



Community Capacity Grant Scheme 2018-19

Application Guidelines



COMMUNITY CAPACITY GRANT SCHEME 2018-19

AIM OF THE COMMUNITY CAPACITY GRANT SCHEME

The Community Capacity Grant Scheme is purposely set up for voluntary and community organisations based and working in the Rhondda Cynon Taff and Merthyr Tydfil areas and is targeted at supporting four distinct beneficiary groups; Carers (all ages), children with complex needs, older people (age 50+) and people with learning disabilities (all ages).

The Scheme underpins the implementation plan for the Social Services & Wellbeing (Wales) Act 2014 across the Cwm Taf area and is to support innovative and creative projects which are likely to have a significant impact in communities.

FUNDING CRITERIA:

Successful projects will achieve one or more of the following criteria:

- combat the impact of loneliness and isolation
- prevent unnecessary access (admission or referral) to statutory services
- support hospital discharge
- support beneficiary groups to maintain their health, wellbeing and independence
- encourage innovation or new models of delivering sustainable integrated services

NB: Beneficiary groups are listed below:

- Carers (all ages)
- Children with complex needs
- Older people (age 50+)
- People with learning disabilities (all ages)

The Fund will be managed by Voluntary Action Merthyr Tydfil in collaboration with Interlink, on behalf of their partners (Cwm Taf University Health Board; Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council and Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council). This is a one-off fund for this financial year.

WHO CAN APPLY?

Applications are invited from Voluntary and community based organisations which are able to demonstrate that their goals will benefit individuals and/communities in Merthyr Tydfil and/or Rhondda Cynon Taf. Applicants must:

- a) Be a not for profit group
- b) Have a constitution or set of rules that have been signed or “adopted”
- c) Have a Bank or Building Society account with at least two joint signatories
- d) Have recent Annual Accounts or Statement of Income and Expenditure (audited or signed as approved by a senior person from the group)

NB: You will be required to submit copies of b) to c) detailed above.
If you are a new group, then you will be required to submit an estimate of expenditure.

GRANTS

Grants are available of up to £15,000.

- Grants are for Revenue costs only
- Your project can start any time following confirmation of award
- You must be able to spend the grant before 31st March 2019

If awarded, you will be required to sign up to Terms and Conditions which include provision of monitoring information as required.

HOW ARE APPLICATIONS TO THE COMMUNITY CAPACITY GRANT SCHEME ASSESSED?

Applications will be assessed by a Panel, comprising of representatives from VAMT, Interlink, Merthyr Tydfil & Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Councils and Cwm Taf University Health Board, who will make recommendations to the Cwm Taf Social Services & Wellbeing Joint Commissioning Group, for endorsement by the Cwm Taf Transformation Leadership Group (TLG).

WHAT HELP IS AVAILABLE TO ASSIST IN PUTTING TOGETHER A COMMUNITY CAPACITY GRANT SCHEME APPLICATION?

The Third Sector Officer at VAMT and/or the Community Advice & Support Co-ordinators at Interlink are available to provide advice in terms of discussing project ideas and completing the application form. However, these Officers will not complete the application for you.

TIMETABLE

The deadline for submission of applications is **12 Noon on Thursday 29th March 2018** – it is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that completed applications are received by this date. Ideally applications will be submitted electronically and as such will receive an email receipt. Submit your application to:

Sharon Richards
Health, Social Care & Wellbeing
Facilitator
Voluntary Action Centre
89-90 High Street
MERTHYR TYDFIL
CF47 8UH

or Anne Morris
Health & Wellbeing Manager
Interlink
6 Melin Corrwg
Cardiff Road
Upper Boat
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Applicants who are successful in securing funding must return their Grant Acceptance Form to Sharon Richards within two weeks of receiving the grant offer letter. Failure to return the form by the deadline may result in forfeit of your award.

MONITORING AND EVALUATION

Gathering evidence from the very start of your project is essential as progress reports must be submitted every quarter and successful applicants will be expected to maintain records in relation to qualitative and quantitative information, based on agreed performance indicators and using an outcomes framework. A masterclass will be held to support successful applicants to comply with the reporting requirements.

The Joint Commissioning Group and/or TLG may undertake monitoring visits during the lifespan of the project.

Expenditure in relation to the project must be documented and all copies of invoices and receipts must be submitted for auditing purposes.

SCHEDULE

27 th February 2018	Launch of Community Capacity Grant Scheme
29 th March	Deadline for applications (12 Noon)
w/c 9 th April	Panel meet to review applications and make recommendations to the Joint Commissioning Group for funding support
w/c 23 rd April	TLG consider recommendations from Joint Commissioning Group for endorsement
w/c 30 th April	Applicants notified of outcome
Tbc	Welcome meeting of all successful applicants and Masterclass on monitoring and evaluation
Tbc	Quarterly reporting deadlines to be confirmed

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:

Sharon Richards: 01685 353932 or Anne Morris: 01443 846200