

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER DECISION MEETING FOR LEADER
15TH OCTOBER 2020

Food Poverty WLGA Grant

1. BRIEF SUMMARY OF PURPOSE OF REPORT.

As part of the Tackling Food Poverty and Addressing Food Insecurity EU Transition Funding Bid, Carmarthenshire County Council has been allocated a budget of £38,570 of capital funding by the WLGA to help tackle food poverty within the county.

It is proposed that this funding is distributed through a third-party grant, administered by the Authority. The third-party grant will be open to any constituted organisation which is seeking to help tackle food poverty in Carmarthenshire. Capital grants of between £1,000 and a maximum of £5,000 will be made available.

The funding will be used in a variety of ways to help boost the capacity of organisations to strengthen the infrastructures that address food poverty. The following are examples of eligible activities:

- Support for organisations to access, store and distribute additional supplies of good quality food, including good food surplus, in particular, larger amounts of fresh food, boosting the capacity of organisations to provide good quality, nutritious food to their customers. It can be used in a variety of ways to suit the requirements of the organisation, for example but not limited to - purchasing fridges, freezers, cooking equipment, developing infrastructure to include databases to improve referrals and pathways, supporting collaborative agency working.
- Projects such as community cafes, growing projects, social supermarkets, community shops (reducing food waste by selling residual stock) and sharing skills through mobile cooking schools would be considered.

The fund will be administered by the CCC central Bureau team via a third-party grant process and will be open to 'not for profit organisations' that have an appropriate constitution.

The fund will be promoted via our corporate website, inviting groups to apply on a first come first serve basis. The window for applications is tight and expected to close on the 30th November 2020.

All applications submitted for the Food Poverty Fund must support the aim of tackling food poverty and food insecurity. The project must benefit the residents of the Carmarthenshire and meet one or more of the Well-being Objectives within Carmarthenshire County Council's own measurements:

Applications will be assessed on the need for the project or activity, how they plan to target the most in need, the sustainability of the project, collaborative working and projects that can be delivered and fully claimed by the 26th February 2021.

Eligible applications will be presented to a grants panel that will assess against the criteria and make recommendations for funding and if successful, they will be presented to EBM for approval.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?

NO

IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report :

Signed: Jason Jones

Head of Regeneration

Policy and Crime & Disorder	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Organisational Development	Physical Assets
NONE	NONE	YES	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE

1. Finance

A budget of £38,570 is made available via the WLGA Food Poverty Fund to provide support to organisations across the county.

CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below

Signed: Jason Jones

Head of Regeneration

1. Scrutiny Committee **N/A**

2. Local Member(s) **N/A**

3. Community / Town Council **N/A**

4. Relevant Partners **N/A**

5. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations **N/A**

Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information
List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

THERE ARE NONE