

TUESDAY, 7 SEPTEMBER 2021

TO: THE CABINET MEMBER - LEADER

I HEREBY SUMMON YOU TO ATTEND A VIRTUAL MEETING OF THE **CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS MEETING FOR THE LEADER** WHICH WILL BE HELD AT **2.00 PM, ON TUESDAY, 14TH SEPTEMBER, 2021** FOR THE TRANSACTION OF THE BUSINESS OUTLINED ON THE ATTACHED AGENDA.

Wendy Walters

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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A G E N D A

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.
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FOLLOWING CONSIDERATION OF ALL THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE CASE AND FOLLOWING THE APPLICATION OF THE PUBLIC INTEREST TEST THE CABINET MEMBER MAY CONSIDER THAT THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE NOT FOR PUBLICATION AS THEY CONTAIN EXEMPT INFORMATION AS DEFINED IN PARAGRAPH 14 OF PART 4 OF SCHEDULE 12A TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1972 AS AMENDED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) (VARIATION) (WALES) ORDER 2007.
6. CARMARTHENSHIRE RURAL ENTERPRISE FUND. 45 - 56

Note:- The press and public are not entitled to attend the meeting. The decision record will be published normally within 3 working days.

Agenda Item 2

**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER DECISIONS MEETING FOR THE
LEADER**

TUESDAY, 27 JULY, 2021

PRESENT: Councillor E. Dole (Executive Board Member).

The following officers were in attendance:

S Jenkins, Economic Development Area Manager
T Peregrine, Economic Development Co-ordinator
M.S. Davies, Democratic Services Officer

Virtual Meeting : 2.00 pm - 2.30 pm

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of personal interest.

2. DECISIONS RECORD - 18TH JUNE 2021

RESOLVED that the decision record of the meeting held on the 18th June 2021 be signed as a correct record.

3. REPORTS NOT FOR PUBLICATION

RESOLVED pursuant to The Local Government Act 1972 as amended by The Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) (Wales) Order 2007 that the following items were not for publication as the reports contained exempt information as defined in Paragraph 14 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

4. TRANSFORMING TOWNS PROGRAMME

Following the application of the public interest test it was **RESOLVED**, pursuant to the Act referred to in minute no. 3 above, not to publicise the content of the report as it contained exempt information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information) (Paragraph 14 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the Act).

The public interest test in this matter related to the fact that the report contained detailed information about the business and financial affairs and ambitions of the applicants. In this case, the public interest in maintaining transparency and accountability is outweighed by the public interest in maintaining confidentiality, as disclosure would be likely to place persons and businesses named in the report at an unfair disadvantage in relation to their commercial competitors.

The Executive Board Member considered a report outlining a forward programme of potential regeneration projects, including amongst other things, potential property acquisitions, regeneration studies, design works, events, business

support, etc, which subject to approval will form the basis of future applications for assistance from the Welsh Government's Transforming Towns Programme.

RESOLVED that the forward work programme of regeneration activity presented be endorsed and that the circa £1.65m request form the basis of future applications under the Transforming Towns Programme.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER

DATE

CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS MEETING FOR THE LEADER 14.09.21

Cabinet Member:	Portfolio:	
Cllr. Emlyn Dole	Leader	
WG ALLOTMENT SUPPORT GRANT		
Purpose:		
To consider and approve the following proposals:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To approve the Welsh Government 2021/22 Allotment Support Fund and associated projects. 		
Recommendations / key decisions required:		
Approve the delivery of the Allotment Support Fund and associated projects.		
Reasons:		
To increase the availability of good quality allotment plots within Carmarthenshire.		
Directorate	Designation	Tel No.
Name of Head of Service:		
Jason Jones	Head of Regeneration	01267 224124
Report Author:	E Mail Address:	
Rhian Phillips	MRPhillips@carmarthenshire.gov.uk	

Declaration of Personal Interest (if any): None

Dispensation Granted to Make Decision (if any): N/A

DECISION MADE:	
Signed: <hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid black;"/> <p style="text-align: center;">EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER</p>	DATE: _____

The following section will be completed by the Democratic Services Officer in attendance at the meeting



Recommendation of Officer adopted	YES / NO
Recommendation of the Officer was adopted subject to the amendment(s) and reason(s) specified:	
Reason(s) why the Officer's recommendation was not adopted:	

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS MEETING FOR THE LEADER
14.09.21

WG Allotment Support Grant

Carmarthenshire County Council has been awarded funding of £39,554 by Welsh Government via the Allotment Support Grant to increase the availability of good quality allotment plots across Carmarthenshire. The funding relates to activity within 21/22 financial year. The fund will be used in a variety of ways to help boost the capacity of the organisations. This includes -

- Creation of new plots
- Bringing derelict plots back into use
- Improving accessibility
- Improving site services
- Improving site security
- Improving site management
- Increase recycling / renewability
- Increase biodiversity / pollinators

Welsh Government requested that a short 'Work Plan' be submitted proposing a number of improvements to allotments within the county and that will form the targets that are expected to be achieved.

The grant was made available to Carmarthenshire County Council and subsequently contact was made with community groups who operate allotments in the county to establish the level of interest. Based on this information each group was asked to provide a list of works and outputs that would increase the availability of good quality allotments plots with works to be completed by March 2022.

Subsequently 10 projects were identified which then formed the 'Work Plan' that was submitted to Welsh Government for approval.

The funding will be administered by the Authority central Bureau team to those organisations that were approached, and which formed the 'Work Plan' (see attached) approved by Welsh Government.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?	NO
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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	YES	YES	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE

1. Finance

A total budget of £39,554 capital funding has been awarded via the Welsh Government Allotment Support Grant for 21/22 financial year and will be utilised to support community groups. The fund will cover 100% of the costs, as no match funding will be required.

The funding will be distributed to Third Parties in line with procedures agreed with CCC Finance.

The Funding relates to the period 5 July 2021 to 25 February 2022 and must be claimed in full by Friday 4 March 2022.

The Authority will be reimbursed by Welsh Government via a two-claim process. The first claim (approximately 50% of incurred costs) must be submitted by 15/12/21 with the final claim no later than the 04/03/22 based on

2. Legal

Terms and Conditions will be established with the Third-party groups in receipt of the funding.

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

Authority:
Carmarthenshire County Council

Guidance available on page 2

Project title	Description of project	Location	Any foreseeable risks? If yes, how will they be mitigated?	Expected outputs (insert no. of plots affected in relevant column/s)									Total number of plots affected	Total anticipated project spend	Grant amount requested	Authority contribution	1st Claim (1st - 31st October)	Final claim (before 15th February)	TOTAL
				Creation of new plot	Bringing a derelict plot back into use	Improving accessibility	Improving site services	Improving site security	Improving site management	Increase recycling / renewability	Increase biodiversity / pollinators								
Dwyfor Growing Space	The site has been unattended for a number of years and is overgrown. We intend on resurrecting the community growing space for groups and the community to enjoy in a phased approach over the coming years. The site previously had 16 allotment plots marked out with 16 shed spaces. The plots were too large to manage for most allotment users. We would like to resurrect 6 previous plots and resize this area into a minimum of 14 new manageable plots. Funding would pay for materials for plot boundaries, new sheds, adopting the current sheds, pathways, composting bins, raised beds and soil, site management tutorials, instruction materials, tools, wheelbarrows, water butts, wildflower areas, bug hotel materials and the like, interpretation boards, compost, mulch, site management advice and marketing costs.	Llwynhendy, Llanelli	Volunteers will assist to develop the areas- Risk of future Covid 19 restrictions	14	6	4	14	14	14	14	14	14	20	£11,180	£11,180	Nil	£3,500.00	£7,680.00	£11,180.00
Centenary Accessible Allotment Project	In 2022 the society will celebrate its centenary and has identified several projects to improve the site and mark this significant milestone in its history. This project aims to repurpose a disused allotment area to create an accessible allotment incorporating a summer house, accessible raised beds, Greenhouse and potting area. Some long standing members of the society find it increasingly difficult to continue with their own allotments and would welcome the opportunity to continue their interest in a communal accessible allotment. The project also promotes inclusion for new members with restricted mobility. Therefore although the project involves one allotment area, the project will benefit numerous members of the society.	Carmarthen 5 Fields Allotment	Future Covid 19 restrictions may inhibit progress by time permitted	1	1		1						2	£1,750.00	£1,750.00	Nil	£600.00	£1,150.00	£1,750.00
Community Hub Project	The society was granted funding in 2019 to replace a derelict portacabin which had limited use for storage and meetings owing to its poor condition and lay out and has since erected a Community Hub for members' use in the form of a large log style cabin. Funding is requested for a second phase of repurposing adjoining ground to create an out door lawned area with suitable seating for community functions including improved parking, decking area and	Carmarthen 5 Fields Allotment	Future Covid 19 restrictions may inhibit progress by time permitted		1	1	1						10	£800.00	£800.00	Nil	£300.00	£500.00	£800.00
Rain Water Harvesting Project	The society already harvests rainwater from the roof of a large adjoining building owned by the Territorial Army, with whom we enjoy positive relations. Existing pipework needs to be upgraded to improve the efficiency of rain water collection. The two large tanks used to collect and store rain water also need painting and other minor maintenance and would benefit from being screened in order protect them from damage and improve the overall appearance of the	Carmarthen 5 Fields Allotment	Future Covid 19 restrictions may inhibit progress by time permitted				1				1		45	£550.00	£550.00	Nil	£200.00	£350.00	£550.00
Parking and Road Improvement Project	The Society has succeeded in increasing its membership to the point of having a waiting list. To accommodate increased membership, some plots have already been halved. Increased membership has also increased footfall and the number of cars on site, as some members travel several miles to their allotment. Some areas of road where rutting has occurred owing to the effect of excessive rainfall need to be tarmacked and a disused corner of the site needs to offer additional parking and a safer turning circle for cars and large delivery vehicles. .e.g. Farm manure.	Carmarthen 5 Fields Allotment	Future Covid 19 restrictions may inhibit progress by time permitted			1							10	£1,200.00	£1,200.00	Nil	£400.00	£800.00	£1,200.00

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Drainage and accessibility	Draining a corner of our allotment area to create three more plots and levelling an area to bring a derelict plot back to use, improving pathway	Llannon Community Allotments	Complying with Covid 19 restrictions and guidance with cleanliness and social distancing	4	1	1			1			5	£1,000	£1,000	Nil	£350.00	£650.00	£1,000.00
Installation of toilet facilities and meeting space	Provision of toilet facilities for approximately 50 users of the allotments, many of whom are ageing and some have disabilities, needing more frequent access to a toilet. The project would require the purchase of a strong timber building, half of which would be fitted as a toilet and washroom and half as a meeting space. The meeting room could be used for the management of the allotment and getting the community involved, including things such as visits from schools for educational purposes. A concrete base and plumbing would be required.	Parc Hinds Allotments, Carmarthen	Building work onsite - Carry out a risk assessment and address issues identified. Cleanliness - the facilities would need to be regularly cleaned.			1	1		1			40	£11,324	£11,324	Nil	£4,324.00	£7,000.00	£11,324.00
Communal area for other users from local area.	Develop existing communal area to provide a space that is open to outsiders, including residents from nearby apartments with no garden who do not require a whole plot or half plot. Provide a small area for people to tend and meet others at the same time improving social inclusion. Replace existing shed to provide tea and coffee making area. Clear the area and build four raised beds with safe paths around creating an accessible site for the elderly and those with disabilities.	Parc Hinds Allotments, Carmarthen	New users at the allotment would require safety information and / or training. Debris onsite - ensure area is cleared and free of debris to allow safe access.		2	1	1					2	£2,750	£2,750	Nil	£900.00	£1,850.00	£2,750.00
Creation of a parking area to improve access	Change unused strip of land into a parking area that would accommodate approximately 6 vehicles. Install drainage and fill potholes to prevent cars clogging up neighbouring roads and stop cars reversing out of the site from a blind entrance / exit.	Parc Hinds Allotments, Carmarthen	Building work onsite - Carry out a risk assessment and address issues identified. Cars moving around on site. Ensure area is cordoned off and site access closed for short time during building work. Access would be maintained on foot from another entrance.			1	1					12	£4,000	£4,000	Nil	£1,300.00	£2,700.00	£4,000.00
Installation of a new perimeter fence	Install a new fence as the current one is in desperate need for replacing. Installing a new fence will protect the allotments site from unwanted access, to include vandalism and other damage, however will allow for wildlife to travel in and out of the site.	Carmarthen 5 Fields Allotment	Debris on site to be cleared away as new fence erected					40				90	£5,000	£5,000	Nil	1800	3200	£5,000.00
				19	11	10	20	54	16	15	14	236	£39,554.00	£39,554.00	-	£13,674.00	£25,880.00	£39,554.00

Grant Award
£39,554.00 Value

Value above
£0.00 allocation

CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS MEETING FOR THE LEADER 14/09/2021

Cabinet Member:	Portfolio:
Cllr. Emlyn Dole	Cabinet Member Decisions Meeting for the Leader

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE FOLLOWING GRANT FUNDS: TARGETED FINANCE FUND, WELSH CHURCH FUND & FOOD POVERTY FUND

Recommendations / key decisions required:

Targeted Finance Fund – Annex 1

1 Application – Total Value = £20,000.00

Welsh Church Fund – Annex 2

3 Applications – Total Value = £21,246.08

Food Poverty Fund – Annex 3

7 Applications – Total Value = £73,334.71

Total Number of Applications - 11 Total Value = £114,580.79

Reasons:

Development of Sustainable Communities within Carmarthenshire.

<p>Directorate Name of Head of Service: Helen Morgan</p> <p>Report Author: Caroline Owen</p>	<p>Designations: Development Manager Regen & Policy</p> <p>Bureau Officer</p>	<p>Tel: 01267 242367 HLMorgan@carmarthenshire.gov.uk</p> <p>Tel: 01269 590216 CAOwen@carmarthenshire.gov.uk</p>
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Declaration of Personal Interest (if any): None

Dispensation Granted to Make Decision (if any): N/A

DECISION MADE:

Signed:

_____ DATE: _____
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER

The following section will be completed by the Democratic Services Officer in attendance at the meeting

Recommendation of Officer adopted	YES / NO
Recommendation of the Officer was adopted subject to the amendment(s) and reason(s) specified:	
Reason(s) why the Officer's recommendation was not adopted:	

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS MEETING FOR THE LEADER
14th September 2021

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE FOLLOWING GRANT FUNDS:
 TARGETED FINANCE FUND, WELSH CHURCH FUND & FOOD POVERTY FUND**

To approve the following:

RECOMMENDATIONS / KEY DECISIONS REQUIRED:

Targeted Finance Fund – Annex 1

1 Application – Total Value = £20,000.00

Welsh Church Fund – Annex 2

3 Applications – Total Value = £21,246.08

Food Poverty Fund – Annex 3

7 Applications – Total Value = £73,334.71

Total Number of Applications - 11 Total Value = £114,580.79

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED

YES

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: Helen L Morgan

Development Manager Regen & Policy

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

CONSULTATIONS

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

Signed: Helen L Morgan

Development Manager Regeneration & Policy

1. Local Member(s) As per individual report

2. Community / Town Council As per individual report

3. Relevant Partners As per individual report

4. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations As per individual report

Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information

List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

THESE ARE DETAILED BELOW

Title of Document	File Ref No.	Locations that the papers are available for public inspection
Targeted Finance Fund	TFF-21-01	County Hall, Carmarthen. SA31 1JP
	WCF-21-07	
Welsh Church Fund	WCF-21-10	County Hall, Carmarthen. SA31 1JP
	WCF-21-11	
Food Poverty Fund	FPF-21-01	County Hall, Carmarthen. SA31 1JP
	FPF-21-03	
	FPF-21-06	
	FPF-21-07	
	FPF-21-09	
	FPF-21-10	
	FPF-21-11	

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Targeted Finance Fund 2021-2022
Report Author: JonHancock@carmarthenshire.gov.uk
Tel: 01269 590216
Balance Available - £100,415.00
Report Value = £20,000.00

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Application Reference: TFF-21-01

Project Title	Penyfan Park Improvement Project
Applicant	Llanelli Town Council
Ward	Bigyn
Key Account Management	<p>The Targeted Finance Fund is a discretionary fund available to Key Account Management (KAM) clients. For an organisation to become a KAM client they must be a third sector not for profit organisation that falls into one of the following 3 categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Existing social enterprises that have the potential to grow, be sustainable and create employment • Emerging projects that have the potential to create jobs • Third sector organisations that deliver vital services within our communities ✓
Project Description	<p>The Penyfan Facilities Improvement project is the first stage of a whole park approach to transform the facilities available to the people of the Penyfan Area. The first stage will be to transform the hugely popular, well used but dilapidated and damaged Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) by providing a state-of-the-art facility available to the schools, sporting clubs and community of Penyfan and wider Llanelli area.</p> <p>The facility will also be available to the County Council, Schools, Sporting Clubs, Health Board, Police and others to deliver activities in the area. The subsequent stage of the project will be to transform of the current modular changing room building into a new combined changing facility and community centre, which is much needed, as identified by community consultation.</p> <p>The project will work with the Cruyff Foundation which seeks opportunities to support communities in need of Community Facility improvement. Their ethos is to create spaces where young people can develop, <i>'a space where they can make friends, and a space where they can improve their physical and mental health. A space to become who you are.'</i></p> <p>Penyfan Community Facilities Working Group is committed to making the project a success. Funding is required towards the overall cost of the project enabling provision of a state-of-the-art Cruyff Court in Penyfan, a first of its kind in Wales.</p> <p>The project through our partners such as Carmarthenshire County Council, Llanelli Community Partnership, Hywel Dda Health Board and others will provide activities for individuals and groups from all background, ages and</p>

	abilities to have opportunities for active lifestyles, improved social interaction and healthy options.
Economic Benefit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of individuals into training/education – 5-10 • Number of individuals into volunteering – 5-10 • Number of community groups/organisations assisted • Number of social enterprises created • Number of social enterprises supported • Number of jobs created - 1 • Number of jobs safeguarded - 2 • Public and private leverage funding - £93,500.00 <p>Other Outputs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physical improvements / Creation of new facilities - 1 • Provision of new Community Asset - 1 • Environmental improvements - 1
Total Project Cost	£113,500 (net)
Eligible Capital	£105,000 Removal of current facilities Design and project management Groundworks Ball Court and surfacing Signage Drainage
Eligible Revenue	£8,500.00 Caretaker and maintenance staff costs Engineering and Planning Fees
Ineligible Costs	N/A
Amount and % of grant requested	£20,000 (17.6%)
Match funding	£93,500 secured Cruyff Foundation - £75,000 - Secured Llanelli Town Council - £8,500 - Secured Welsh Church Fund - £10,000 - Applied for
Cllr and Officer Consultations Undertaken	County Councillor Jeff Edmunds County Councillor Eryl Morgan Penyfan Community Facilities Working Group includes representatives from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bigyn 4 residents • Coedcae / Stebonheath/ Bigyn Schools • Carmarthenshire Youth and Children's Association (CYCA) • Elected Ward and Town Councillors • Police / Fire Service

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Dock Stars RFC, Penyfan Utd FC and Llanelli Reds AFC • Swansea / Scarlets Community Trust • Children / Youth Service Carmarthenshire County Council • Llanelli Community Partnership • Tyisha Regeneration Group • Community Bureau Carmarthenshire County Council • Carmarthenshire Association of Voluntary Services (CAVS) • The National Lottery
<p>Evidence of Need / Community Engagement</p>	<p>The Penyfan Community Facilities working group has undertaken extensive consultation over the last 18 months with community members and via community networks, these have included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Several Community Consultations in the park • Ongoing online Community Survey • Online School Surveys x 3 • Sporting Club Surveys x 2 • Consultation with organisations who utilise the park • Direct meetings with each organisation • Town Council and County Council Elected Members • Consultation with the Llanelli AM and MP <p>Penyfan Park: Young Peoples' Survey received - 619 responses. Bigyn Survey - Sport Club Consultation – 97responses.</p> <p>These consultation activities have all pointed to the community wishing to see improvements to Penyfan Park with the following being consistently requested:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upgrade MUGA facility • Provision of Community Centre Facility to combine a community space with changing rooms • Safer location in which to play <p>There are no other similar projects available serving this disadvantaged area, each of the other MUGA facilities at Coleg Sir Gar, Peoples Park and Ysgol Pen Rhos have charges and are not accessible to the community.</p> <p>This project will transform a well-used but sadly dilapidated sports and community facility in one of the most deprived communities in Carmarthenshire and Wales. The Wales Index of Multiple Deprivation (WIMD) evidence this with Penyfan being in Bigyn 4. Bigyn 4 is ranked 3 in Carmarthenshire, making it one of the most deprived areas and ranked 84 in Wales. In terms of the income domain, Bigyn 4 is ranked the 2nd most deprived in Carmarthenshire and 91, in Wales. The area also ranks 3 overall in each of the Employment (114), Health (164) and Education (29) domains. There is therefore no doubt about the nature of the economic and social issues facing the residents of this area.</p> <p>A wide range of organisations will be able to access the new facility including Carmarthenshire County Council, NHS, Swansea City Kick / Scarlets Programme, Youth Services, St. Paul's Family Centre. Three local RFC and AFC sports clubs are also keen to make use of the facilities, together with two local Primary Schools and the Comprehensive School.</p>

	<p>The project will also create volunteering opportunities for individuals interested in leading or taking part in the running of activities at the MUGA. These will include opportunities such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leading or creating new organisations using the facility • Skill building opportunities to become a sports coach <p>This will increase their skills and support their return to work as they increase their confidence and knowledge for the workplace.</p> <p>All aspects of the overall masterplan will be complementary; the creation of the Community Centre will work to promote and facilitate new social enterprise start-ups and entrepreneurship through low-cost hire of the facility. The project will encourage and stimulate higher levels of Social Enterprise development and Social Innovation through providing excellent facilities available to the entire community.</p> <p>The overall project will also create a new job of a caretaker along with safeguarding other roles in the Town Council staffing structure.</p> <p>The project will be developed using local contractors and will utilise local companies for specialist services such as Architecture and Health and Safety.</p> <p>The project by developing these facilities in a very deprived part of the county will also be a massive boost to the confidence and will improve cohesiveness leading to increased community activity, local events, improved organisations and economic growth.</p> <p>The organisations making use of the facility, especially the sporting clubs and community organisations will have the potential to grow themselves and improve their financial position through the number of activities they can deliver along with a likely boost to their membership.</p>
<p>Contributing to key Strategies</p>	<p>The project addresses the 4 key themes of the Cruyff Foundation: <i>Health, Liveability, Personal development and Participation</i>. The four themes form an important part of the overall project and sit well with the County Council Corporate Strategy. The Foundation states in their strategies that:</p> <p><i>‘Children spend more and more time in front of a screen and spend less time being active and playing outside. Their world is becoming more individualistic, while obesity is on the rise. In other places on the world, there is a lot of poverty, drug abuse, and gender discrimination. This prevents children from getting the most out of themselves and may even lead them astray.’</i></p> <p><i>‘Sport can make a change for all these children, as sport is a universal language for children, regardless of their background, culture, religion, or ability. Sport fosters personal development, self-confidence, and connection, things that every child, anywhere in the world, is entitled to.’</i></p> <p>The project will form part of the wider Cruyff Foundation family, with courts located across the world. The project will look to link in with the organisations running other courts as part of the Town Council Global Citizenship Programme.</p>

	<p>Llanelli Town Council works closely with Carmarthenshire County Council and the Carmarthenshire Public Services Board to deliver on the Carmarthenshire We Want 2018-2023 Strategy.</p> <p>The project will also align with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moving forward in Carmarthenshire – Council Corporate Strategy 2018-2023 • Carmarthenshire Play Sufficiency Assessment 2019 • Llanelli Town Council Community Development Forward Work Programme • Carmarthenshire’s Family Support Strategy 2018-23 • Digital Technology Strategy 2023 • Welsh Language Promotion Strategy
Ownership/Lease	99-year Lease from Carmarthenshire County Council
Business Plan/Officer Comments including details of support moving forward/next steps linked to growth and sustainability	<p>The project will be managed and maintained by Llanelli Town Council in partnership with the Penyfan Community Facilities Working Group. The financial management will be by the Town Council Responsible Financial Officer with reports to the Town Council and the Working Group on the grant and other expenditure.</p> <p>The Town Council is committed to providing grounds maintenance operatives to undertake litter picking, opening and closing duties with the facilities.</p> <p>The use of the facilities will be at a very low cost or no cost at all for the organisations, clubs and schools using them, this will be a major boost to their finances and their ability to create additional opportunities for residents.</p> <p>The project will provide economic benefits to the wider Llanelli area through the creation of a new physical activity facility that can be utilised by individuals, sporting clubs, schools, and organisations. The organisations will be able to undertake additional activities and classes creating new opportunities for an area of disadvantage.</p>
Recommendation	Award - £20,000
Subject to:	

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Welsh Church Fund 2021-2022
Report Author: ELaszlo@carmarthenshire.gov.uk
Tel: 01269 590216

Report Value: £21,246.08

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Application Reference – WCF-21- 07

Project Title	Penyfan Facilities Improvement project
Applicant	Llanelli Town Council
Ward	Bigyn
Project Description	<p>The Penyfan Facilities Improvement project is the first stage of a whole park approach to transform the facilities available to the people of the Penyfan Area. The first stage will be to transform the hugely popular, well used but dilapidated and damaged Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) by providing a state-of-the-art facility available to the schools, sporting clubs and community of Penyfan and wider Llanelli area.</p> <p>The facility will also be available to the County Council, Schools, Sporting Clubs, Health Board, Police and others to deliver activities in the area. The subsequent stage of the project will be to transform of the current modular changing room building into a new combined changing facility and community centre, which is much needed, as identified by community consultation.</p> <p>The project will work with the Cruyff Foundation which seeks opportunities to support communities in need of Community Facility improvement. Their ethos is to create spaces where young people can develop, 'a space where they can make friends, and a space where they can improve their physical and mental health. A space to become who you are.'</p> <p>Funding is required towards the overall cost of the project enabling provision of a state-of-the-art Cruyff Court in Penyfan, a first of its kind in Wales.</p>
Total Project Cost	£113,500 (net)
Eligible Capital	£105,000 Removal of current facilities Design and project management Groundworks Ball Court and surfacing Signage Drainage
Eligible Revenue	£8,500 Caretaker and maintenance staff costs Engineering and Planning Fees

Ineligible Costs	Nil
Cllr and Officer Consultations Undertaken	<p>County Councillor Jeff Edmunds County Councillor Eryl Morgan</p> <p>The Penyfan Community Facilities working group has undertaken extensive consultation over the last 18 months with community members and via community networks, these have included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Several Community Consultations in the park • Ongoing online Community Survey • Online School Surveys x 3 • Sporting Club Surveys x 2 • Consultation with organisations who utilise the park • Direct meetings with each organisation • Town Council and County Council Elected Members • Consultation with the Llanelli AM and MP <p>Penyfan Park: Young Peoples' Survey received - 619 responses. Bigyn Survey - Sport Club Consultation – 97responses.</p>
Ownership/ Lease	99-year Lease from Carmarthenshire County Council
Funding Package	£113,500
Value of Community Investment	£113,500
Amount of grant requested	£10,000
Value of Levered Funds	Cruyff Foundation - £75,000 – Secured Llanelli Town Council - £8,500 – Secured CCC Targeted Finance Fund - £20,000 – Applied for
Economic Benefit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of individuals into training/education – 5-10 • Number of individuals into volunteering – 5-10 • Number of community groups assisted • Number of jobs created - 1 • Number of jobs safeguarded – 2 • Public and private leverage funding - £103,500 <p>Other Outputs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of new services available – 5-10 • Number of physical improvements - 1 • Number of environmental improvement scheme - 1
Officer Comments	<p>This exciting project in an area of disadvantage aligns with the Welsh Church Fund criteria.</p> <p>The use of the facility will be at a very low cost or no cost for the organisations, clubs and schools using them, this will be a major</p>

	boost to their finances and their ability to create additional opportunities to residents.
Officer Recommendation	Award £10,000
Subject to	

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Application Reference – WCF-21-10

Project Title	Energy Efficient Heating
Applicant	Capel Cefnberrach
Ward	Llanfihangel Aberbythych
Project Description	<p>Capel Cefnberrach is a Welsh Calvinistic Methodist chapel, which in 2022 will celebrate 275 years since the construction of the original building. This year, celebrations will take place to mark 150 years since the chapel was rebuilt and both milestones will be marked with many community driven activities and celebrations, following COVID restrictions.</p> <p>Since the closure of Maesybont school, there has been a need for a suitable location for concerts, assemblies, coffee mornings etc. Similar activities have taken place previously in the chapel and have been very successful in terms of community engagement and fundraising potential.</p> <p>It is hoped that the usual calendar of events will commence again in the coming weeks and months, with Sunday school, community events and fundraising events taking place safely within the chapel.</p> <p>To welcome back current members, attract new members and bring the community back into the chapel comfortably, a permanent new energy efficient heating system is required, to replace portable radiators, which are currently being used and no longer fit for purpose.</p> <p>This grant funding would contribute to the purchase and installation of an energy efficient and cost-effective heating system, thus enabling the chapel to reduce its carbon footprint and contribute to the County Councils goal of being carbon neutral by 2030, also assisting towards the long-term sustainability of the Chapel, reducing utility costs.</p>
Total Project Cost	£4,984.32 Gross
Eligible Capital	£4,984.32 New energy efficient heating system
Ineligible Costs	Nil

Cllr and Officer Consultations Undertaken	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr. Ann Davies Llanddarog • Cefin Campbell Senedd Member, Mid and West Wales
Ownership/ Lease	Owned by The Presbyterian Church of Wales
Funding Package	£4,984.32
Value of Community Investment	£4,984.32
Amount of grant requested	£1,246.08 @ 25%
Value of Levered Funds	The Presbyterian Church in Wales Strategy Fund £3,500 - Applied Chapel funds £238.24 – Secured
Economic Benefit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of physical improvements 1 • Number of environmental improvement scheme 1 • Public and private leverage funding - £3,738.24
Officer Comments	This project fits within the Welsh Church Fund criteria, full support provided by Cllr. Ann Davies Llanddarog and Cefin Campbell Senedd Member, Mid and West Wales
Officer Recommendation	Award £1,246.08
Subject to	

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Application Reference – WCF-21-11

Project Title	Capital works
Applicant	St Elli Parish Church Llanelli
Ward	Elli
Project Description	<p>The historic Parish Church of St Elli is a Grade 2* listed building located in a conservation area in the centre of Llanelli, the town taking its name from the Church. It has been at the core of Llanelli's community since the 13th century and is the prime focus for Anglicanism in the area.</p> <p>Today the Church fulfils many roles within the town and surrounding communities. Regular services in Welsh and English, ecumenical and civic services are held as well as many other secular events and occasions. Remembrance services are well attended and there is considerable interaction with local schools especially at Christmas</p>

	<p>and Easter. Tri-lingual services are hosted with the Lutheran Church as well as the Llanelli/Agen twinning events.</p> <p>Despite these activities the Church is underutilised, membership is declining, and it is increasingly difficult to meet its community obligations because of the difficulties of access and a total lack of sanitary and other facilities</p> <p>The project aims to preserve and safeguard for future generations a listed building of historic and architectural importance, whilst creating a flexible space suitable for a wide variety of uses both religious and secular and fully relevant to the community it serves.</p> <p>It is necessary to refurbish and reorder parts of the Church to make it more accessible with a much needed general and accessible entrance, toilet facilities and community room suitable for a wide variety of secular uses by: -</p> <p>Re-building the west steps, enabling the Great West Doors to be brought back into use, thereby creating a second viable entry/exit point.</p> <p>Installing unisex and assessable toilets with baby changing facilities.</p> <p>Automatic internal doors, to the ground floor of the Tower.</p> <p>Creating a permanent accessible ramp at the North West corner of the Church.</p> <p>Modifying the existing Vestry to provide a multi-purpose Community room, soundproofed and insulated, with independent heating and refreshment facilities.</p>
<p>Total Project Cost</p> <p>Eligible Capital</p> <p>Ineligible Costs</p>	<p>£298,787 Net</p> <p>£298,787</p> <p>Re-building the west steps Install unisex and assessable toilets Install automatic internal doors Create a permanent accessible ramp Modify existing Vestry</p> <p>Nil</p>
<p>Cllr and Officer Consultations Undertaken</p>	<p>Nia Griffith, Member of Parliament for Llanelli Lee Waters, Member of the Senedd for Llanelli</p>
<p>Ownership/ Lease</p>	<p>Owned by The Church in Wales</p>
<p>Funding Package</p> <p>Value of Community Investment</p> <p>Amount of grant requested</p>	<p>£298,787 Net</p> <p>£298,787</p> <p>£10,000</p>

Food Poverty Fund – 2021-2022
 Report Author: JonHancock@carmarthenshire.gov.uk
 Tel: 01269 590216
 Funds Available: £114,200
 Capital - £57,591 (£45,591.00 + £12,000 20/21)
 Revenue - £56,609.00
 Report Value: £73,334.77

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Application Reference: FPF-21-01

Project Title	Llesol
Applicant	Plant y Cwm
Ward	Gwendraeth Valley and Llanelli
Food Poverty Criteria	<p>The purpose of this grant relates to the improvement of Food Poverty services such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increasing the level of support available and improving the level of coverage across the county. • Extending opening hours to include some evening and weekends • Improving the nutritional value of provisions being provided • Educating the community on the importance of good nutrition, healthy eating and reducing wastage • Establishing sustainable provision to meet the anticipated increase in demand
Project Description	<p>Llesol is an innovative 6-week programme for parents and their children with 2.5-hour sessions which include healthy eating and keeping fit, five a day/dinner plate, healthy cooking, food diary and food labels, recipe book and eating out/meals.</p> <p>All sessions will be delivered bilingually with the emphasis of promoting the Welsh Language.</p> <p>The aim of the sessions will be to learn and have fun together, by focusing on cooking and living a healthier lifestyle. The programme is devised to give children the very best start in life and improve their early life experiences by offering their parents the essential skills they will require to make simple and yet significant changes to their family choices that can have a huge impact of the health and well-being of every family member.</p> <p>Llesol aims to improve parenting skills by offering fun themed activities which raise awareness with simple outcomes which will be easy for the parent to adopt into their everyday lives and aims to increase confidence and basic skills. The themes will include healthy cooking on a budget, raising food awareness, eating at the table, healthy lifestyles and physical activity and play.</p> <p>Llesol aims to aid speech, language and communication development, emotional, social, and behavioural development of the parents and children; improve self-esteem and self-image; family and social relationships; self-care skills and promoting emotional warmth and stability.</p>

	<p>Llesol will target families who have the greatest needs for support as referred by social services, cylchoedd meithrin, nurseries, schools, family centres and health visitors.</p> <p>Plant y Cwm, have many years of experience, in working with families from the most deprived areas across Carmarthenshire and have established strong networks and partnerships with organisations.</p> <p>As the level of obesity amongst children in Carmarthenshire continues to rise (30.7% of 4–5-year-old are overweight or obese) there is an obvious need to tackle parental practises to reinforce the message that children get in school.</p> <p>In addition, there is an opportunity to influence choices made by parents of children at the early years of their lives when many of the contributory factors to chronic health issues and basic skills problems are already established in later life.</p> <p>Plant y Cwm would incorporate the 10 Steps to a Healthy Weight and the New Food Guidelines 2019 in all the activities they deliver, together with the strategies and themes of the The Well-being of Future Generations Act 2015 and Carmarthenshire County Council’s Integrated Community Strategy.</p>
Outcomes	<p>Number of individuals reached:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How many families - 180 • How many single people – 360 • How many homeless people – 20 <p>Additional outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of people receiving skills or training – 360 • Jobs created – 1 • Jobs safeguarded – 1 • Levered funding – Nil
Total Project Cost	£18,000.00
Eligible Revenue	£18,000.00 30 x (6 sessions) @ £100 a session
Eligible Capital	N/A
Match funding (if applicable)	N/A
Total amount of Grant requested	£18,000.00
Cllr and Officer Consultations Undertaken	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Liam Bowen
Contributing to key Strategies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helping children to have the very best start in life and improve their early life experiences • Tackling the rise of obesity amongst children in Carmarthenshire (30.7% of 4–5-year-old are overweight or obese)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting and educating families to the benefits of a healthy diet and increasing physical activity • Improving basic language, numeracy, and parenting skills through fun food themed sessions • Offering parents essential skills to make simple and yet significant changes which can impact the health and wellbeing of every family member • Promoting Welsh language and culture
Ownership/Lease	N/A
Officer Comments	The project aims to work with families from the most deprived areas of Carmarthenshire, to instil positive approaches to food budgeting, food choices and lifelong skills in diet and exercise.
Recommendation	Award £18,000
Subject to:	Supplying detailed costing rational for the training sessions

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Application Reference: FPF-21-03

Project Title	Greenfield Baptist Church Soup Kitchen
Applicant	Greenfield Baptist Church
Ward	ELLI
Food Poverty Criteria	<p>The purpose of this grant relates to the improvement of Food Poverty services such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increasing the level of support available and improving the level of coverage across the county. • Extending opening hours to include some evening and weekends • Improving the nutritional value of provisions being provided • Educating the community on the importance of good nutrition, healthy eating and reducing wastage • Establishing sustainable provision to meet the anticipated increase in demand
Project Description	<p>The Soup Kitchen is a church initiative which was set up in May 2018 and has operated continuously since then, including during the pandemic, with the aim to provide a hot meal and drink, plus toiletries and warm clothing to people in need, which they have been successful in undertaking.</p> <p>They operate from their school room every Wednesday evening, run by volunteers, who are members or friends of the Church and is financed and supplied by donations of money and goods from members, friends, and local companies.</p>

	<p>Due to the ongoing and increased demand for this service, the grant would go towards obtaining items for the kitchen, also outside benches to improve their ability to support the local community.</p> <p>They obtain weekly donations of food and items from local shops and Supermarkets, also work very closely with Myrtle House food bank.</p> <p>Ongoing costs are met by voluntary donations form members and friends of the Church.</p>
Outcomes	<p>Number of individuals reached:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How many families - 4 • How many single people - 30 • How many homeless people – 0 <p>Additional outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Levered funding – Nil
Total Project Cost	£2,200.00
Eligible Capital	<p>£1,530.00</p> <p>£338.00 – 2 Microwaves £562.00 – Water boiler £180.00 – 3 Outside benches £450.00 – Freezer</p>
Eligible Revenue	<p>£670.00</p> <p>£50.00 – 2 flasks £260.00 – Saucepans £60.00 – Cutlery Sets £300.00 – Plates & Bowls</p>
Ineligible costs	N/A
Total Grant requested	£2,200.00
Match funding (if applicable)	N/A
Cllr and Officer Consultations Undertaken	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr John P Jenkins
Contributing to key Strategies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welsh Government Tackling Poverty Action Plan • A Wales of Cohesive communities; The COVID-19 crisis has shown what can be achieved when public bodies work closely with community-help initiatives in their areas, particularly concerning vulnerable and isolated people

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Voluntary action at its best, with the soup station being run by volunteers and it being financed by members and friends of the Church
Ownership/Lease	Ownership
Officer Comments	<p>The organisation is well established and provides a valued service to the community, supporting a range of people that are in need. A strong volunteering network linked to the church who have embraced the need to provide meals to those who are struggling financially due to the current pandemic.</p> <p>The additional funding will help to secure the service and deliver positive outcomes.</p>
Recommendation	Award - £2,200.00
Subject to:	

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Application Reference: FPF-21-06

Project Title	Community Café at the Goods Shed
Applicant	Llanelli Railway Good Shed Trust
Ward	Tyisha
Food Poverty Criteria	<p>The purpose of this grant relates to the improvement of Food Poverty services such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increasing the level of support available and improving the level of coverage across the county. Extending opening hours to include some evening and weekends Improving the nutritional value of provisions being provided Educating the community on the importance of good nutrition, healthy eating and reducing wastage Establishing sustainable provision to meet the anticipated increase in demand
Project Description	<p>The Llanelli Railway Goods Shed Trust (LRGST) aims to transform an iconic asset at the historic former Llanelli Railway Goods Shed into a flagship social enterprise which will address social, economic, environmental, and cultural issues.</p> <p>Community Café During these consultation discussions the establishment of a Community Café became a recurring theme which would reduce social isolation by enabling local people to meet and to ensure that the Goods Shed appears welcoming and inviting from the outset. The grant would part-fund this Community Café. The Café would promote sustainable and low-cost living and healthy eating with a focus on organic and surplus food. Opportunities</p>

	<p>for work experience and training would be offered via our strategic partners CYCA and Coleg Sir Gar.</p> <p>The café will provide a non-threatening environment open to all with an informal atmosphere and low-cost menu option which will assist and encourage customers on low incomes to visit the Goods Shed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discount vouchers can be exchanged at the café by customers using the Community Foodbank. • Free on-site parking and an accessible building will assist people with disabilities and parents with young children to visit the café in comfort. • Increased opportunities for local participation in community life. <p>Scheduled free workshops such as Cooking on a Budget, Healthy Eating and Knitting and Craft days will be offered at the Goods Shed, they can also share information about other local groups such as Men’s Sheds who offer woodworking and repair skills training to residents.</p> <p>Volunteering opportunities at the Goods Shed together with accredited training will be made available via their Strategic partners CYCA and Coleg Sir Gar. The Goods Shed Trust offers volunteering opportunities to people interested in helping them to renovate the historic building or to participate in their Living and Growing project which involves local volunteers and Horticultural students from Coleg Sir Gar to grow vegetables for community use and for ingredients e.g. soups in the Goods Shed community café.</p> <p>The Goods Shed Trust will work in partnership with Incredible Edible Carmarthenshire to maximise their ability to achieve successful outcomes in the extension to the Community Café initiative, working closely with the Tyisha Community Foodbank to support customers experiencing income and food poverty through discount schemes and the utilisation of any surplus food to reduce food waste.</p> <p>The Community Café will be income generating and staffed largely by volunteers to keep running costs as low as possible. The café would initially be open five days per week from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. with cookery and workshops held weekly. Feedback from customers will dictate the weekly schedule.</p> <p>CYCA and Coleg Sir Gar are keen to provide opportunities for their volunteers and students to gain experience through placements at the Goods Shed café supported by mentors, offering accredited training with a focus on improving employability and skills levels in the local community e.g. in hospitality and food hygiene.</p> <p>In addition, the Goods Shed Trust has committed to offer three Kickstart opportunities at the Goods Shed. As part of their paid 6-month placements these Trainee Project Workers would gain experience in the Tyisha Community Food Bank (due to be relocated to the Goods Shed) in their Community Outreach Programme and would support the Centre Coordinator in ensuring the Community Café can create additional social and wellbeing outcomes in reducing social isolation and loneliness.</p>
<p>Outcomes</p>	<p>Number of individuals reached: (Outcome targets are projected to April 2022 only)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How many families – 40

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How many single people – 20 • How many homeless people – 10 <p>Additional outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of volunteers – 20 • Levered funding – £25,000.00
Total Project Cost	£32,500.00 – Gross
Eligible Capital	<p>£32,500.00</p> <p>£7,500.00 – Preparation of Site £12,500.00 – Create Kitchen & Café Space £5,000.00 – Plumbing & Electrics £7,500.00 – Kitchen Fit Out</p>
Eligible Revenue	Nil
Ineligible costs	Nil
Total Grant requested	£7,500.00
Match funding (if applicable)	£25,000.00
Cllr and Officer Consultations Undertaken	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Andre Mcpherson
Contributing to key Strategies	<p>WBFGA – A Wales of Cohesive communities, a globally responsible Wales, a prosperous Wales</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced loneliness and isolation by providing a welcoming environment and opportunities for social engagement. • Increased opportunities for local participation in community life. • Volunteering Opportunities for individuals together with accredited training • Improved social trust, cohesion and sense of belonging. • The ultimate vision for the Goods Shed is that it will be transformed it into a vibrant hub at the centre of the community.
Ownership/Lease	Ownership
Officer Comments	<p>The business plan for the completed project demonstrates the long sustainability of the asset. The first phase will see the establishment of the community hub in the two-storey building attached to the main shed. Income from the first phase will be derived from renting out space for the co-working facilities and from anchor tenants such as the food bank. The Trust will supplement this income by continuing with its fundraising activities.</p>
Recommendation	Award £7,500

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Application Reference: FPF-21-07

Project Title	Carmarthenshire's Food Network
Applicant	CAVS – Carmarthenshire Association of Voluntary Services
Ward	Carmarthen Town South
Food Poverty Criteria	<p>The purpose of this grant relates to the improvement of Food Poverty services such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increasing the level of support available and improving the level of coverage across the county. • Extending opening hours to include some evening and weekends • Improving the nutritional value of provisions being provided • Educating the community on the importance of good nutrition, healthy eating and reducing wastage • Establishing sustainable provision to meet the anticipated increase in demand
Project Description	<p>Carmarthenshire's Food Network was established in February 2021 to bring like-minded people together to look at the best way in which collectively they could support the county to reduce food poverty. The Food Network meets on a regular basis and is facilitated by CAVS.</p> <p>Since March 2020 communities throughout the county have gone into action by opening Food Provisions for their local area inc. Food banks, Hot food kitchens and growing projects that offer comprehensive and wrap around support options to their residents. CAVS became aware that these groups were also including food collection, personal items such as soap and sourcing methods of accessing food, to their offers. CAVS received calls from individuals asking for urgent food support, the Food Network were then able to signpost on and make further links with the growing number of food banks and other support services operating through the pandemic.</p> <p>CAVS have brought together food banks and food share programmes, local community growing projects, hot food projects and the wider community support groups to form a Food Network. In developing and strengthening these food partnerships, bringing together people from the different modalities with the shared focus of tackling food insecurity, the Network has been committed to Connecting>Supporting>Sharing to foster healthy and sustainable local food systems.</p> <p>The Food Network's current plans involve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • looking at the feasibility of Carmarthenshire becoming a Sustainable Food Place • growing the network to ensure fair representation • Network involvement in work already being undertaken in county

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> and supporting equity across the network in terms of training, access to information and ability to best support their communities. <p>Carmarthenshire's Food Network feel it is important to gain momentum for the group and require a dedicated person to support the network going forward. The funds would be used to employ a 22.5 hour a week Network Co-ordinator Assistant post for a period of 9 months.</p>
Outcomes	<p>Number of individuals reached:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How many families – 1000 County Wide How many single people – 250 County Wide How many homeless people – 250 County Wide <p>Additional outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of people receiving skills or training – 250 Number of volunteers – 25 Jobs created – 1 Levered funding – Nil
Total Project Cost	£19,061.16
Eligible Capital	£1,598.80 - Laptop
Eligible Revenue	£19,106.16
	<p>£14,258.61 - 22.5 hr Network Coordinator Assistant (Max 9 months post)</p> <p>£24.84 - IT Fees</p> <p>£161.00 - Mobile phone gifgaf</p> <p>£450.00 - Travel Expenses</p> <p>£2,117.91 - Management fee (100% cost recovery)</p> <p>£450.00 - Translation</p>
Ineligible costs	NIL
Total Grant requested	£19,061.16
Match funding (if applicable)	N/A
Cllr and Officer Consultations Undertaken	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cllr Alun Lenny Cllr Gareth John, councillors for Carmarthen Town South. Cllr Ann Davies who is Executive Board Member for Communities and Rural Affairs.
Contributing to key Strategies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child Poverty Strategy for Wales Reduce the impact of living in poverty on children, working in partnership with some schools and delivering food awareness sessions, supporting families on low incomes

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welsh Government Tackling Poverty Action Plan • Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and CCC's Well-being goals <p>Project feeds into the Healthier Carmarthenshire strategy and therefore links with Wellbeing. Growing projects are intergenerational and encourage community involvement CAVS is also linked with the regional Connect to Kindness Campaign and the development of the Connect Carmarthenshire platform, an informal way of volunteering and helping neighbours.</p>
Ownership/Lease	Leased
Officer Comments	<p>By bringing this network together Carmarthenshire's Food Network can aim to assist communities to grow, produce and buy local, therefore reducing the need for people to live in food poverty. As the agenda increases around food poverty, CAVS have been working with Local Government Officers to look at how to progress, in a changing environment.</p> <p>There is also potential for Sustainable Food Places membership to fund a co-ordinator for a further 2-year period.</p> <p>It is believed that food poverty will be high on the agenda for the next Carmarthenshire Wellbeing Plan.</p>
Recommendation	Award £19,061.16
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Application Reference: FPF-21-09

Project Title	Llwynhendy / Pemberton Growing Space
Applicant	Llwynhendy & Pemberton Forum
Ward	Llwynhendy
Food Poverty Criteria	<p>The purpose of this grant relates to the improvement of Food Poverty services such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increasing the level of support available and improving the level of coverage across the county. • Extending opening hours to include some evening and weekends • Improving the nutritional value of provisions being provided • Educating the community on the importance of good nutrition, healthy eating and reducing wastage

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishing sustainable provision to meet the anticipated increase in demand
<p>Project Description</p>	<p>Dwyfor Growing Space is a space for the community. It is the wish of Llanelli Rural Council to rejuvenate the space so numerous community well-being activities can take place there.</p> <p>Community groups are welcome to adopt areas for their projects and it is the wish of the Forum to build on the recent local places for nature package secured from Keep Wales Tidy by ourselves at Dwyfor.</p> <p>They would like to expand the offer of fruit trees there to create a mini/micro-orchard area within the grounds and wish to engage with volunteers and residents to grow fresh produce by purchasing and installing a Polly tunnel and green house, also a shed, which will store the equipment for their volunteers and gardeners.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The equipment will provide new opportunities for individuals to grow seasonal produce and cook / eat healthier meals. • The opportunities available from the project will enable people to make new connections in their community and improve their skills and well-being. • A community asset that is back to being used and looked after by and for the community. <p>One way of gaining interest is by advertising the space to their food bank recipients, volunteer working group days will be scheduled in to clear the area and install the equipment to provide the ongoing upkeep, with the end goal being, that volunteers will grow their own produce and all surpluses can go into the food bank's food packages, along with recipe cards and cooking classes to encourage healthier meals and attitudes to growing your own fresh fruit and vegetables.</p> <p>Through the Forum's work, they have established ties with many local groups and services over the years and with this project, they will look to work, learn, and share good practice in land management with the various services that the Rural Council intend on engaging with at Dwyfor</p> <p>The food growing will go on for as long as is possible and the grant will enable the opportunity for them to achieve this and they will work with others and reuse seeds from germination and yields to replant year on year. The aim is that the growing space will become self-sustaining and other general fundraising the forum has adopted will cover any additional or replacement costs.</p>
<p>Outcomes</p>	<p>Number of individuals reached:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How many families - 10 • How many single people - 5 • How many homeless people – 0 <p>Additional outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of people receiving skills or training – 15 • Number of volunteers – 10 • Levered funding – Nil

Total Project Cost	£9,314.73
Eligible Capital	£9,314.73 £1,185.16 – Gardening Equipment £484.20 - Various vegetable/fruit seeds £1,130.47 - Site maintenance equipment £2,942.00 – Shed & Storage £2,275.00 - Sleepers for raised beds x 50 £699.00 - Greenhouse 8 x 12ft £269.00 – Polytunnel £329.90 – 10 Fruit trees
Eligible Revenue	Nil
Ineligible costs	Nil
Total Grant requested	£9,314.73
Match funding (if applicable)	N/A
Cllr and Officer Consultations Undertaken	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Fozia Akhtar • Cllr Sharen Davies
Contributing to key Strategies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Combatting Food Poverty Teaching and giving advice around growing your own foods and offering space for people to do this in a communal environment • Working towards a healthier Wales Maximising people’s well-being physically and mentally by creating opportunities that will enable people to make new connections in their community and improve their skills
Ownership/Lease	Llanelli Rural Council Lease with CCC
Officer Comments	<p>The land is leased to Llanelli Rural Council by Carmarthenshire County Council and the group have sought official permission from Llanelli Rural Council to carry out this project, a copy of the request has been provided with the application.</p> <p>Also attached is Llanelli Rural Council’s site plan which outlines its vision for the space, which clearly states the involvement of community groups to utilise. The Council does have some site preparation work to be undertaken, which will help alleviate drainage problems and bring in some utility services to the site.</p>
Recommendation	Award - £9,314.73
Subject to:	

Application Reference: FPF-21-10

Project Title	Cwmaman Community Pantry and Cafe
Applicant	Cwmaman Town Council
Ward	Glanamman
Food Poverty Criteria	<p>The purpose of this grant relates to the improvement of Food Poverty services such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increasing the level of support available and improving the level of coverage across the county. • Extending opening hours to include some evening and weekends • Improving the nutritional value of provisions being provided • Educating the community on the importance of good nutrition, healthy eating and reducing wastage • Establishing sustainable provision to meet the anticipated increase in demand
Project Description	<p>This is a pilot project in partnership between Cwmaman Town Council and Banc Bwyd Cwmaman, which was set up as an emergency foodbank during the COVID Pandemic.</p> <p>Through conversing with members of the community they understand that people like to give back, thus, echoing the strapline, community -stronger together and the transaction of giving something back is humbling and dignifying and reduces their stigma of using the service.</p> <p>Following consultation with clients of the foodbank it was identified that individuals welcomed the idea of a community pantry and purchasing food at low cost, which reflected the community need identified for affordable food to tackle food insecurities.</p> <p>As a result, they have commenced the transition of the pantry model, which will go live in September and this model allows members to purchase ten items of food at a reduced cost, from various categories. The food produce will mostly be purchased from redistribution programs such as Fareshare, the CO OP, redistribution of food and other donations, still having a provision for crisis food parcels.</p> <p>During the consultation it was also identified that the contributing factors to the food insecurities were mental health issues, repaying debt whilst balancing low income or benefits, paying utility bills, housing issues and substance misuse.</p> <p>The objectives of the community café are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide subsidised nutritional meals at a low cost using the redistributed food from the foodbank contributors at the café. • To reduce food waste.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To make chilled or frozen nutritional meals from the food from the Pantry to enable users with basic equipment (such as microwaves) to have a varied diet. • To collaborate with Laura Thomas Public Health Dietician to develop recipe cards and meals based on food from the pantry to tackle health issues such as diabetes and obesity because of unbalance food choices. In the future to be able to offer basic nutritional cooking classes to members community. • To create a safe space where vulnerable and marginalised individuals can meet and foster friendships. <p>The revenue element of the grant would be used to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employ a part time member of staff for 21 hrs to work in the kitchen/café alongside the volunteers. The role of the individual would be to prep and cook down the food to provide low-cost nutritional meals and support the function of the community café. • To upskill and develop volunteers in the Café by offering courses that increase their employability. • To purchase Fare share subscription for 5 months to assist with the pantry and café model. <p>The capital element of the grant would be used to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purchase equipment/moveable shelving to assist in the manual handling of food produce. • To purchase necessary equipment for the kitchen to assist in the production of the nutritional meals and to comply with food hygiene. • To purchase a fridge and a freezer to safely store the food produce. <p>Banc Bwyd Cwmaman foodbank in partnership with Cwmaman Town Council will be responsible for financially sustaining the future of the project however they will aim to apply for funding from organisations such as Lottery Funding-Awards for All and or, Mynydd y Betws Funding as the criteria for both allows revenue funding.</p> <p>Research will also continue to seek other Grants as well as other initiatives at the community café to increase the potential revenue further for example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bring your parent for lunch initiative • Luncheon club for the OAP's • Human Library • Brunch club for parents and Toddler's
Outcomes	<p>Number of individuals reached:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How many families - 30 • How many single people - 30 • How many homeless people – 5

	Additional outcomes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of people receiving skills or training – 15 • Number of volunteers – 15 • Jobs created – 1 • Levered funding – Nil
Total Project Cost	£15,542.88- Net
Eligible Capital	£8,749.03 £4,085.41 – Kitchen Equipment £1,211.84 – Storage – Moveable shelving £3,451.78 – Freezer & Fridge
Eligible Revenue	£6,793.85 £4,793.85 - Member of staff (21hrs) based on an hourly rate of £10.24 (£931.84 per month plus £26.93 employers N I) x 5 months £1,000.00 – volunteer upskill & training £1,000.00 – Fareshare 5-month subscription
Ineligible costs	N/A
Total Grant requested	£15,542.88
Match funding (if applicable)	N/A
Cllr and Officer Consultations Undertaken	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Kevin Madge • Cllr Dai Jenkins
Contributing to key Strategies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Cohesion It will identify further initiatives to encourage community cohesion and empower individuals to make more informed choices. • Child Poverty Strategy for Wales Reduce the impact of living in poverty on children, working in partnership with some schools and delivering food awareness sessions, supporting families on low incomes • Healthier Wales • Public Health dietician will be involved to develop healthy choices and nutritional meals as well as work with support workers within Carmarthenshire to support young people in the community. The group will continue to work with other neighbouring foodbanks to sign post individuals in their areas and to distribute surplus food to them.
Ownership/Lease	
Officer Comments	The outcome of the pilot project is to establish if the community café works in conjunction with the community pantry to provide low-cost nutritional, affordable food to help offset food insecurity in the community. Also, to provide advice and support with regards to food choices on low income or health issues.

	<p>Through continuous evaluation, data collected during the pilot project will support a further grant application to extend the project for a further year after which the project will hopefully become sustainable.</p> <p>They would be looking to apply for grants such as Awards for All and or, Mynydd Y Betws. It will also identify further initiatives to encourage community cohesion and empower individuals to make more informed choices.</p>
Recommendation	Award £15,542.88
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Application Reference: FPF-21-11

Project Title	Tyisha Foodbank IT
Applicant	Tyisha Foodbank at Tyisha Positive Action Group
Ward	Tyisha
Food Poverty Criteria	<p>The purpose of this grant relates to the improvement of Food Poverty services such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increasing the level of support available and improving the level of coverage across the county. • Extending opening hours to include some evening and weekends • Improving the nutritional value of provisions being provided • Educating the community on the importance of good nutrition, healthy eating and reducing wastage • Establishing sustainable provision to meet the anticipated increase in demand
Project Description	<p>Tyisha Foodbank has been operating since February 2020, feeding up to 400 families per month. Presently, all the group's records are paper based and that entails a volunteer to write out customer details twice, once in the record book and secondly for a picking sheet.</p> <p>Tyisha Foodbank wish to modernise this system and believe that by having an electronic system it will enhance the service that they provide, for which they are applying for the necessary equipment to do so, being a laptop and mobile phone.</p> <p>This equipment will assist them with ordering and stock control, as well as being able to produce reports when asked by partner organisations such as CCC.</p> <p>Also, with this new system, they will be able to spot trends such as how many times they have fed a resident and dates. From this they can identify resident who may need extra help such as budgeting or benefit advice.</p>

Outcomes	<p>Number of individuals reached:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How many families – 55 per week • How many single people – 30 per week • How many homeless people – 23 per week <p>Additional outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Levered funding – Nil
Total Project Cost	£1,716.00
Eligible Capital	<p>£1,716.00</p> <p>£1,117.00 - 2020 Apple MacBook Air 13.3 £599.00 - Apple, I Phone 11</p>
Eligible Revenue	N/A
Ineligible costs	N/A
Total Grant requested	£1,716.00
Match funding (if applicable)	N/A
Cllr and Officer Consultations Undertaken	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr. Suzy Curry • Cllr. Andre McPherson, councillors for the Tyisha ward.
Contributing to key Strategies	<p>Welsh Government Tackling Poverty Action Plan Having a better system will mean more productivity and success in being able to deliver their services and tackle food poverty in the area</p> <p>Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 A more equal Wales, a Wales of Cohesive Communities and a Healthier Wales</p>
Ownership/Lease	Lease
Officer Comments	<p>By using a more relevant and up to date record system, Tyisha Foodbank would be more productive and able to communicate and engage better with the local community.</p> <p>The cost will be a one off, no further costs will be incurred, and Tyisha Foodbank will be responsible for maintaining the product.</p>
Recommendation	Award £1,716.00
Subject to:	

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