

CYNGOR SIR CEREDIGION COUNTY COUNCIL

Report to: Cabinet

Date of meeting: 3 June 2024

Title: Ceredigion Community Grant Scheme

Purpose of the report: To approve the updated Ceredigion Community Grant Scheme

For: Decision

Cabinet Portfolio and Cabinet Member:

Councillor Gareth Davies, Cabinet Member for Finance and Procurement and Councillor Clive Davies, Cabinet Member for Economy and Regeneration

1. Background

The Ceredigion Community Grants Scheme currently allows Community Groups, Community Councils or bonafide Voluntary Sports and Play Associations to apply for funding from the Council for projects that have the aim of increasing the range of facilities, activities and opportunities within Ceredigion. The existing scheme guidance is attached as Appendix 1.

During the 2024/25 Budget Setting process it was agreed that the Council's Community Grant Scheme budget was reduced. Capital Grants budget will be reduced to £100k. The Council's contribution to Revenue Grants of £26k is removed, which therefore reduces the available funding to £30k p.a. which is entirely funded from Ceredigion's share of The Welsh Church Fund (WCF). It is essential that the limited funding now available is used to maximum effect, this includes taking a Ceredigion wide high level view of which aspects are important to support.

Included in the Revenue Grants Budget are 'Policy' grants which are awarded to Papur Bro, Eisteddfodau, Agricultural Shows, Festivals and individuals representing Wales or Great Britain.

This report outlines proposed changes to enable the Scheme spend to keep within budget. The updated scheme guidance is attached as Appendix 2.

2. Town & Community Councils

During the budget process for 2024/25 the Council worked closely with Town and Community Councils to explore ways of transferring responsibility from Ceredigion County Council for some assets and services.

Indeed some of the Town and Community Councils increased the level of the precept they charged to accommodate 'local' services that Ceredigion County Council may not

be in a position to provide in the future. Given this approach it is recommended that Town & Community Councils would no longer be eligible to apply for either Revenue or Capital Community Grants as they could consider increasing their precepts to deliver projects in their community. This would also allow other organisations more of an opportunity to be successful with Community Grant applications moving forward.

3. Welsh Church Fund

The income from the WCF which is available to support the Community Grant Scheme is generated from investments which are managed on behalf of the Council by Carmarthenshire County Council and form part of the Dyfed WCF. Ceredigion's share of the Dyfed WCF is 25% and as at 31/03/23 this totalled c£1.25m. This is made up of £836k held in Investment funds, £238k in relation a share of Scolton Manor, Pembrokeshire and balances held in cash (by both Ceredigion and Carms).

As of 31 March 2024 the Council holds cash balances of £137k which includes £20k of investment income received from Carmarthenshire County Council during 2023/24 together with a further £7k of interest allocated from the Council. Maintaining the investment capital and holding a cash balance will ensure funds are available on-going to support schemes, but without eroding the core capital that provides the annual returns. Typically annual returns range from £20k to £40k, although they will vary depending on interest rates and market returns. A prudent sum of £30k per annum is generally assumed.

Applicants can apply for grant support mainly for the following purposes:

- Contributions towards the restoration and maintenance of any place of Public Worship
- The advancement of Culture & Education
- The advancement of Social & Recreational Activities

4. Capital Grants

4.1 Eligible Projects

The criteria relating eligible projects and eligible types of expenditure to remain unchanged. Applications from Places of Worship would be entirely funded from the Welsh Church Fund – the sum available to be awarded would be the balance of the budget available from the WCF after allowing for the funding of Policy Grants.

4.2 Grant Limits

If the maximum grant available is not reduced then less projects will be able to be funded from the reduced budget. The maximum grant awarded for a project could be reduced from **£25,000** to **£10,000**. The table below shows a £10,000 maximum grant will allow the scheme to support a minimum of 10 projects within the reduced budget of £100k.

Table 1: Proposed Capital Grant limits versus Capital Grant limits

	2023/24	2024/25
	£	£
Annual Budget	200,000	100,000
Maximum Grant Level	25,000	10,000
Minimum number of projects supported	8	10

The table below shows the profile of Capital Grants approved during the last two years.

Table 2: Number of Capital Grant awards by value

	2022/23	2023/24
£0 - £4,999	6	4
£5,000 - £9,999	3	2
£10,000 - £14,999	1	4
£15,000 - £19,999	0	2
£20,000 - £25,000	2	3
Total	12	15
Average Grant Value	£8,500	£11,900

4.3 Managing the Budget

To help assist applicants spend their funding in the year of award it is proposed that there will be a single Capital Grant Assessment Panel during the Spring of each financial year, following an open call for applications during a January to March type window and if budget is available a second Assessment Panel could be held during the Summer if the awarding panel agree. This will allow a period of at least six months from grant approval to complete approved projects.

Currently if Capital Grants are not fully claimed in the year of award then applicants can apply to carry forward any balances unclaimed. It is proposed to continue with the carry forward process whilst ensuring projects that are delayed do not have an adverse impact on new grant applicants.

5. Policy Grants

Policy grants are awarded for specific events which meet the purposes of the WCF. There is a simpler application process and the grants do not require panel approval.

During 2023/24 £15,800 was awarded for Policy Grants which would be a significant proportion of the £30,000 budget available for 2024/25. The Policy Grant levels currently in place are set out on the table below along with proposed changes:

Table 3: Existing Policy Grants versus Proposed Grant

	Current Policy Grant	Proposed Policy Grant
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gŵyl Fawr Aberteifi Eisteddfod RTJ Pantyfedwen, Llanbedr Pont Steffan Eisteddfod Teulu James Pantyfedwen, Pontrhydfendigaid 	£3,000	£2,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Papurau Bro 	£500	£500 p.a for the first 5 yrs of publication /

		£250 p.a. thereafter
• Local Eisteddfodau	£200	£250
• Local agricultural and / or horticultural shows	£200	£250
• Aberystwyth, Cardigan, Lampeter, Llandysul Shows and Aberaeron Festival of Welsh Ponies & Cobs	£500	£500
• Cardigan Bay Sea Food Festival, Lampeter Food Festival and Cardigan River and Food Festival	£500	£500
• Individuals - one off grant for first time representing Wales or Great Britain at an activity - £200.	£200	Not eligible under WCF. No awards under this category

The table below shows the 2023/24 Policy grants awarded compared to what they would be at the revised grant award limits.

Table 4: Value of 2023/24 Policy Grants awarded compared to value if using revised grant values.

	2023/24 Actuals Awarded		2023/24 @ revised grant
	No.	Total Value £	Total Value £
• Gŵyl Fawr Aberteifi	3	£9,000	£6,000
• Eisteddfod RTJ Pantyfedwen, Llanbedr Pont Steffan			
• Eisteddfod Teulu James Pantyfedwen, Ponrhydfendigaid			
• Papurau Bro	5	£2,500	£1,250
• Local Eisteddfodau	11	£2,200	£2,750
• Local agricultural and / or horticultural shows	5	£1,000	£1,250
• Cardigan Bay Sea Food Festival, Lampeter Food Festival and Cardigan River and Food Festival	1	£500	£500
• Aberystwyth, Cardigan, Lampeter, Llandysul Shows and Aberaeron Festival of Welsh Ponies & Cobs	0	£0	£0
• Individuals - one off grant for first time representing Wales or Great Britain at an activity - £200	3	£600	£0
TOTAL	28	£15,800	£11,750

You will note during 2023/24 there were no applications received from the larger agricultural shows (Llandysul Show has recently applied for funding for the 2024 show). This has been the situation for a number of years. It is assumed this is linked to the requirement introduced a number of years to ensure information relating to the events are published bilingually including show schedules. Some of the events listed have not taken place for a number of years but may be held in future years.

6. Revenue Grants

There is no Council revenue budget available to fund revenue grants any more. The Council works closely with third party organisations who the Council commissions to provide some services on its behalf. These services should be managed via contractual arrangements by the relevant Council Service. Therefore it is proposed to no longer fund revenue grants via the Community Grant Scheme.

There are also a variety of sources of funding available that the Council can direct applicants to possibly assist with projects and funding. Organisations such as CAVO or the Funding Wales website (<https://funding.cymru>) provide a starting point as well as opportunities through Cynnal y Cardi and the fund specifics e.g. Transforming Towns, UK Shared Prosperity Fund, WG Community Facilities Programme, National Lottery Awards for All, People's Postcode Lottery.

7. Application Process

The application process will be updated to use an online application form wherever possible. Support will continue to be provided to applicants as required.

8. Conclusion

This report outlines proposed changes to enable an updated Community Grant Scheme to keep within budget that is available. It is intended to table the proposed updated Community Grant Scheme along with this Committee's comments at Cabinet on 04/06/24. Subject to formal decision making, this timeline would allow the updated Community Grant Scheme to take effect from 01/07/24.

Wellbeing of Future Generations:

Has an Integrated Impact Assessment been completed? If, not, please state why.

Yes – attached as appendix 3.

Recommendation(s):

To approve the Updated Community Grant Scheme attached as Appendix 2.

Reasons for decision:

In order to update the Community Grant Scheme to ensure that the capital and revenue budget savings approved as part of the budgets for 2024/25 are achieved in practice.

Overview and Scrutiny:

Presented at Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 16 May 2024

Policy Framework:

The scheme supports the 2022-2027 Corporate Strategy

Corporate Well-being Objectives:

The scheme supports the 2022-2027 Corporate Strategy

Finance and Procurement implications:

Outlined within the report

Legal Implications:

Not applicable

Staffing implications:

Not applicable

Property / asset implications:

Not applicable

Risk(s):

Not applicable

Statutory Powers:

Local Government Finance Act 1972

Background Papers:

Not applicable

Appendices:

Appendix 1: Current Community Grant Scheme

Appendix 2: Updated Community Grant Scheme

Appendix 3: Integrated Impact Assessment

Corporate Lead Officer:

Duncan Hall, Corporate Lead Officer: Finance and Procurement

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Duncan Hall, Corporate Lead Officer: Finance and Procurement

Date:

22/05/24

CYNGOR SIR CEREDIGION COUNTY COUNCIL



CYNLLUN GRANTIAU CYMUNEDOL CEREDIGION NODIADAU CYFARWYDDYD

CEREDIGION COMMUNITY GRANT SCHEME GUIDANCE NOTES

**Croesawir ceisiadau yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg
Applications are welcomed in Welsh or English**

<p>Ni fydd y Cyngor dan unrhyw amgylchiadau yn fodlon ystyried ceisiadau ar gyfer prosiectau sydd eisoes wedi eu dechrau/eu cwblhau nac ar gyfer digwyddiadau sydd eisoes wedi eu cynnal.</p>	<p>The Council will not under any circumstances consider applications for projects which have already commenced/been completed, or for events which have already taken place.</p>
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CYNLLUN GRANTIAU CYMUNEDOL CEREDIGION CEREDIGION COMMUNITY GRANT SCHEME

NODIADAU CYFARWYDDYD

1. Pwrpas y Cynllun hwn yw cynyddu ystod y cyfleusterau, y gweithgareddau a'r cyfleoedd yng Ngheredigion.
2. Bydd y grantiau ar gael i Grwpiau Cymunedol, Cynghorau Cymuned neu Gymdeithasau Hamdden a Chwaraeon Gwirfoddol dilys sydd am wella a chynyddu ystod y cyfleusterau, y gweithgareddau a'r cyfleoedd yng Ngheredigion.
3. Bydd cymdeithasau gwirfoddol dielw, sydd â chyfansoddiad priodol yn gymwys i wneud cais am gymorth. Dylent fod wedi eu lleoli yng Ngheredigion neu'n gyfrifol am brosiectau sydd wedi eu lleoli yn ardal Ceredigion. Fodd bynnag, ystyrir ceisiadau gan gymdeithasau o'r tu allan i ffiniau'r Sir pe gellid dangos y byddent yn fanteisiol i drigolion Ceredigion.
4. (a) Dylai ymgeiswyr weithredu'n ddwyieithog wrth ddelio gyda'r cyhoedd.
(b) Dylai ymgeiswyr sicrhau eu bod yn trin pob rhan o'r gymuned yn gyfartal.
5. (a) Ni dderbynnir ceisiadau gan gymdeithasau sy'n gysylltiedig â gweithgareddau gwleidyddol.
(b) Ni dderbynnir ceisiadau gan gymdeithasau sy'n arfer polisi o wahaniaethu yn erbyn unrhyw sector o'r gymuned.
6. Ni ellir defnyddio'r grantiau at unrhyw ddiben ac eithrio'r hyn a nodir ar y ffurflen gais.
7. Ym mhob cyhoeddusrwydd sy'n gysylltiedig â'r cynllun, dylid cyfeirio at y ffaith fod grant wedi ei roddi gan y Cyngor.

GUIDANCE NOTES

1. The purpose of the Scheme is to increase the range of facilities, activities and opportunities within Ceredigion.
2. The grants are available to Community Groups, Community Councils or bonafide Voluntary Sports and Play Associations who wish to improve and increase the range of facilities, activities and opportunities within Ceredigion.
3. Voluntary, non-profit making organisations, which are properly constituted will be eligible to apply for assistance. They should be based in, or be responsible for projects based in the Ceredigion area. However applications from organisations outside the County boundary will be considered where it can be seen that there would be benefit to the inhabitants of Ceredigion.
4. (a) Applicants should operate bilingually in dealing with the public.
(b) Applicants must ensure that all sections of the community are treated equally.
5. (a) Applications will not be accepted from organisations associated with political activity.
(b) Applications will not be accepted from organisations who operate a policy of discrimination against any sector of the community.
6. Grants cannot be used for any purpose other than that stated on the application form.
7. In all publicity associated with the scheme, reference should be made to the fact that a grant has been awarded by the Council.

8. Y mudiadau eu hunain a fydd yn gyfrifol am gael cymeradwyaeth dan y Rheoliadau Adeiladu, caniatâd cynllunio ac unrhyw drwyddedau eraill neu ganiatâd arall sy'n angenrheidiol ar gyfer eu prosiectau.
8. Organisations are responsible for obtaining Building Regulations approval, planning permission, and any other licences and permissions necessary for their project.
9. Ni fydd y Cyngor dan unrhyw amgylchiadau yn fodlon ystyried ceisiadau ar gyfer prosiectau sydd eisoes wedi eu dechrau/eu cwblhau nac ar gyfer digwyddiadau sydd eisoes wedi eu cynnal.
9. **The Council will not under any circumstances consider applications for projects which have already commenced/been completed, or for events which have already taken place.**
10. Os ceir arian o ffynonellau na ddatgelwyd yn flaenorol yna fe ddylid rhoi gwybod i'r Cyngor ar unwaith a hynny'n ysgrifenedig. Bydd y Cyngor yn cadw'r hawl i addasu'r grant i gyfateb i'r newid.
10. Should any finance be forthcoming from any sources not previously declared, the Council must be informed immediately in writing and reserves the right to modify the grant proportionately.
11. Dylai'r ymgeisydd fedru dangos fod cefnogaeth helaeth i'r prosiect yn y gymuned e.e. llythyr oddi wrth y Cyngor Cymuned.
11. The applicant should be able to demonstrate widespread community support e.g. letter from the Community Council.
12. Nod y Cyngor yw sicrhau y cyflwynir gwasanaethau o'r ansawdd orau yn gyfartal, gan barchu hawliau aelodau o'r cyhoedd i ddelio â'r Cyngor trwy gyfrwng y Gymraeg neu'r Saesneg bob amser.
12. The aim of the Council is to ensure the delivery of first class services provided on the basis of equality with the rights of members of the public to deal with the Council in Welsh or English being respected at all times.
- Mae'n rhaid i geisiadau am grantiau gyflawni un neu fwy o'r meini prawf canlynol:-
- Grant applications must meet one or more of the following criteria:-
- Gynnal a gwella'r safonau addysgol uchel a gyflawnir eisoes yng Ngheredigion.
 - Darparu cyfleoedd dysgu o'r radd flaenaf i blant, pobl ifanc ac oedolion yn eu cymunedau.
 - Datblygu gweithgareddau i blant a phobl ifanc.
 - Darparu cyfleoedd i fanteisio ar ddysgu gydol oes.
 - Maintaining and improving the high educational standards already achieved in Ceredigion.
 - Provide first class learning opportunities for children, young people and adults in their communities.
 - Develop activities for children and young people.
 - Provide access to lifelong learning.
 - Darparu ffyrdd gwell a mwy diogel er mwyn i bobl fedru manteisio ar wasanaethau, swyddi a thwristiaeth.
 - Gwella diogelwch ar y ffyrdd.
 - Gwella'r cyfleoedd manteisio mewn ardaloedd gwledig.
 - Providing better and safer roads to access services, employment and tourism.
 - Improve road safety.
 - Improve access in rural areas.

- Sicrhau bod pobl yn byw mewn tai sy'n fforddiadwy ac o ansawdd dda neu eu bod yn gallu manteisio ar dai o'r fath, a bod ganddynt ffordd o fyw iach mewn amgylchedd o ansawdd uchel.
 - Gwella safonau tai.
 - Ymateb i anghenion tai y digartref.
 - Datblygu amgylchedd o ansawdd uchel.
- Hybu datblygu ac adfywio economaidd er lles y gymuned leol.
 - Creu cyfleoedd gwaith.
 - Cynorthwyo busnesau newydd a busnesau sy'n bodoli eisoes.
 - Sicrhau arian cyhoeddus ar gyfer prosiectau cymunedol.
 - Hybu Twristiaeth yng Ngheredigion.
- Hybu lles pobl sydd ag anghenion Gofal Cymdeithasol.
 - Sicrhau y gellir cael gafael ar wybodaeth am ein gwasanaethau yn hawdd.
 - Caiff anghenion unigolion eu hasesu a'u trin yn llawn.
 - Caiff pobl help i fyw bywyd annibynnol.
 - Rhoddir cymorth i oedolion a phlant sy'n agored i niwed a chânt eu diogelu rhag cael eu cam-drin, eu hesgeuluso a'u trin yn wael.
 - Rhoddir cymorth da i ofalwyr.
 - Bydd ystod briodol o wasanaethau ar gael i fodloni anghenion pobl.
- Sicrhau y caiff gwasanaethau a chynlluniau trawsbynciol eu rheoli a'u darparu'n effeithiol er mwyn sicrhau y rheolir perfformiad yn effeithiol ar draws yr Awdurdod.
 - Gweithgareddau datblygu i Blant a Phobl Ifanc.
 - Mynediad cyfartal gan sicrhau y gellir cael gafael ar wybodaeth a gwasanaethau yn hawdd.
 - Sicrhau bod oedolion a phlant sy'n agored i niwed yn cael eu cynorthwyo a'u bod yn cryfhau cymunedau.
 - Cymdeithas ddiogel sy'n ceisio
- Ensuring that people live in or have access to good quality and affordable housing and live a healthy life style in a high quality environment.
 - Improve housing standards.
 - Respond to the housing needs of the homeless.
 - Develop a high quality environment.
- Promoting economic development and regeneration for the benefit of the local community.
 - Creating employment opportunities.
 - Supporting new and existing businesses.
 - Securing public funding for community projects.
 - Promoting Tourism in Ceredigion.
- Promoting the well being of people with Social Care needs.
 - Information about our services can be accessed easily.
 - Individual's needs are fully assessed and addressed.
 - People are helped to live independently.
 - Vulnerable adults and children are supported and protected from abuse, neglect and poor treatment.
 - Carers are well supported.
 - An appropriate range of services are available to meet people's needs.
- Ensuring that services and initiatives that are cross cutting are effectively managed and delivered to ensure performance management is effective across the Authority.
 - Development activities for Children and Young People.
 - Equality of access, including ensuring information and services can be easily accessed.
 - Ensuring vulnerable adults and children are supported and strengthening communities.
 - A safe society, striving to reduce

lleihau ymddygiad
gwrthgymdeithasol a'r ofn o
droseddu.

anti social behaviour and fear of
crime.

Ystyrir ceisiadau hefyd os byddant yn cyfrannu
at unrhyw un o'r canlynol

Applications will also be considered if they
contribute to any of the following

- (a) Hybu diddordebau a gweithgareddau
diwylliannol
- (b) Gwella gweithgareddau chwaraeon neu
hamdden

- (a) Promotion of cultural interests and
activities
- (b) Enhance sports and recreational
activities

13. Mae'r Cyngor wedi mabwysiadu Safonau'r
Gymraeg, er mwyn sicrhau caiff y Gymraeg
a'r Saesneg eu trin yn gyfartal; ac y gall
dinasyddion ddefnyddio'r Gymraeg ymhob
agwedd o'u bywydau os ydynt yn dewis
hynny.

13. The Council has adopted the Welsh
Language Standards to ensure that the
Welsh and English languages are treated
on the basis of equality, and that citizens
should be able to use the Welsh
language in all aspects of their lives if
they wish to do so.

Er mwyn cefnogi'r nod hwn, dylai ymgeiswyr
llwyddiannus am grantiau:-

In order to support this aim, successful grant
applicants should:-

- Gynhyrchu'r holl ddeunydd ysgrifenedig
ac electronig sy'n gysylltiedig â'r cais yn
ddwyieithog – er enghraifft arwyddion,
taflenni, posteri, cyhoeddiadau,
hysbysebion, gwefannau ac unrhyw
slogan.
- Sicrhau y bydd digwyddiadau neu
weithgareddau cyhoeddus sy'n
gysylltiedig â'r cais yn peidio â thrin y
Gymraeg yn llai ffafriol na'r Saesneg. er
enghraifft, cyhoeddiadau o'r
uchelseinydd, Cadeirydd i sicrhau bod y
rheiny sy'n bresennol yn y digwyddiad
yn teimlo'n gyfforddus i gyfrannu yn eu
dewis iaith.
- Cynorthwyo i ddarparu cyfleoedd i
bersonau ddefnyddio'r Gymraeg

- Produce all written and electronic
material in connection with the
application bilingually – e.g. signs,
leaflets, posters, publications,
advertisements, web pages and any
slogans
- Ensure public events or activities held
in connection with the application treat
the Welsh language no less favourably
than the English language e.g.
announcements from loudspeakers,
Chairperson to ensure that those
attending an event feel comfortable to
be able to contribute in their preferred
language
- Assist to provide opportunities for
persons to use the Welsh Language

Mae darparwyr sydd wedi derbyn grant o dan y
Cytundeb hwn yn cael eu hannog i gael yn ei le
ac yn gweithredu Cynllun Hybu'r Gymraeg yn
unol â Mesur y Gymraeg (Cymru) 2011.
Cynllun i'ch galluogi i gynllunio eich defnydd o'r
Gymraeg gyda phwyslais ar geisio cynyddu'r
defnydd hwnnw dros amser. Gellid cael
arweiniad a thempled ar wefan Comisiynydd y
Gymraeg.

www.comisiynyddygyymraeg.cymru/hybu

Providers who have been awarded a
grant under this Agreement are
encouraged to have in place and
operate a Progress Plan in line with the
Welsh Language (Wales) Measure
2011. A framework to allow you to plan
your use of the Welsh language with an
emphasis on increasing that use over
time. Please find guidance and template
on the Welsh Language Commissioners
website:

www.comisiynyddygyymraeg.cymru/hybu

- Am ragor o wybodaeth neu arweiniad ar y materion hyn a'r defnydd o'r Gymraeg, efallai buasech yn dymuno cysylltu â'r canlynol:-
 - (a) **Comisiynydd y Gymraeg**
Mae gwefan Comisiynydd y Gymraeg ar gael i ddarparu cymorth a chynngor i fudiadau sydd eisiau defnyddio'r Gymraeg, gan ddefnyddio Cynllun Hybu'r Gymraeg.
www.comisiynyddygybraeg.cymru/hybu
 - (b) **Menter Iaith Cered**
Mudiad yn y gymuned sy'n gweithio gydag unigolion, mudiadau, a busnesau lleol i hybu'r defnydd o'r Gymraeg yng Ngheredigion
Rhif ffôn: 01545 572350
E-bost: cered@ceredigion.gov.uk
Gwefan: www.cered.org
 - (c) **Estyn Llaw**
Mudiad sy'n cynnig cymorth ac arweiniad i grwpiau gwirfoddol a Cymunedol i gynyddu eu defnydd o'r Gymraeg, ac annog gwirfoddoli ymysg siaradwyr Cymraeg.

Rhif Ffôn: 01239 711668
E-bost: siwan.tomos@iaith.eu
Gwefan: <http://www.estynllaw.org/en/index.php>
 - (d) **Cymdeithas Cyfieithwyr Cymru**
Gallwch ddefnyddio'r chwilotwr i ganfod cyfieithydd cydnabyddedig yn eich ardal.
Gwefan: <http://www.cyfieithwycymru.org.uk/>
 - (e) **Llinell Gyswilt Y Gymraeg**
Rhif Ffôn: 01248725730 neu 08456076070
e-bost: huw@mentermon.com
 - (f) **Cymraeg I Oedolion – Canolbarth Cymru**
Darparwyr cyrsiau Cymraeg
Gwefan: <http://www.learnwelshinmidwales.org/>
- Further assistance and support for working bilingually is available to organisations from the following sources:
 - (a) **Welsh Language Commissioner**
The Welsh Language Commissioners website is available to provide support and advice to organizations wishing to make use of the Welsh language, using Cynllun Hybu'r Gymraeg - the Welsh Language Progress Plan.
www.comisiynyddygybraeg.cymru/hybu
 - (b) **Menter Iaith Cered**
A community-based organisation which works with individuals, organisations, and local business to promote the use of Welsh in Ceredigion.
Telephone: 01545 572350
E-mail: cered@ceredigion.gov.uk
Web site: www.cered.org
 - (c) **Estyn Llaw**
An organisation that offers support and guidance to voluntary and community groups to increase their use of Welsh, and to encourage volunteering amongst Welsh speakers.

Telephone: 01239 711668
E-mail: siwan.tomos@iaith.eu
Web site: <http://www.estynllaw.org/en/index.php>
 - (d) **The Association of Welsh Translators & Interpreters**
You may use their search engine to find recognised translators in your area.
Web Site: <http://www.cyfieithwycymru.org.uk/>
 - (e) **Link Line to Welsh**
Telephone: 01248 725730 or 08456076070
e-mail: huw@mentermon.com
 - (f) **Welsh for Adults Mid Wales Centre**
Providers of Welsh language courses
Web Site: <http://www.learnwelshinmidwales.org/>

- (g) **Adnoddau Llywodraeth Cymru i hybu a hyrwyddo'r Gymraeg**
Gwefan:
<http://cymraeg.llyw.cymru/?lang=en>

- (g) **Welsh Government resource for promoting and facilitating the Welsh Language**
Web Site:
<http://cymraeg.llyw.cymru/?lang=en>

PROSIECTAU CYFALAF

CAPITAL PROJECTS

14. Mae'r grantiau ar gael ar gyfer pethau megis:

- prynu a datblygu tir;
- prynu adeiladau;
- gwella'r cyfleusterau presennol;
- prynu cyfarpar

15. Dylid llanw ffurflen gais ac fe ddylid rhoi pob gwybodaeth y gofynnir amdani ar y ffurflen, fel a ganlyn:

- manylion a chynlluniau'r prosiect;
- copi o'r cytundeb prydlesu os yw'n briodol;
- copïau o dri amcangyfrif ar gyfer y prosiect;
- copïau o ddatganiadau banc (neu arall) diweddar yn nodi balansau/cronfeydd y gymdeithas, y rhai rhydd a'r rhai sydd wedi eu clustnodi;
- copi o'r cyfrifon ariannol blynyddol diweddaraf;
- copi o gyfansoddiad y gymdeithas.

Os na roddir gwybodaeth lawn yna fe all hynny achosi oedi wrth i'r Cyngor ystyried y cais.

16. Dylid gofyn i ymgeiswyr fel arfer gyllido o leiaf 10% o gost y prosiect o'u hadnoddau eu hunain, heb gynnwys y cymorth a geir gan unrhyw gyrff cyhoeddus neu gyrff nad ydynt yn gyhoeddus, heb law am unrhyw gymorth a geir gan y Gronfa Gymunedol (Loteri) y gellir ei gyfrif yn rhan o adnoddau'r ymgeisydd ei hun..

17. Ystyrir pob cais ar sail teilyngdod, ond bydd y grant naill ai'n 50% o gost y prosiect neu'r swm sy'n ofynnol i ariannu'r diffyg yn y prosiect, pa un bynnag yw'r swm isaf, hyd at uchafswm o £25,000.

14. Grants are available towards such things as:

- the purchase and development of land;
- the purchase of buildings;
- the upgrading of existing facilities;
- the purchase of equipment

15. An application form must be completed and all information requested on the form must be supplied, as follows:

- details and plans of the project;
- a copy of the lease agreement if appropriate;
- copies of three estimates for the project;
- copies of recent bank (or other) statements showing the organisation's free and earmarked balances/reserves;
- a copy of the latest annual financial accounts;
- a copy of the organisation's constitution.

Failure to provide full information may result in a delay in the Council considering the application.

16. Applicants should normally be required to fund at least 10% of the project cost from their own resources, excluding assistance received from any public or non-public bodies, apart from any assistance received from the Community Fund (Lottery) which can be allowed to count as part of their own resources.

17. Each application will be considered on its merits, but the maximum grant will be the lower of 50% of the project cost or the amount required to fund the project deficit, subject to a maximum of £25,000.

18. Os bydd cyfanswm y gwariant yn llai na'r amcangyfrif ar gyfer cost gyfan y prosiect yna fe ellir lleihau grant y Cyngor i gyfateb i hynny.
18. If the total expenditure is less than the estimated total project cost, the Council's grant may be reduced proportionately.
19. Ni fydd y Cyngor yn cynorthwyo'r un prosiect ddwy waith. Fodd bynnag, gallai camau unigol, a nodir yn eglur mewn prosiect, fod yn gymwys i dderbyn cymorth.
19. The Council will not assist the same project twice. However, separate phases, clearly identified in a project may qualify for assistance.
20. Ni fydd gwerth amser gwirfoddolwyr (fel cyfraniad ymarferol) yn dderbyniol fel costau cyfalaf cymwys.
20. The value of volunteer time (in kind contribution) will not be allowed as an eligible capital cost.
21. Nid yw'r ffaith fod grant wedi ei gymeradwyo ar gyfer gwaith cyfalaf i wneud gwelliannau'n awgrymu y rhoddir rhagor o gymorth ariannol at y costau cynnal at y dyfodol.
21. Approval of a grant towards capital improvement works does not imply that any further financial support will be given towards future running costs.
22. Ar ôl i'r grant gael ei gymeradwyo, dylid hawlio taliadau ar y ffurflen hawlio a ddarperir a hynny gydag anfonebau wedi eu talu. Ni fydd bonion sieciau, ffotogopiau o sieciau a datganiadau'n ddigonol fel prawf o wariant. Dan amgylchiadau arbennig fe ellid gwneud taliadau ar sail anfonebau sydd heb eu talu cyn belled ag y bo'r derbynebau'n cael eu hanfon ymlaen i'r Cyngor a fewn 21 o ddiwrnodau wedi dyddiad siec y Cyngor.
22. After a grant has been awarded, claims for payment are to be made on the claim form provided and must be accompanied by paid invoices. Cheque stubs, photocopies of cheques and statements will not suffice as proof of expenditure. In special circumstances, payment could be made on unpaid invoices provided that receipts are forwarded to the Council within 21 days of the date of the Council's cheque.
23. Yn gyffredinol, dylid cyflwyno'r cais am dalu'r grant pan fydd y prosiect wedi ei gwblhau. Fodd bynnag, ystyrir ceisiadau am daliadau interim ar gyfer y grantiau mwyaf. Bydd y Cyngor yn dewis prosiectau ar hap i'w harchwilio cyn i'r grant gael ei ryddhau.
23. Generally, the claim for payment of the grant should be submitted when the project has been completed. However, requests for interim payments for the larger grants will be considered. Projects to be inspected prior to the release of the grant will be selected at random by the Council.
24. Pan roddir Grant, disgwylir gan y Cyngor y byddwch wedi cwblhau'r prosiectau cyn diwedd y flwyddyn ariannol y cymeradwyir y grant. Dylid cyflwyno pob hawliad am grant erbyn Mawrth 1af fan bellaf.
24. Where a Grant is awarded, the Council will require projects to be completed before the end of the financial year in which the grant is approved. All claims for payment of grant should be submitted by no later than 1st March.
- Oni fydd y grant wedi ei hawlio, ni ellir ei gario ymlaen i'r flwyddyn sy'n dilyn heb gymeradwyaeth y Cyngor o flaen llaw. Os na fyddwch yn derbyn cymeradwyaeth gan y Cyngor i gario'r grant ymlaen bydd angen i chi gyflwyno cais newydd am grant ar gyfer y flwyddyn sy'n dilyn.
- If a grant has not been claimed, it cannot be carried over to the following year without the Council's prior approval. If approval is not granted a new grant application will need to be submitted for the following year.

CYLLID REFENIW

25. Mae'r grantiau ar gael ar gyfer pethau megis:
- costau cynnal cymdeithasau;
 - costau sefydlu cymdeithasau;
 - costau cynnal digwyddiadau, gan gynnwys Gwyliau ac Eisteddfodau.

26. Mae'n rhaid llanw ffurflen gais ac mae'n rhaid i gymdeithasau roi'r wybodaeth ganlynol:

- copiâu o ddatganiadau banc (neu arall) diweddar yn nodi balansau/cronfeydd y gymdeithas, y rhai rhydd a'r rhai sydd wedi eu clustnodi;
- copi o'r cyfrifon ariannol blynyddol diweddaraf;
- copi o'r cyfansoddiad.

Os na roddir gwybodaeth lawn yna fe all hynny achosi oedi wrth i'r Cyngor ystyried y cais.

27. Dylid gofyn i ymgeiswyr fel arfer gyllido o leiaf 10% o gost y prosiect neu gost refeniw gros o'u hadnoddau eu hunain, heb gynnwys y cymorth a dderbyniwyd oddi wrth gyrff cyhoeddus neu gyrff nad ydynt yn gyhoeddus, heb law am gymorth dderbynnir oddiwrth y Gronfa Gymunedol (Loteri) sydd yn medru cael ei gyfrif yn rhan o adnoddau'r ymgeisydd ei hun.

28. Caiff pob cais ei ystyried yn ôl teilyngdod, fodd bynnag ni roddir grant sy'n fwy na 25% o'r gost refeniw gros neu'r swm sy'n ofynnol i ariannu'r diffyg a amcangyfrifir, hyd at uchafswm o £10,000, pa un bynnag sydd isaf

29. Cyfyngir y grant refeniw a roddir i un corff i uchafswm o £10,000 mewn un flwyddyn ariannol, ni waeth faint o geisiadau a wneir.

REVENUE FUNDING

25. Grants are available towards such things as:
- the running costs of an organisation;
 - the costs of setting up an organisation;
 - the costs of staging events, including Festivals and Eisteddfodau.

26. An application form must be completed and organisations must supply the following information:

- copies of recent bank (or other) statements showing the amount of free and earmarked balances/reserves;
- a copy of the latest annual financial accounts;
- a copy of the constitution.

Failure to provide information may result in a delay in the Council considering the application.

27. Applicants should normally be required to fund at least 10% of the project or gross revenue cost from their own resources, excluding assistance received from any public or non-public bodies, apart from any assistance received from the Community Fund (Lottery) which can be allowed to count as part of their own resources.

28. Each application will be considered on its merits, but the maximum level of grant will be the lesser of 25% of the gross revenue cost or the amount required to fund the estimated deficit, subject to a maximum of £10,000.

29. The total revenue grant awarded to a single organisation will be limited to a maximum of £10,000 in any one financial year, irrespective of the number of applications.

30. Caiff ceisiadau am gostau cynnal craidd lai o grant ym mhob un o'r 4 blynedd sy'n dilyn y cais cyntaf os cyflwynir ceisiadau dilynol. Seilir hyn ar ostyngiad o 20% yn y grant gwreiddiol am bob un o'r blynyddoedd dilynol, ac erbyn blwyddyn 6 ni fydd hawl i grant. Caiff ceisiadau newydd yn 2017/2018 eu hasesu fel arfer, ac ystyrir mai 2017/2018 yw blwyddyn 1. Caiff ceisiadau sydd eisoes wedi eu cymeradwyo yn 2016/2017, a lle mae cais pellach yn 2017/2018, eu trin megis petai 2016/2017 yn flwyddyn 1, a 2017/2018 yn flwyddyn 2.

e.e. Pe rhoddid grant o £10,000 ym mlwyddyn 1, byddai hyn yn cwmpo i uchafswm o £8,000 ym mlwyddyn 2, £6,000 ym mlwyddyn 3, £4,000 ym mlwyddyn 4, £2,000 ym mlwyddyn 5 a grant o ddim ym mlwyddyn 6.

31. Ni fydd gwerth amser gwirfoddolwyr (fel cyfraniad ymarferol) yn dderbyniol fel costau cyfalaf cymwys.

32. Fe delir grantiau arian refeniw cyn gynted â phosib ar ôl eu cymeradwyo.

GRANTIAU POLISI

33. Mae'r grantiau canlynol yn daladwy o dan y cynllun yma:-

- Eisteddfodau lleol - £200
- Gŵyl Fawr Aberteifi, Gŵyl y Banc Awst Llambed, Eisteddfodau Teulu James Pantyfedwen - £3,000
- Sioeau amaethyddol ac/neu arddwriaethol lleol - £200
- Sioeau Aberystwyth, Aberteifi, Llanbedr Pont Steffan, Llandysul a Gŵyl Merlod a Chobiau Cymreig Aberaeron - £500
- Gŵyl Pysgod Bae Ceredigion, Gŵyl Fwyd Llanbedr Pont Steffan a Gŵyl Afon a Bwyd Aberteifi - £500
- Papurau Bro - £500
- Unigolion - grant a roddir am y tro cyntaf y bydd unigolyn yn cynrychioli Cymru neu Brydain Fawr mewn gweithgaredd penodol - £200 (bydd unigolion sy'n cynrychioli Cymru'n cael gwneud cais hyd at 3 mis ar ôl eu gweitharedd)

34. Telir grantiau polisi cyn gynted â phosib ar ôl eu cymeradwyo.

30. Applications for core running costs will be subject to a reduced grant in each of the 4 years following an initial application if subsequent applications are submitted. The basis for this is a 20% reduction of the original grant for each subsequent year, so that by year six there is no grant entitlement. New applications in 2017/2018 will be assessed as normal, and 2017/2018 will be treated as year 1. Applications already approved in 2016/2017, and where there is a further application in 2017/2018, will be treated as 2016/2017 being year 1, and 2017/2018 being year 2.

e.g. If a grant is awarded of £10,000 in year 1, this would fall to a maximum of £8,000 in year 2, £6,000 in year 3, £4,000 in year 4, £2,000 in year 5 and then a nil grant entitlement in year 6.

31. The value of volunteer time (in kind contribution) will not be allowed as an eligible revenue cost.

32. Grants for revenue funding will be paid as soon as possible after approval has been obtained.

POLICY GRANTS

33. The following grants are payable under this scheme:-

- Local Eisteddfodau - £200
- Gŵyl Fawr Aberteifi, Gŵyl y Banc Awst Llambed, Eisteddfodau Teulu James Pantyfedwen - £3,000
- Local agricultural and / or horticultural shows - £200
- Aberystwyth, Cardigan, Lampeter, Llandysul Shows and Aberaeron Festival of Welsh Ponies & Cobs - £500
- Cardigan Bay Sea Food Festival, Lampeter Food Festival and Cardigan River and Food Festival - £500
- Papurau Bro - £500
- Individuals - one off grant for first time representing Wales or Great Britain at an activity - £200 (individuals representing Wales can apply up to three months after their activity)

34. Policy grants will be paid as soon as possible after approval has been obtained.



CEREDIGION COMMUNITY GRANT

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Section A: Ceredigion Community Grant Fund introduction

Overall aim:

- The purpose of the scheme is to increase the range of facilities, activities and opportunities within Ceredigion.
- In awarding grant funding we aim to ensure that the application process is easy to understand and made clear to all applicants, while at the same time ensuring sufficient information is gathered to promote value for money, fairness in decision making, public accountability and avoidance of fraud or misuse of funds, reflecting the highest standards of public sector financial management.

Funding available:

- Both capital and policy grant funding is available through the Ceredigion Community Grant Fund.
- There will be one application window open each year for Capital Grants. A second opportunity to apply for Capital Grants will be at the discretion of the Assessment Panel.
- **Capital Grant**
Maximum capital grant available will be the lower of 50% of the project cost or the amount required to fund the project deficit, subject to a maximum of **£10,000**. Full eligibility criteria can be found in Section B.
- **Policy Grants**
Policy grants are financed via the Welsh Church Fund (WCF). The maximum grant available is:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gŵyl Fawr Aberteifi • Eisteddfod RTJ Pantyfedwen, Llanbedr Pont Steffan • Eisteddfod Teulu James Pantyfedwen, Pontrhydfendigaid 	£2,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Papurau Bro 	£500 p.a for the first 5 yrs of publication / £250 p.a. thereafter
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Eisteddfodau 	£250
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local agricultural and / or horticultural shows 	£250
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aberystwyth, Cardigan, Lampeter, Llandysul Shows and Aberaeron Festival of Welsh Ponies & Cobs 	£500

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cardigan Bay Sea Food Festival, Lampeter Food Festival and Cardigan River and Food Festival	£500
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Full eligibility criteria for Policy Grant funding can be found in Section C.

- The Council has a finite annual budget for Capital Grants so each grant will be assessed on its own merit by a Grant Assessment Panel. The panel's decision regarding award of grant is final.

Welsh Language:

- The Council has adopted the Welsh Language Standards to ensure that the Welsh and English languages are treated on the basis of equality, and that citizens should be able to use the Welsh language in all aspects of their lives if they wish to do so.
- In order to support this aim, successful grant applicants **should**:-
 - Produce all written and electronic material in connection with the organisation bilingually – e.g. signs, leaflets, posters, publications, advertisements, web pages, social media and any slogans.
 - Ensure public events or activities held in connection with the organisation treat the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language e.g. announcements from loudspeakers, Chairperson to ensure that those attending an event feel comfortable to be able to contribute in their preferred language.
 - Assist to provide opportunities for persons to use the Welsh Language.

Key features of the Ceredigion Community Grant:

- The Council will not under any circumstances consider applications for projects which have already commenced/been completed, or for events which have already taken place.
- Grants cannot be used for any purpose other than that stated on the application form.
- In all publicity associated with the scheme, reference should be made to the fact that a grant has been awarded by the Council.
- The applicant should be able to demonstrate widespread community support e.g. letter from the Community/Town Council or Ceredigion County Council. Local Member for the ward
- The Council will not assist the same project twice. However, separate phases, clearly identified in a project may qualify for assistance.

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- You may only apply once in a financial year.
- Applicants should operate bilingually in dealing with the public.
- Applicants must ensure that all sections of the community are treated equally.
- Applications will not be accepted from organisations associated with political activity.
- Applications will not be accepted from organisations who operate a policy of discrimination against any sector of the community.
- Applications for funding should be made on our application form and supported by all requested supporting documentation. Incomplete applications or applications that do not include all of the required documentation cannot be considered for funding.
- Organisations are responsible for obtaining Building Regulations approval, planning permission, and any other licences and permissions necessary for their project.

Section B: Capital Grant

Funding available

- Each application will be considered on its merits, but the maximum grant will be the lower of 50% of the project cost or the amount required to fund the project deficit, subject to a maximum of **£10,000**.
- Applicants **are** required to fund at least 10% of the project cost from their own resources, excluding assistance received from any public or non-public bodies, apart from any assistance received from the Community Fund (Lottery) e.g. The National Lottery Community Fund /or Sport Wales Grants, can be allowed to count as part of their own resources.
- If the resultant actual total expenditure is less than the estimated total project cost at grant award, the Council's grant may be reduced proportionately.
- The **£10,000** maximum applies per organisation within a single year. Therefore, if an organisation secures **£10,000** grant funding for a single project, no other applications will be considered from that organisation for any other projects within the same year.

Who can apply?

- The grants are available to Community Groups, Churches, Chapels or bonafide Voluntary Sports and Play Associations who wish to improve and increase the range of facilities, activities and opportunities within Ceredigion.
- Voluntary, non-profit making organisations, which are properly constituted will be eligible to apply for assistance. They should be based in or be responsible for projects based in the Ceredigion area.
- However, applications from organisations outside the County boundary will be considered where it can be demonstrated that there would be a benefit to the inhabitants of Ceredigion.

Eligible Projects

Grant applications must demonstrate that any proposed project meets at least one of the Objectives outlined in the latest Corporate Strategy. [Corporate Strategy 2022-2027 - Ceredigion County Council](#)

Eligible expenditure:

- Grants are available towards such things as:
 - The purchase and development of land.
 - The purchase of buildings.
 - The upgrading of existing facilities.
 - The purchase of equipment.

Ineligible expenditure:

- Costs which were committed or spent before the offer and acceptance of the grant.
- Costs to replace items.
- Repair, maintenance and decoration costs.
- The value of volunteer time (in kind contribution) will not be allowed as an eligible cost.
- No grant will be awarded towards work that is subject of an insurance claim.
- No grant will be made to an applicant where there is a statutory responsibility of another Committee or the Council to support such activities, i.e. Awards to student's parent teachers' associations etc.
- No grant will be awarded to Twinning Associations

Equipment:

- Where second hand equipment is purchased the price of the equipment shall not exceed its market value and shall be less than the cost of similar new equipment.
- Any equipment purchased shall have the technical characteristics necessary for the operation and comply with applicable norms and standards, e.g. Health and Safety.

Procurement - Purchasing goods, services or works:

- When procuring works, goods and services, applicants are expected to conduct the process in a manner which ensures openness, value for money and fairness and must follow the procurement procedures as they are outlined in this section.
- Original quotes/estimates must be attached to the application and at least 3 must be included per item. For applications with project costs of £100,000 or more there should be a competitively tendered process.
- Any grant provided will be based on the value of the lowest quote/estimate received.

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- It is essential when asking for quotes and estimates to ensure that the gross cost is requested (i.e. including VAT if appropriate) or the very least to ask for the quote VAT inclusive or exclusive. Quotes will need to provide a full breakdown of costs and the company/directors of the company should not have an interest / shareholding in any of the companies supplying quotes/estimates for the grant application.
- Failure to observe the relevant procedures outlined above will be considered non-compliant and may lead to a withdrawal of the grant offer and potential claw-back of funding.
- In cases where you are unable to satisfy the requirements of these procedures you must always inform the Grant Officer for advice and/or clarification prior to proceeding.
- If you have any queries as to how these procedures should be applied, you should contact the Grant Officer for clarification and further guidance.

Section C: Policy Grant

Policy grants have a simplified application process. The maximum available is shown below. Policy grants will be paid as soon as possible after approval has been obtained.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aberystwyth, Cardigan, Lampeter, Llandysul Shows and Aberaeron Festival of Welsh Ponies & Cobs 	£500
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cardigan Bay Sea Food Festival, Lampeter Food Festival and Cardigan River and Food Festival 	£500

Who can apply?

Voluntary, non-profit making organisations, which are properly constituted will be eligible to apply for assistance providing they are responsible for the events or publications listed above.

Section D: Funding Requirements

The funding requirements below are relevant to both Capital & Policy Grant funding unless stated otherwise:

- Should any finance be forthcoming from any sources not previously declared, the Council must be informed immediately in writing and reserves the right to modify the grant proportionately.

Grant Claims

- All grant approvals will be subject to a set of standard terms and conditions.
- Should the application be successful, the grant funds will be paid directly into the bank account of the applicant on receipt of a completed claim form supported by bank statement(s) (online statements are acceptable providing the bank account number, sort code and bank name and logo are clearly legible) and invoices showing the **actual expenditure incurred**.
- Grant may not be offered or paid if the organisation or applicant is in arrears with any payment to Ceredigion County Council.
- After a grant has been awarded, claims for payment are to be made on the claim form provided and must be accompanied by paid invoices. Cheque stubs, photocopies of cheques, copies of bank transfers and statements will not suffice as proof of expenditure.
- Generally, the claim for payment of the grant should be submitted when the project has been completed. However, requests for interim payments for the larger grants will be considered. Projects may be inspected prior to the release of the grant.
- Should the applicant fail to meet the agreed outputs or account for incurred expenditure with legitimate receipts, the County Council reserve the right to take action against the applicant to recover a proportion of the awarded grant money.
- If the total expenditure is less than the estimated total project cost, the Council's grant may be reduced proportionately.
- All funding allocated within a financial year should be spent before the end of that year. You will be required to complete a report on how the funding was used during that financial year.
- The funding must be spent solely on those items deemed eligible for funding, if there is evidence that any part of the funding has been used for ineligible items then the setting will be required to repay that amount.

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- You agree to repay funding to the Council on demand in the event of a breach by you of the terms under which the grant is awarded.
- Policy Grants will be paid as soon as possible after the grant has been approved

Timescales

- Where a Capital Grant is awarded, the Council will require projects to be completed before the end of the financial year in which the grant is approved.
- All claims for payment of grant should be submitted by no later than 1st March.
- If a grant has not been claimed in full during the year it was awarded the Council will consider requests to carry the funding forward only on an exceptional basis.
- Applications deadlines can be found on the website - <http://www.ceredigion.gov.uk/business/funding-grants/community-grants/> .

Monitoring

- Progress will be monitored as set out in a timescale agreed by the applicant and the Grant Officer. Progress will be monitored against the finances and outputs as agreed in the application. The applicant will be required to report progress against these.
- A full report to include photographic evidence of the activity (where applicable) should be submitted. A final report template will be provided.

Welsh Language

- Successful grant applicants are required to operate bilingually in all aspect of their work – as described in Section A
- Providers who have been awarded a grant under this Agreement are encouraged to have in place and operate a Progress Plan in line with the Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011. A framework to allow you to plan your use of the Welsh language with an emphasis on increasing that use over time. Please find guidance and template on the Welsh Language Commissioners website: [Guidance \(welshlanguagecommissioner.wales\)](http://www.welshlanguagecommissioner.wales)

Publicity

- In all publicity associated with the scheme, reference should be made to the fact that a grant has been awarded by the Council.

Part E: Application process

What do I need to do to apply?

- Before you apply to the fund you are advised to consider whether it is the most appropriate source of funding for your proposal.
- Applications are welcomed in Welsh or English. Applications submitted in either language will be treated equally.
- Capital Grant -
 - An application form must be completed and all information requested on the form must be supplied, as follows:
 - details and plans of the project;
 - a copy of the lease agreement if appropriate;
 - copies of three estimates for the project or for projects with total costs of £100,000 or more evidence of a competitively tendered process is required;
 - copies of the most recent bank (or other) statements showing the organisation's free and earmarked balances/reserves;
 - a copy of the latest annual financial accounts;
 - a copy of the organisation's constitution.
 - a copy of the project Risk Assessment - If contractors are carrying out the work of the project, please ask them for their risk assessment.
- Policy Grants -
 - An application form must be completed and all information requested on the form must be supplied, as follows:
 - copies of recent bank (or other) statements showing the amount of free and earmarked balances/reserves;
 - a copy of the latest annual financial accounts;
 - a copy of the constitution.
 - a copy of the project Risk Assessment
- Failure to provide full information may result in a delay in the Council considering the application.

When can I apply?

- Applications deadlines can be found on the website - <http://www.ceredigion.gov.uk/business/funding-grants/community-grants/> .
- There will be one application window open each year for both Capital and Policy Grants. A second opportunity to apply will be at the discretion of the Assessment Panel.

How will applications be assessed?

- All applications will be considered by an Assessment Panel. Decisions made by the Assessment Panel will be final and subject to the funding available.

Application checklist

Capital Grant Only
Details and plans of the project, and proof of planning permission
Copies of three estimates for the project. For projects with total costs of £100,000 or more evidence of a competitively tendered process is required;
A copy of the lease agreement or title deed and permission from landlord
Copies of recent bank (or other) statements showing the organisation's balances/reserves;
A copy of the latest annual financial accounts;
A copy of the organisation's constitution;
Evidence of community support – a supporting letter from the local County Councillor / local Town/Community Council
Applicants will need to outline the ways in which the proposal encourages the development of the Welsh Language.
Letter confirming VAT position (if applicable)
Letter confirming match funding(if applicable)
Copy of the project Risk Assessment
Any other relevant information
Policy Grant Only
Copies of recent bank (or other) statements showing the organisation's balances/reserves;
A copy of the latest annual financial accounts;
A copy of the organisation's constitution;
Copy of the project Risk Assessment
A copy of the event's programme/schedule or copy of the Papur Bro
Any other relevant information



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INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT (IIA) TOOL

Proposal Details

Title of Policy / Proposal / Initiative													
Ceredigion Community Grant Scheme: 2024/25 Budget Reductions													
Service Area	Officer completing IIA												
Finance & Procurement	Mark Bridges												
Corporate Lead Officer	Strategic Director												
Duncan Hall	Barry Rees												
Please give a brief description of the purpose of the proposal													
<p>As part of the 2024/25 Budget Setting process it is proposed that the Council's Community Grant Scheme budget is reduced going forward.</p> <p><u>Purpose of the Ceredigion Community Grants Scheme</u> Ceredigion awards grants to Community Groups, Community Councils or bonafide Voluntary Sports and Play Associations who apply for funding for projects that have the aim of increasing the range of facilities, activities and opportunities within Ceredigion.</p> <p><u>Capital</u> Capital Grants will be reduced from £200k per annum to £100k.</p> <p><u>Revenue</u> At present (2023/24) the Revenue grants awarded by the Council are funded both from a contribution from the Council (CCC) and a contribution from the Welsh Church Fund (WCF). It is proposed that the Council remove it's annual contribution of £26k from 2024/25. The table below shows the impact of this on the Revenue Grants budget.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Contribution</th> <th>Actual 2023/24 Budget £'000</th> <th>Proposed 2024/25 Budget £'000</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>CCC</td> <td>26</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>WCF</td> <td>30</td> <td>30</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>56</td> <td>30</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Contribution	Actual 2023/24 Budget £'000	Proposed 2024/25 Budget £'000	CCC	26	0	WCF	30	30	Total	56	30
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CCC	26	0											
WCF	30	30											
Total	56	30											

Who will be directly affected by this proposal? [HINT](#)

Directly - the Council will have less funds available to provide grants to those organisations and associations that would apply for grant funding to assist with relevant projects.

Indirectly - the residents of Ceredigion that use the outputs of Community Grant funded projects may be impacted, if no alternative funding is available to these organisations and associations for the delivery of these projects.

On the Capital side the organisations that typically apply for grants through the Community Grant scheme are varied and range from sports clubs applying for funding to contribute for the provision of facilities such as changing facilities, showers and sporting equipment to Community Council's requesting a contribution to playground equipment.

On the Revenue side, the Council issues a number of 'Policy' grants to assist funding for a number of Papur Bro, Eisteddfodau, shows and individuals representing Wales for example at a sporting event. In addition to the Policy grants the Council also has other Revenue funding applications, such as contributions to the costs of various shows and one-off contributions to the start up costs of community groups and organisations.

It is not suggested that this funding is removed completely, but that funds available will be reduced. It's anticipated the Council will be able to contribute to many of the same projects but at a lesser contribution/ intervention rate.

Have those who will be affected by the proposal had the opportunity to comment on it?

Not currently. Revised Community Grant scheme guidance and maximum grant awards is currently being developed and is expected to go through the relevant Council Scrutiny process during March 2024.

Version Control

The IIA should be used at the earliest stages of decision making, and then honed and refined throughout the decision-making process. It is important to keep a record of this process so that we can demonstrate how we have considered and included sustainable development, Welsh language and equality considerations wherever possible.

Version Number	Author	Decision making stage	Date Considered	Description of any amendments made
1.0	Mark Bridges	HINT Budget Process		HINT

Council Corporate Well-being Objectives

Which of the Council's Corporate Well-being Objectives does this proposal address and how? Click here to read a summary of our [Corporate Strategy 2022-27](#)

<p>Boosting the economy, supporting business, and enabling employment.</p>	<p>There may be a negative impact here if projects don't proceed because the organisations/associations delivering the project are unable to source alternative funds to fill any gaps created from reduced funding from CCC.</p> <p>Local trades/ businesses will be involved in delivering projects funded via these grants so there may be less work available.</p> <p>Any revisions to the scheme as a consequence of budget reductions are going to be aimed at assisting a similar number of projects but at a reduced contribution/intervention rate as to minimise the impact. There are also many other sources of funding available that the Council can direct applicants to possibly assist any funding gap created. Organisations such as CAVO or the Funding Wales website (https://funding.cymru/) can assist in providing possible alternative options.</p> <p>Two grant schemes that have similar aims as the Council's grant scheme are;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Facilities Programme provided by Welsh Government. Provides small grants under £25k and larger grants up to £300k. • National Lottery Grants for Heritage. Provides grants from £3k to £10k.
<p>Creating caring and healthy communities</p>	<p>Organisations that provide Care and Support in the community are able to apply for grants through the Council's Community Grant Scheme. Obviously, less funding will be available for projects that may support these aims.</p> <p>Again, with the caveats noted in Boosting Economy it is hoped the impact will be minimised as much as possible and to a large extent the negative impact is theoretical as no existing funding provided to organisations is being withdrawn. Only future proposed projects will have less funding available to them from CCC.</p>

<p>Providing the best start in life and enabling learning at all ages</p>	<p>The exact same considerations noted in <i>creating caring and healthy communities</i> should be noted here as funding available to organisations working in this arena will have less funding to apply for any potential future projects.</p>
<p>Creating sustainable, greener, and well-connected communities</p>	<p>The exact same considerations noted in <i>creating caring and healthy communities</i> should be noted here as funding available to organisations working in this arena will have less funding to apply for any potential future projects.</p>

National Well-being Goal: A Prosperous Wales

An innovative, productive, and low carbon society where everyone has decent work and there is no poverty.

Click [here](#) for information about a prosperous Wales.

Does the proposal contribute to this goal? Describe the positive or negative impacts. (Click [here](#) for information)

Historically the type of grants provided through the Community Grant don't contribute extensively to this Well-being goal. There may be the odd example where they have but the impact will not be considerable.

As described in the impact to the Boosting Economy Corporate Objective above, the main consideration here is the potential for negative impact that reduced funding from Ceredigion CC may mean some projects not proceeding where organisations/associations delivering the potential project cannot find alternative sources of funding. Local trades/businesses will not then be employed to deliver the project as they would have if the project went ahead.

What evidence do you have to support this view?

Experience of previous grant claims.

What action(s) can you take to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to this National Well-being Goal?

The Community Grant Scheme is currently being revised to accommodate the reduced budget. Subject to Scrutiny/ Cabinet agreement the scheme is going to be revised in a way as to try and support as many projects as possible but with a lower maximum contribution/ intervention rate. The aim being that a number of projects will still proceed with a contribution from CCC but alternative funding may have to be sought to fill the gap.

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National Well-being Goal: A Resilient Wales

A society where biodiversity is maintained and enhanced and where ecosystems are healthy and functioning.

Click [here](#) for information about a resilient Wales.

Does the proposal contribute to this goal? Describe the positive or negative impacts. (Click [here](#) for information)

Typically, projects supported through the Community Grants scheme don't support this Well-being goal. There may be occasion where the odd project has but on the whole the impact here will be minimal/negligible.

What evidence do you have to support this view?

Experience of past Community Grant applications.

What action(s) can you take to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to this National Well-being Goal?

n/a

National Well-being Goal: A Healthier Wales

A society where people make healthy choices and enjoy good physical and mental health.

Click [here](#) for information about a healthier Wales.

Does the proposal contribute to this goal? Describe the positive or negative impacts. (Click [here](#) for information)

This is the Well-being goal where the reduction in budget could have a more pronounced impact. Many grants awarded are to sporting organisations for equipment and the development of facilities. A number of grants are also awarded to shows and community groups that will be positive for resident's mental health and engagement whether that is the sole intention or not.

As noted previously some projects/ events that relevant organisations would have previously delivered may not go ahead if they cannot find alternative source of funds that would previously have been provided by the Council. This will obviously not deliver the positive outputs/aims of potential projects not being delivered.

No organisations are dependent on funding from the Council for their day to day running costs through this scheme, so no organisation/association should cease to exist because of the reduction to the Community Grant budget. It is solely the potential to support projects at a higher rate that is affected so the overall impact won't actively be negative.

Some Policy Grants are also awarded to individuals for the representation of Wales at sporting events. These grants are small however and are unlikely to lead to the individual not carrying out the activity as they would otherwise.

What evidence do you have to support this view?

Experience of past Community Grant applications.

What action(s) can you take to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to this National Well-being Goal?

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National Well-being Goal: A More Equal Wales

A society where everyone has an equal chance whatever their background or circumstances.

This section is longer because you are asked to assess the impact of your proposal on each group that is protected by the **Equality Act 2010**.

Click [here](#) for information about equality in Wales.

Do you think this proposal will have a positive or a negative impact on people because of their age? (Click [here](#) for information)

Children and Young People up to 18	None / Negligible
People 18-50	None / Negligible
Older people 50+	None / Negligible

Describe the positive or negative impacts.

The Community Grant Scheme does not discriminate based on age and actively states that,

Applications will not be accepted from organisations who operate a policy of discrimination against any sector of the community.

The groups that tend to be supported through the Community Grants scheme are for events and groups from a wide range of ages so overall any negative impact, if any, will not discriminate against any one age group.

What evidence do you have to support this?

Experience of past grant applications.

The grant scheme criteria allows all age demographics to apply for funding without prejudice.

What action(s) can you take to mitigate any negative impacts?

Is there an opportunity to use this proposal to eliminate unlawful discrimination, advance equality of opportunity or encourage good relations between people in this group and the rest of the population?

n/a

Do you think this proposal will have a positive or a negative impact on people because of their disability? (Click [here](#) for information)

Hearing Impairment	None / Negligible
Physical Impairment	None / Negligible
Visual Impairment	None / Negligible
Learning Disability	None / Negligible
Long Standing Illness	None / Negligible

Mental Health	None / Negligible
Other	None / Negligible
Describe the positive or negative impacts.	
On balance the impact on people because on disability will be none/negligible.	
There is a possibility that charities for instance that support people with disabilities will have less funding to apply for but our grant award history doesn't indicate that this happens regularly and so the impact overall is likely minimal.	
What evidence do you have to support this?	
Experience of past grant applications	
What action(s) can you to take to mitigate any negative impacts?	
Is there an opportunity to use this proposal to eliminate unlawful discrimination, advance equality of opportunity or encourage good relations between people in this group and the rest of the population?	
Not applicable, but previous comments in other sections about the scheme currently being revised with a view to support as many projects as possible but at a lower intervention rate applies here and will reduce the potential impact here to a negligible level.	

Do you think this proposal will have a positive or a negative impact on people who are transgender? (Click here for information)	
Trans Women	None / Negligible
Trans Men	None / Negligible
Non-binary people	None / Negligible
Describe the positive or negative impacts	
The Community Grant Scheme does not discriminate based on gender and actively states that, <i>Applications will not be accepted from organisations who operate a policy of discrimination against any sector of the community.</i>	
The reduced funding available will not positively or negatively impact anyone because of gender.	
What evidence do you have to support this?	

Current Community Grant guidance and past grant application experience.

What action(s) can you to take to mitigate any negative impacts?

Is there an opportunity to use this proposal to eliminate unlawful discrimination, advance equality of opportunity or encourage good relations between people in this group and the rest of the population?

n/a

Do you think this proposal will have a positive or a negative impact on people with different sexual orientation? (Click [here](#) for information)

Bisexual	None / Negligible
Gay Men	None / Negligible
Gay Women/Lesbian	None / Negligible
Heterosexual/Straight	None / Negligible

Describe the positive or negative impacts

The Community Grant Scheme does not discriminate based on sexual orientation and actively states that,

Applications will not be accepted from organisations who operate a policy of discrimination against any sector of the community.

The reduced funding available will not positively or negatively impact anyone because of sexual orientation.

What evidence do you have to support this?

Current Community Grant guidance and past grant application experience.

What action(s) can you to take to mitigate any negative impacts?

Is there an opportunity to use this proposal to eliminate unlawful discrimination, advance equality of opportunity or encourage good relations between people in this group and the rest of the population?

n/a

Do you think this proposal will have a positive or a negative impact on people who are married or in a civil partnership? (Click [here](#) for information)

People who are married	None / Negligible
People in a civil partnership	None / Negligible

Describe the positive or negative impacts

It's difficult to see how the proposal will negatively or positively impact on anyone regardless of marital status.

What evidence do you have to support this?

Current Community Grant guidance and past grant application experience.

What action(s) can you take to mitigate any negative impacts?

Is there an opportunity to use this proposal to eliminate unlawful discrimination, advance equality of opportunity or encourage good relations between people in this group and the rest of the population?

n/a

Do you think this proposal will have a positive or a negative impact on people who are pregnant or on maternity leave? (Click [here](#) for information)

Pregnancy	None / Negligible
Maternity	None / Negligible

Describe the positive or negative impacts

No positive/negative impacts foreseen.

What evidence do you have to support this?

Current Community Grant guidance and past grant application experience.

What action(s) can you take to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts?

n/a

Do you think this proposal will have a positive or a negative impact on people because of their ethnic origin? (Click [here](#) for information)

Asian / Asian British	None / Negligible
Black / African / Caribbean / Black British	None / Negligible
Mixed / Multiple Ethnic Groups	None / Negligible
White	None / Negligible
Other Ethnic Groups	None / Negligible

Describe the positive or negative impacts

Again, no positive/negative impacts foreseen to any particular group based on race.

What evidence do you have to support this?

Current Community Grant guidance and past grant application experience.

What action(s) can you take to mitigate any negative impacts?

Is there an opportunity to use this proposal to eliminate unlawful discrimination, advance equality of opportunity or encourage good relations between people in this group and the rest of the population?

n/a

Do you think this proposal will have a positive or a negative impact on people with different religions, beliefs, or non-beliefs? (Click [here](#) for information)

Buddhist	None / Negligible
Christian	None / Negligible
Hindu	None / Negligible
Humanist	None / Negligible
Jewish	None / Negligible
Muslim	None / Negligible
Sikh	None / Negligible

Non-belief	None / Negligible
Other	None / Negligible
Describe the positive or negative impacts	
No positive/negative impacts foreseen based on religious belief.	
What evidence do you have to support this?	
Current Community Grant guidance and past grant application experience.	
What action(s) can you to take to mitigate any negative impacts?	
Is there an opportunity to use this proposal to eliminate unlawful discrimination, advance equality of opportunity or encourage good relations between people in this group and the rest of the population?	
n/a	

Do you think this proposal will have a positive or a negative impact on men or women? (Click here for information)	
Men	None / Negligible
Women	None / Negligible
Describe the positive or negative impacts	
No positive/negative impacts expected against any group based on gender.	
What evidence do you have to support this?	
Current Community Grant guidance and past grant application experience.	
What action(s) can you to take to mitigate any negative impacts?	
Is there an opportunity to use this proposal to eliminate unlawful discrimination, advance equality of opportunity or encourage good relations between men and women?	
n/a	

Do you think this proposal will have a positive or a negative impact on people from the Armed Forces Community? (Click [here](#) for information)

Members of the Armed Forces	None / Negligible
Veterans	None / Negligible
Spouses	None / Negligible
Children	None / Negligible

Describe the positive or negative impacts

There's no particular impact specifically expected for this group

What evidence do you have to support this?

Current Community Grant guidance and past grant application experience.

What action(s) can you to take to mitigate any negative impacts?

n/a

Socio-economic Duty

Socio-economic disadvantage means living on a low income compared to others in Wales, with little or no accumulated wealth, making it more difficult to access basic goods and services.

Family background or where a person is born still affects their life. For example, a child from a wealthy family often does better at school than a child from a poor family, even if the poorer child is more naturally academic. This is sometimes called socio-economic inequality.

Do you think this proposal will have a positive or a negative impact on people experiencing socio-economic disadvantage?

Negative

Describe the positive or negative impacts

It's difficult to predict the extent of the negative impact to people experiencing socio-economic disadvantage.

It's possible that charities or organisations may apply for funding for a project aimed at this group that may not be funded due to limited funds but from experience of past grants this is only likely to be isolated incidents so overall impact will be minimal, but is possible.

What evidence do you have to support this?

Experience of past Community Grant applications.

What action(s) can you take to mitigate any negative impacts?**Is there an opportunity to use this proposal to eliminate unlawful discrimination, advance equality of opportunity or encourage good relations between people in this group and the rest of the population?**

The impact is likely minimal. However, the Welsh Church Fund specifically states that funding should be available to individuals or projects that aim to reduce the effects of poverty. Subject to Scrutiny and Cabinet approval the previously described amendments to the Community Grant scheme will state that funding will be available to applicants and judged on their own merit.

Organisations such as CAVO or the Funding Wales website (<https://funding.cymru/>) can assist in sourcing possible alternatives for funding.

As an example, two grant schemes available that have similar aims as the Council's grant scheme are;

- Community Facilities Programme provided by Welsh Government. Provides small grants under £25k and larger grants up to £300k.
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National Well-being Goal: A Wales of Cohesive Communities

A society with attractive, viable, safe, and well-connected communities.

Click [here](#) for information about cohesive communities.

Does the proposal contribute to this goal? Describe the positive or negative impacts. [HINT](#)

There may be some limited negative affects to community cohesion, satisfaction with local area, volunteering and loneliness. Many past grant applications have been related to projects relating to supporting sporting clubs, local shows, and various community groups.

The negative effects will be limited because funding is not being withdrawn from these organisations as such, but from potential specific future projects/events that are unable to source alternative funding that would previously have been able to be provided through the Community Grant.

What evidence do you have to support this view?

Experience of past Community Grant applications.

What action(s) can you take to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to the goal?

The Community Grant Scheme is currently being revised to accommodate the reduced budget. Subject to Scrutiny/ Cabinet agreement the scheme is going to be revised in a way as to try and support as many projects as possible but with a lower maximum contribution/ intervention rate. The aim being that a number of projects will still proceed with a contribution from CCC but alternative funding may have to be sought to fill the gap.

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National Well-being Goal: A Wales of Vibrant Culture and Thriving Welsh Language

A society that that promotes and protects culture, heritage, and the Welsh language and which encourages people to take part in the arts, sports, and recreation.

Click [here](#) for information about culture and the Welsh language

Does the proposal contribute to this goal? Describe the positive or negative impacts.

Similar potential negative affects as already described in other sections.

Many of the grants provided through the Community Grant scheme are for sporting clubs, local shows and community groups. Policy Grants also provide funding to assist a number of Papur Bro and Eisteddfodau. Less funding available could have a negative impact on the cultural aspects of these and the Welsh Language aspect of Papur Bro and Eisteddfodau. However these areas can be prioritised for funding using the Welsh Church Fund so may not many changes at all.

What evidence do you have to support this view?

Past Community Grant applications

What action(s) can you take to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to the goal?

Funding will still be available to the above groups through the Community Grant scheme but probably to a lesser level than previously. Applications will continue to be accepted from the same groups and will be judged on their own merits against the Community Grant criteria and funds available at that time.

Alternative sources of funding are also available as previously described in earlier sections.

With reference to the following, do you think this proposal will have a positive or negative effect on the Welsh language?

Click [here](#) for information

Opportunities for people to use the Welsh language

Negative

Treating the Welsh language, no less favourably than the English language

None / Negligible

What evidence do you have to support this view?

As stated above the expected impact on the Welsh language is going to be limited. But it is reasonable to expect some negative impact if the Council has less funds available to support Papur Bro, Eisteddfodau, local shows and events where the Welsh language is likely to be used significantly. However these areas can be prioritised with the Welsh Church Fund funding so may not see much change in a Revised Scheme.

What action(s) can you take to increase the positive impact or mitigate any negative impact on the Welsh language?

The Community Grant Scheme is currently being revised to accommodate the reduced budget. Subject to Scrutiny/ Cabinet agreement the scheme is going to be revised in a way as to try and support as many projects as possible but with a lower maximum contribution/ intervention rate. The aim being that a number of projects will still proceed with a contribution from CCC but alternative funding may have to be sought to fill the gap.

Organisations such as CAVO or the Funding Wales website (<https://funding.cymru/>) can assist in sourcing possible alternatives for funding.

National Well-being Goal: A Globally Responsible Wales

A society that considers how our actions might impact on other countries and people around the world.

Click [here](#) for information about global responsibility.

Does the proposal contribute to this goal? Describe the positive or negative impacts. <u>HINT</u>
There is not an expectation the reduced budget for the Community Grant Scheme will impact a Globally Responsible Wales.
What evidence do you have to support this view?
Previous grant claims.
What action(s) can you take to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to the goal?
n/a

Strengthening the Proposal

If you have identified any negative impacts in the above sections, please provide details of any practical changes and actions that could help remove or reduce the negative impacts.

What will you do?	When?	Who is responsible?	Progress
We are currently looking to revise the existing Community Grant scheme in a limited way to enable the Council to continue to support a number of projects/organisations in the County but to a lesser value/intervention rate.	March 2024	Community Grants Team	In progress. Expected to submit to appropriate Scrutiny Committee and Cabinet approval in March 2024
Organisations such as Cavo can assist organisations in sourcing alternative sources of funding. The Community Grants Officer will direct applicants to CAVO if they require additional funding to have a successful Community Grant funding application.	From April 2024	Community Grants Officer	To be implemented

<p>If no action is to be taken to remove or mitigate negative impacts, please justify why. (If you have identified any unlawful discrimination then the proposal must be changed or revised.)</p>			
<p>n/a</p>			
<p>How will you monitor the impact and effectiveness of the proposal?</p>			
<p>Together with budget monitoring, the Community Grant Assessment Panel meet numerous times throughout the year and will monitor grants being received and approved and whether any changes to the scheme are mitigating the potential negative impacts already described.</p>			

Sustainable Development Principle: 5 Ways of Working

Describe below how you have implemented the five ways of working in accordance with the sustainable development principle of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015

<p>Long term Balancing short-term needs with long-term need and planning for the future.</p> <p><u>HINT</u></p>	<p>The funding cuts proposed have been made as part of the 2024/25 budget setting process in order to set a balanced budget.</p> <p>It is a fine balancing act between the Council setting a balanced budget to provide all the services it does against the need to support local groups and organisations that provide many benefits to residents of Ceredigion that are consistent with the Council's own corporate objectives.</p> <p>The budget level set is seen to now be at a sustainable level going forward, whilst offering the support to community projects/organisations. The previous budget was not sustainable in the context of the Council's wider budget.</p>
<p>Collaboration Working together with other partners to deliver.</p> <p><u>HINT</u></p>	<p>Due to the nature of the Community Grant scheme the Council already collaborates significantly with organisations and associations when assisting them with their grant applications. This will continue.</p> <p>The Council will also direct applicants to other organisations who can assist such as CAVO and the</p>

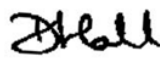


	<p>funding bodies found at Funding Wales website (https://funding.cymru/).</p>
<p>Involvement Involving those with an interest and seeking their views.</p> <p><u>HINT</u></p>	<p>Limited involvement with stakeholders has taken place so far. However, amendments to the scheme to accommodate the reduced budget will be going through the appropriate scrutiny process in March 2024.</p>
<p>Prevention Putting resources into preventing problems occurring or getting worse.</p> <p><u>HINT</u></p>	<p>N/A – Balancing the 2024/25 budget was the root requirement for this change.</p>
<p>Integration Considering the impact of your proposal on the four pillars of well-being (social, economic, cultural and environment) the objectives of other public bodies and across service areas in the Council.</p> <p><u>HINT</u></p>	<p>There should be limited impact to other services in the Council.</p> <p>As mentioned above the Council will have to consider and align itself more with other grant funding bodies and organisations such as CAVO when supporting Community Grant applicants.</p>

Risk

Summarise the risk associated with the proposal.

	1	2	3	4	5
Impact Criteria	Very Low	Low	Medium	High	Very High
Likelihood Criteria	Unlikely to occur	Lower than average chance of occurring	Even chance of occurring	Higher than average chance of occurring	Expected to occur
Risk Description	Impact	Probability	Score (Impact x Likelihood)		
The Council is unable to support a number of Community projects that would previously have been supported.	2	4	8		
Going forward in the medium to long term the value of individual grants offered becomes insufficient to be of meaningful support to applicants. Particularly after a period of high inflation.	2	4	8		

Sign Off

Position	Name	Signature	Date
Corporate Manager			
Corporate Lead Officer	Duncan Hall		21/02/2024
Corporate Director	Barry Rees		21/02/2024
Portfolio Holder	Gareth Davies		21/02/2024

CYNGOR SIR CEREDIGION COUNTY COUNCIL

<u>Report to:</u>	Cabinet
<u>Date of meeting:</u>	3 June 2024
<u>Title:</u>	Ceredigion Community Grant Scheme
<u>Purpose of the report:</u>	To recommend to Cabinet an updated Ceredigion Community Grant Scheme

Background:

The Ceredigion Community Grants Scheme currently allows Community Groups, Community Councils or bonafide Voluntary Sports and Play Associations to apply for funding from the Council for projects that have the aim of increasing the range of facilities, activities, and opportunities within Ceredigion.

During the 2024/25 Budget Setting process it was agreed that the Council's Community Grant Scheme budget was reduced. Capital Grants budget will be reduced to £100k. The Council's contribution to Revenue Grants of £26k is removed, which therefore reduces the available funding to £30k p.a. which is entirely funded from Ceredigion's share of The Welsh Church Fund (WCF). It is essential that the limited funding now available is used to maximum effect, this includes taking a Ceredigion wide high-level view of which aspects are important to support.

Included in the Revenue Grants Budget are 'Policy' grants which are awarded to Papur Bro, Eisteddfodau, Agricultural Shows, Festivals and individuals representing Wales or Great Britain.

The report presented to the Committee outlined the proposed changes to enable the Scheme spend to keep within budget.

Following discussion, Committee Members considered the following recommendation(s):

To consider the proposed updated Community Grant Scheme which was attached as Appendix 2 and to make recommendations to Cabinet as appropriate. The areas the Committee may wish to echo their views on include:

- a) To exclude Town & Community Councils from the updated Scheme.
- b) To fund Applications for Places of Worship only from the Welsh Church Fund.
- c) To reduce the maximum Capital award level to £10,000.
- d) To amend the range of Policy grants support as per Table 3.
- e) To no longer offer any other revenue grants.
- f) Streamlining of grant application window and process.
- g) Any other matters the Committee deem appropriate.

Committee Members agreed to recommend that Cabinet:

- a) Amend the proposal to INCLUDE Town & Community Councils in the Scheme.

b,c,d,e,f & g shown above) That Cabinet approve the recommendations.

Reasons for decision:

To update the Community Grant Scheme to ensure that the capital and revenue budget savings approved as part of the budgets for 2024/25 are achieved in practice.

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