommendation**

Llangynidr Tennis Club has seen significant developments over the last two years, with a substantial increase in its membership. The Club offers the community of Llangynidr and the surrounding area an opportunity to participate on a social and competitive level, developing skills and fitness.

The Club has a variety of local talent, who currently play league games from other local clubs, with better facilities. Llangynidr Tennis Club also holds coaching sessions for all ages, from 4 to 50+. At the recent summer sessions there have been 40 people attending on a regular basis.

The application received is for funding towards the resurfacing of the existing tennis courts, the surface, although maintained, has not been replaced since the courts were built in 1982. The current surface is now deteriorating rapidly and becoming dangerous.

**A grant of £8,820 is recommended on this occasion, being 50% of the shortfall after all other lottery, European and government funding has been secured.**

Organisation	Project Cost	Requesting	Recommendation
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CG2559</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Hay Town Council</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Childrens play equipment</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>£42,979</b> <b>(inclusive of VAT)</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>£17,908</b></p>	<p><b>A grant of £15,000 is recommended subject to satisfactory health and safety requirements being in place.</b></p>

**Reason for Recommendation**

Hay Town Council has direct responsibility for the playareas in Hay 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, at the St. Mary's Road play area. The previous equipment was removed when it was declared unsafe at a recent ROSPA check.

This application is for funding towards including a jukebox jungle (timber play equipment) Gravity bowls, cradle and team swings, flat seat swings, an "A" frame net and a safety 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 Town Council has shown that they have sufficient funds to commence the project as soon as possible, within the timescales of the Community Enablement Support Fund scheme.

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 to a satisfactory health and safety check system being in place.

## Appendix 2 – Revenue Applications

Organisation	Project Cost	Requesting	Recommendation
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CG2654</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Institute of Art and Ideas</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Workshops at the Art Festival The Globe Hay-on-Wye</b></p>	<p><b>£37,250</b></p>	<p><b>£10,000</b></p>	<p><b>A grant of £5,000 is recommended.</b></p>
<p><b>Reasons for recommendation</b></p> <p>The Institute of Art and Ideas aims to promote all forms of creative expression and are based at the Globe, Hay on Wye. The Organisation has successfully organised smaller local community events in the past and has a proven track record of working with local schools and other community groups, having worked closely with the Hay Festival and other local organisations</p> <p>The application received is for funding of the Art Festival and is a direct response to request from the local community to provide ongoing craft and performance workshops at the Globe. The workshops will be open to all members of the community, who will be able to learn a new skill and will include “Taiko drumming,” music in various forms, film and photography, lantern making, giant sculptures and carnival arts.</p> <p>The workshops will culminate at a series of events to take place during Easter 2011, when the Art Festival will take place, this being the “start” of the tourist season it is hoped the event will not only attract the local community but also Tourists from further afield.</p> <p>The festival itself will provide a context for art, through a series of debates. The music events will offer a platform for local emerging artists and performers, they will also benefit from the guidance of industry professionals including Alan McGee and Huw Stephens as well as the significant local and nation press coverage. Events will also include the KGB Slideshow, “Battle of the Bands” Open Mic night and a host of local Artists celebrating Welsh music with Bethan Elfynn from “BBC Wales Introduces.”</p> <p>A grant of £5,000 towards the workshop programme is recommended on this occasion.</p>			