

TUESDAY, 1 MARCH 2022

TO: THE CABINET MEMBER FOR LEADER

I HEREBY SUMMON YOU TO ATTEND A VIRTUAL MEETING OF THE **CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS MEETING FOR THE LEADER** WHICH WILL BE HELD AT **10.30 AM**, ON **TUESDAY, 8TH MARCH, 2022** FOR THE TRANSACTION OF THE BUSINESS OUTLINED ON THE ATTACHED AGENDA.

Wendy Walters

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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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AND FOLLOWING THE APPLICATION OF THE PUBLIC INTEREST TEST THE CABINET MEMBER MAY CONSIDER THAT THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE NOT FOR PUBLICATION AS THEY CONTAIN EXEMPT INFORMATION AS DEFINED IN PARAGRAPH 14 OF PART 4 OF SCHEDULE 12A TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1972 AS AMENDED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT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.
5. BUSINESS GRANT APPLICATIONS. 29 - 32

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

THURSDAY, 17 February 2022

PRESENT: Councillor: E. Dole (Cabinet Member).

The following officers were in attendance:

R. Furlong, Economic Development Co-ordinator;
M. Pemberton, LEADER Co-ordinator;
M.S. Davies, Democratic Services Officer.

Virtual Meeting: 10.00 am - 10.20 am

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of personal interest.

2. DECISIONS RECORD - 26TH JANUARY 2022

RESOLVED that the decision record of the meeting held on the 22nd January, 2022 be signed as a correct record.

3. SUPPORTING WELSH LANGUAGE IN BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS - IAITH GWAITH

The Cabinet Member considered a report detailing the proposed establishment of an initiative, Iaith Gwaith, to support businesses and community organisations to access financial support to raise the profile of the Welsh language within their organisation following on from a successful application to the UK government community renewal Fund. The maximum grant would be £3,000 with each grant award based on up to 50% of the total eligible costs.

RESOLVED to approve the delivery of the Iaith Gwaith initiative detailed in the report.

4. LLWYDDO'N LLEOL BURSARY PROGRAMME

The Cabinet Member considered a report detailing the proposed establishment of an initiative, the Llwyddo'n Lleol Bursary Fund, which would offer a bursary of up to £2,000 or 80% of total project costs, whichever was the lesser amount, for prestart businesses or existing SME businesses trading for less than 12 months where the business concept had a strong Welsh or bilingual focus. Whilst the project would primarily focus on 18–30-year-olds, applications from other prestart businesses would be considered.

RESOLVED to approve the delivery of the Llwyddo'n Lleol Bursary Fund initiative detailed in the report.

5. 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.

6. CARMARTHENSHIRE TRANSFORMATIONAL COMMERCIAL PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT FUND

Following the application of the public interest test it was **RESOLVED**, pursuant to the Act referred to in minute no. 5 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 Cabinet Member reconsidered an offer of grant for £750,000.00 from the Carmarthenshire Transformational Commercial Property Development Fund to Cambrian Pet Foods on 19th December 2019 [Minute 6 thereof refers] following delays in the original proposed scheme and changes within the company itself as detailed in the circulated report.

RESOLVED, in light of the above, that the grant of £750,000.00 originally awarded to Cambrian Pet Foods, Llangadog, from the Carmarthenshire Transformational Commercial Property Development Fund be reduced to £740,973.24 subject to the usual terms and conditions and those specified in the report.

CABINET MEMBER

DATE

CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS MEETING FOR THE LEADER 8/3/2022

Cabinet Member:	Portfolio:
Cllr. Emlyn Dole	Leader

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

Recommendations / key decisions required:

Targeted Finance Fund – Annex 1
2 Applications – Total Value = £33,911.18

Welsh Church Fund – Annex 2
1 Application – Total Value = £3,000.00

Food Poverty Fund – Annex 3
1 Application – Total Value = £7,000.00

Household Food Poverty Fund – Annex 4
7 Applications – Total Value = £20,500.00

Total Number of Applications - 11 Total Value = £64,411.18

Reasons:
Development of Sustainable Communities within Carmarthenshire

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Declaration of Personal Interest (if any): None

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

DECISION MADE:

Signed: _____ **DATE:** _____

CABINET 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

08/03/22

**Financial Assistance from the following grant funds:
Targeted Finance Fund, Welsh Church Fund, Food Poverty Fund & Household Food Poverty Fund**

To approve the following:

RECOMMENDATIONS / KEY DECISIONS REQUIRED:

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DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED	YES
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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: Helen L Morgan **Development Manager Regeneration & 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-21-02 TFF-21-07	County Hall, Carmarthen. SA31 1JP
Welsh Church Fund	WCF-21-13	County Hall, Carmarthen. SA31 1JP
Food Poverty Fund	FPF-21-17	County Hall, Carmarthen. SA31 1JP
Household Food Poverty Fund	HFPP- 01 HFPP- 02 HFPP- 03 HFPP- 04 HFPP- 05 HFPP- 06 HFPP- 07	County Hall, Carmarthen. SA31 1JP

Targeted Finance Fund 2021-2022
Report Author: CAOwen@carmarthenshire.gov.uk
Tel: 01269 590216
Balance Available - £34,580.00

Report Value - £33,911.18

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Application Reference: TFF-21-02

Project Title	Creation of New Dedicated Cylch Meithrin Facility
Applicant	Cylch Meithrin Drefach Felindre
Ward	Drefach - Velindre
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 Cylch Meithrin at Drefach Felindre has been operating out of a side room at the Village Hall for over twenty years and the Meithrin has steadily outgrown the facilities during this time. The additional requirements which have been imposed upon them due to COVID has meant that they were not able to operate to the capacity, which was once possible, also the pandemic has had an impact on the space and play facilities that they are able to offer children in their care.</p> <p>They became aware of the vacant former School House, which is attached to Penboyr School and following discussions with the School and the St David's Diocesan Board of Finance's Endowed Schools Committee representatives. It was evident that with some development, this would be an ideal property within which to house the Cylch Meithrin.</p> <p>They propose to convert the former School House into a purpose-built space which will have several benefits to the children and community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They will be able to extend the morning provision to a full day, providing affordable Childcare and Education to local families. (They are Estyn registered as well as CIW) • Employment options for families who can't currently afford private care could be increased. • The project will allow for adaptations and disability access to make it more inclusive. • Children from the Cylch are more likely to progress to the local primary school, Penboyr, maintaining that sense of community and belonging.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The project will allow them to offer after-school and holiday play schemes, which are not currently available in the area. <p>The new building will give them space and capacity to work with volunteers and those on college training courses, enabling them to support the workforce development programme.</p> <p>They propose to spend the money on design and estimation services from suitably qualified professionals (i.e., architects/quantity surveyors), to include the following.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Modifying the Schoolhouse from residential to commercial standards and layout, to allow for existing and expanded capacity for Cylch Meithrin, Accessible entrance and bathrooms, Alteration of the stairway to be compliant with commercial building regulations and allow for more flexible use of internal space, Fire upgrades as necessary (alarm system, compartmentalisation, escape, etc), Consideration of alterations to allow for restricted access between nursery and school, Removal of the existing chimneys and making good the external fabric (slates, flashing, pointing, gutter renewal, etc.), Decoration, modernisation, and regulation upgrades as necessary, Planning permission applications Building control applications Total project cost estimation/tender process <p>The grant funding would enable them to complete the design, estimation, and documentation, necessary to apply for large capital funding from the Welsh Government Community Facilities Programme, also Lottery People and Places.</p>
Economic Benefit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of individuals into training/education - Number of individuals into volunteering - Number of community groups/organisations assisted – 1 New enterprises created - Number of jobs created - 2 Jobs Safeguarded - 2 Increased turnover /profitability - £10,000.00 Public and private leverage funding £7,840.00
Total Project Cost	<p style="text-align: center;">£27,840.00 – Gross</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Nil</p> <p style="text-align: center;">£27,840.00 Design, specification, planning</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Nil</p> <p style="text-align: center;">£20,000.00 @ 71.8 %</p> <p style="text-align: center;">£7,840.00 Own funds/fundraising/donations</p>
Eligible Capital	
Eligible Revenue	
Ineligible Costs	
Amount and % of grant requested	
Match funding	

<p>Cllr and Officer Consultations Undertaken</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr. Ken Howell • Diocese Of St David • Michael O’Shea – Welsh Government • Chris Baker - Lottery • Stephanie Williams – CCC LEA Officer
<p>Evidence of Need / Community Engagement</p>	<p>There is no other provision such as this within the vicinity and the project will allow them to expand a service that is currently delivering in a limited capacity, for the following reason.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently unable to meet the demand for the Cylch Meithrin provision in the area, at present can only offer spaces on a part time basis, as they have 14 spaces to accommodate the 22 children who are registered with them. <p>The current venue is sub-standard, it does not offer sufficient space and is not ideal for young children, preventing them from offering all day care.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-school aged pupils and families – will afford parents an opportunity to seek employment, knowing that they have a space at Cylch Meithrin for their children. Children will benefit from being in a safe, adequately staffed, educational environment, enabling them to learn and form relationships with other children of a similar age. • Local employers – increase capacity in the workforce. • Local community support services e.g., Tir Dewi <p>College students training in childcare – provision of a placement experience.</p>
<p>Contributing to key Strategies</p>	<p>Councils Corporate Strategy 2018-2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of Cylch Meithrin will support CCC’s wellbeing objectives in the following ways: • Start well: providing improved facilities for childcare, and cooperation with Ysgol Penboyr. • Live well: opportunities for parents in local community to use free time for work or recreation. • Age well: less reliance upon elderly relatives for childcare, and more available time for parents to check in with relatives that may need additional help. • These all contribute to a healthy, safe & prosperous environment for the local community. <p>Carmarthenshire Local Development Strategy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To support business growth, retention & specialisation • To support a skilled and ambitious workforce • To seek to maximise job creation and employment prospects • To support the development of a knowledge economy • To develop the distinctiveness and attractiveness of the area in terms of tourism and business investment whilst ensuring that Wales as a nation is resilient. <p>Well-being of Future Generations Act</p> <p>Cylch Meithrin will work towards the seven well-being goals for Wales by:</p> <p>A Prosperous Wales Creation of jobs and opportunities for parents to work</p>

	<p>A Resilient Wales Supporting local communities</p> <p>A Healthier Wales More free time for parents and learning for young children</p> <p>A more Equal Wales Accessible facilities</p> <p>A Wales of Cohesive Communities Encouraging community friendships between children</p> <p>A Wales of Vibrant Culture and Thriving Welsh Language Bilingual provisions</p> <p>A Globally Responsible Wales Sustainable communities are a key part of global sustainability</p> <p>Swansea Bay City Region Economic Regeneration Strategy 2013-2030, Activity for Business growth, retention, and specialisation, also maximising job creation through strategic activity planning, processes will put organisation in a better position to grow, retaining and implementing innovation and knowledge in accordance with the changing competitive infrastructures.</p>
Ownership/Lease	Lease Agreement
<p>Business Plan/Officer Comments including details of support moving forward/next steps linked to growth and sustainability</p>	<p>The project would be financially sustained by education grants and fees for enrolling children at Cylch Meithrin. Demographically, Drefach Felindre has several young families with small children and with the expansion of the Cylch Meithrin, and its proposed proximity to the school, it is hoped that the Cylch Meithrin would act as a feeder for the school, which would benefit both in the long term.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is potential to increase the current part-time provision, extending this to full day care and expanding this further into holiday play schemes. • The building could offer the ability to create a community hub for lifelong learning. • There is the possibility of Eco-school provision to extend to the Cylch Meithrin and expand outdoor learning opportunities. <p>As part of KAM function the Cylch will receive regular support from the Bureau to assist and ensure outputs and targets are achieved and the project maintains its sustainability.</p>
Recommendation	Award - £20,000.00
Subject to:	

Application Reference: TFF-21-07

Project Title	Business Growth Plan 2022
Applicant	Myddfai Ltd
Ward	Llangadog
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>Myddfai Trading Company is a Limited company which operates as a social enterprise. The business has been in operation for 12 years and sells a range of toiletries and gifts to both retail and wholesale customers. The company mission on top of their sales is to provide opportunities to vulnerable people from the local community to work alongside the team to gain work experience, social interaction, and confidence.</p> <p>The Company has seen significant growth in recent years, however further growth is limited by current capacity. The purpose of this project is to enable the business to develop to the next stage by increasing capacity; developing new products; investing in new equipment; and providing more employment and work experience opportunities in the local community. As well as this, with increased raw materials and electricity costs, the group aim to keep its pricing competitive, but to do this, costs and overheads must be reduced, and future sustainability must be at the forefront of the company.</p> <p>The funding will be spent on:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Filling Machine</i> – Myddfai will need to invest in a second filling machine to enable them to meet demand from customers. This will lead to increased productivity and will also create an opportunity for employment of another staff member. 2. <i>Labelling Machine</i> – increased production will require investment in a third machine to label bottles. This will also provide additional work experience opportunities for team members from the community. 3. <i>Cardboard shredder</i> – this will enable the group to produce their own packaging and void fill by utilising the cardboard waste produced by delivery of raw materials etc. It will reduce existing expenditure on packaging and will also reduce the cost of recycling, thereby improving environmental sustainability. 4. <i>Tape dispenser</i> – Myddfai Ltd will be looking to invest in a high-capacity electronic tape dispenser which dispenses strong self-adhesive tape to pre-set length, increasing packing speed, reducing waste, and eliminating the use of plastic tape.

	<p>5. <i>Tablet</i> – investment in a tablet will enable production assistants filling bottles with solution to directly update the stock management system, thereby improving stock control.</p> <p>This project would enable the group to improve their environmental sustainability by creating their own packaging and void fill by recycling cardboard waste. It would also see them dramatically reduce plastic waste.</p> <p>The group actively promote employment and work experience opportunities for people with additional needs within the local community and this is fundamental to the company's ethos as a social enterprise.</p>
Economic Benefit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of individuals into training/education - 12 • Number of community groups/organisations assisted - 1 • Number of social enterprises supported - 1 • Number of jobs created – 1 • Number of jobs safeguarded – 5 • Public and private leverage funding - £3,613.29
Total Project Cost	£21,679.76(Gross) - £3,613.29 = £18,066.47 (Net)
Eligible Capital (Net)	<p>Tablet = £250 Filling Machine = £6,581 Labelling Machine = £8,300 Cardboard Shredder = £1,799 Tape Dispenser = £1,136.47</p>
Eligible Revenue	£18,066.47 Net
Ineligible Costs	N/A
Amount and % of grant requested	£13,911.18 @ 77% intervention
Match funding	£4,155.29 Match
Cllr and Officer Consultations Undertaken	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr. Andrew James • Myddfai Trading Company Ltd Business Plan 2021-2023
Evidence of Need / Community Engagement	<p>Their Business Plan 2021-2023 shows the need for the items listed in their application, as during 2021 their retail sales continued to grow and wholesale started performing better than ever before. It continues to grow, and efforts will be made to attract new wholesalers in both the accommodation and gift retail sectors. By purchasing the listed items, the group will be able to push on both retail and wholesale sales and have the capacity and resources to do so.</p> <p>The projected growth of the business will enable Myddfai Ltd to create employment and work experience opportunities over and above those already provided. They have been informed by several of the organisations they work with that they struggle to find meaningful work experience opportunities for their</p>

	<p>residents and students, and they value the opportunities that Myddfai Trading Company provides.</p> <p>Project beneficiaries are local people seeking employment, including people with learning difficulties, who often find it difficult to secure meaningful employment. The project will also benefit those who are unable to undertake paid employment and who benefit from supervised work experience, this in turn will benefit the local economy.</p>
<p>Contributing to key Strategies</p>	<p>The project addresses key themes in the following strategies:</p> <p>The Wellbeing of Future Generations Act:</p> <p>The project will address the goals of the 'Well-being of Future Generations Act' in the following ways:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A prosperous Wales <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) by generating employment and work experience opportunities for vulnerable people within the local community b) through more efficient use of resources and reducing waste 2. A more equal Wales <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) By enabling people with additional needs to fulfil their potential through meaningful work and work experience 3. A Wales of cohesive communities <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) By contributing to the growth and welfare of the community through wealth generation and job creation 4. A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Promoting the Welsh language through products with bi-lingual labelling and bilingual website 5. A globally responsible Wales <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) By assessing the environmental impact of everything Myddfai Ltd do <p>Councils Corporate Strategy 2018-2023:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create more jobs and growth throughout the county • Help people live healthy lives • Support good connections with friends, family, and safer communities • Promote Welsh Language and Culture • Provide healthy, prosperous, and safe environments • Live well - by creating more employment and work experience opportunities in the local community, for people with additional needs. <p>Swansea Bay City Region Economic Regeneration Strategy</p> <p>Strategic Aim 3: Maximising job creation for all</p> <p>Operational aim:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase job opportunities by supporting employment growth within the indigenous business stock, through measures including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Development of targeted support for next-phase growth amongst our micro-enterprises, family-owned firms, and self-employed people
<p>Ownership/Lease</p>	<p>Lease</p>

<p>Business Plan/Officer Comments including details of support moving forward/next steps linked to growth and sustainability</p>	<p>As part of KAM function, Myddfai Ltd will receive regular support from the Bureau to assist and ensure outputs and targets are achieved and the project maintains its sustainability.</p> <p>The project will assure future sustainability of Myddfai Ltd as a company and of all its products and services. It would be managed by the directors, who would monitor expenditure and ensure delivery of objectives. The match funding would be delivered from working capital, as would the upfront cost of the items of equipment to be purchased.</p>
<p>Recommendation</p>	<p>Award - £13,911.18</p>
<p>Subject to:</p>	

Welsh Church Fund 2021-2022
 Report Author: CAOwen@carmarthenshire.gov.uk
 Tel: 01269 590216
 Balance Available - £18,425.18

Report Value: £3,000.00

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Application Reference – WCF-21-13

Project Title	Capel y Groes – Cilycwm Community Centre
Applicant	Menter Cilycwm
Project Description	<p>The project is to restore and adapt Capel y Groes, a Grade II Listed Building donated to Menter Cilycwm by the Annibynwyr congregation in 2019, into a fully accessible, energy-efficient community centre with income potential to cover all maintenance costs and secure the future of this historic building. Cilycwm has had no venue for meetings or community activities since the school was closed in 2013. In the past the community was very active, and they want to revive that community spirit. Following on from a 2019 Project Viability study, this grant will be used for phase 1: Project Development to convert the chapel.</p> <p>This start-up phase involves surveys, appraisals, plans, permissions, and costings (e.g., structural, energy, heritage impact, asbestos, ecology, bat, topographic, and archaeological surveys) led by conservation professionals (Hiraeth Architecture, formerly r+m architects) and their project manager, who is an experienced building surveyor and conservation professional. The result will enable them to apply for funding for the Capital Works phase to refurbish and adapt the building for community use and provide expanded vital services so badly needed after the difficult and isolating times of the COVID-19 pandemic.</p> <p>There is no duplication of services or additionality. The proposed community centre will fill an aching gap. In the past Cilycwm has been a very vibrant and active community and we want to revive that spirit and develop resilience in case of future challenges like lockdowns or rural de-population.</p> <p>A WCF grant will contribute to phase 1: Project Development to meet the RIBA Stages 1, 2 and 3. The budget also covers fees & costs for the lead consultant/architects, project manager, local building surveyor and expenses like mileage and materials for displaying plans for community consultation and the planning authorities.</p> <p>While these surveys and plans are ongoing, the group will continue to offer Ty Capel vestry as a small meeting venue for community groups to meet while adhering to Welsh Government COVID-19</p>

	<p>guidelines about social distancing, ventilation, and hand sanitising. For example, the Community Council have held meetings there, the Parents & Toddlers group are about to start meeting, and local farms have donated firewood totes to raise funds for the community centre project.</p> <p>By the end of the Project Development stage, they expect to be ready to apply for a major grant(s) to progress to the Project Delivery/Capital Works phase of refurbishing and adapting Capel y Groes into a fully accessible, energy-efficient, and sustainable community centre. At this stage the broad estimate for capital works is around £250k. They will not stop as one of the key objectives of Menter Cilycwm is "To secure the establishment of a community centre".</p> <p>A Cilycwm community hub will benefit all residents of Cilycwm Community Council area and those of Rhandirmwyn ward in Llanfair-ar-y-Bryn (in total about 600 people from about 250 children including over 80 children/young people). They will benefit from a broad programme of activities based at the centre and other outdoor activities beyond. During the Project Development phase, we will work on an updated Business Plan.</p>
<p>Cllr and Officer Consultations Undertaken</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Arwel Davies • Michael O'shea – Welsh Government • Edward Holland – Director Holland Heritage • Aled Owen Richards – Trustee • Hilary Moira Davies – Trustee • Cilycwm Community Council •
<p>Ownership/ Lease</p>	<p>Ownership</p>
<p>Value of Community Investment</p> <p>Capital costs</p> <p>Revenue costs</p> <p>Ineligible costs</p> <p>Amount of grant requested</p> <p>Value of Levered Funds</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">£80,390.00 - Net</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Nil</p> <p style="text-align: center;">£41,303.00 Start-up costs, professional fees – full spreadsheet breakdown provided with application</p> <p style="text-align: center;">£39,087.00 £25,000 – Purchase of field £14,087.00 – Site investigation, surveys, contingency</p> <p style="text-align: center;">£3,000.00 @ 7.26% (Eligible revenue)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">£77,390.00 Applied to various external funders - (Total project delivery costs) £20,000 – Targeted Finance Fund – Secured £10,000 – AHF - Secured</p>
<p>Economic Benefit</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of individuals into training/education - 0

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of individuals into volunteering - 10 • Community groups/organisations assisted – 5 • New enterprises created - 1 • Number of jobs created – 1 • Increased turnover /profitability - £3k • Public and private leverage funding £77,390.00
<p>Officer Comments</p>	<p>The Business Plan to be developed during this Project Development phase will fully explore the potential for growth and consider different ways of earning income besides room hire and community fundraising.</p> <p>Eventually when the Cilycwm Community Hub is refurbished and open, they will employ a Centre Manager to develop a diverse programme of activities, reaching out to all groups and interests in the community.</p> <p>In future phases, they hope to contribute more to creating jobs and growth (at the Community Centre), and looking after the environment (e.g., a Repair café, promoting recycling, renewable energy, habitat creation, enhancing biodiversity and pollination).</p> <p>Many local people will benefit economically. During the Project Development phase various professionals such as architects, surveyors, engineers, heritage consultants will earn fees. Hiraeth Architecture are based in Cardiff, the Project Development Coordinator is from Cilycwm, others are from around Wales.</p> <p>Menter Cilycwm became responsible for maintenance of Capel y Groes and the adjoining Ty Capel when ownership of the building was transferred to them in May 2019. A key component of this Project Development phase is developing a robust Business Plan with detailed projected financial costs per annum. Current costs are only £700 p.a. but, having consulted other village halls nearby, we estimate that future maintenance costs could be between £2k and £5k p.a.</p>
<p>Officer Recommendation</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Award - £3,000.00</p>
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Food Poverty Fund – 2021-2022
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 Funds Available: £19,801.38

 Report Value: £7,000.00

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Application Reference: FPF-21-17

Project Title	Helping Hand Foodbank and Community Hub
Applicant	Threshold DAS Ltd
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>Threshold DAS Ltd are seeking grant support for their 'Helping Hand' Food Bank which opened within Llanelli Town Centre in October 2021. As with other food banks operating in the area, the 'Helping Hand' Food Bank primarily serves to create more equitable access to food through community partnerships and respond to the needs of the community through food distribution and support services. Threshold DAS already works in collaboration with other third sector organisations in the area but seeks to develop specifically access to food for individuals experiencing domestic abuse. In December alone, they provided 1125 meals and worked with 125 families.</p> <p>The situation regarding domestic abuse has been made worse through the COVID-19 pandemic and 'Helping Hand' food bank aims to support victims of domestic abuse throughout Carmarthenshire. The group have conducted extensive research and there will be no duplication in activities with similar services in the Carmarthenshire area.</p> <p>Given the niche service user group, the Helping Hand food bank would be able to offer a quick, more immediate and (if necessary) longer-term response to those vulnerable victims suffering domestic abuse and in need of food. Last year they supported 2268 individuals, a large portion of these were living in poverty and struggling to eat healthy and nutritious meals.</p> <p>The funding will be utilised in the following ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To expand and increase the capacity of the existing 'Food Bank' and to move to a new site on Station Road, so Threshold can also offer the provision of non-perishable food items to include fresh

	<p>and frozen foods. This means not only the acquisition of food but assets like -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - fridge/freezer, kitchen appliances/cooking equipment, - a confidential service to create more equitable access to food for individuals. It is not envisaged that any ‘caps’ will be placed on the service – individuals can use the Food bank as often as they require (providing there is sufficient food) and food parcels will continue to be distributed beyond that of ‘emergencies’, that is, until they no longer require the support of Threshold. The food bank will be open five days a week and every other Saturday. - The Helping Hands food bank will develop and strengthen food partnerships within Carmarthenshire, with a view to creating healthy, sustainable local food systems that help tackle food insecurity. - The building of resilience through the development of a range of support services built around community food provision - To further develop and embed food bank activities as part of Threshold’s community hub to complement its existing community services such as the ‘Helping Hand’ Clothes Store, ‘Repair Café Wales and Tea & Coffee Mornings. To explore moving some of the project’s services into hubs within Carmarthenshire in rural areas. - To develop volunteering opportunities for food bank users, offering volunteers training opportunities, including accredited training which will support employability. <p>Threshold’s commitment to supporting its service users had expanded to include not only individuals themselves but their children, and as such, the addressing of food inequity and the continuation of any Food bank activity will be considered as an integral part of Threshold’s overall service provision – once established it will form part of Threshold’s organisational services and not just a ‘one-off’ project activity.</p>
Outcomes	<p>Number of individuals reached:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How many families - 125 • How many single people - 25 • How many homeless people – 0 <p>Additional outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of people receiving skills or training – 5 • Jobs created – 0 • Safeguarding – 2
Total Project Cost	£ 7,200.00 Gross
Eligible Capital	Fridge Freezer x2 - £1,200 Cooker and hob - £1,600 Shelving Units - £4,400
Eligible Revenue	N/A

Ineligible costs	N/A
Total Grant requested	£7,000.00 Gross
Match funding (if applicable)	£200.00 Match Funding
Cllr and Officer Consultations Undertaken	Tyisha – Cllr Suzy Curry and Cllr Andre McPherson
Contributing to key Strategies	The application has been mapped to the Welsh Government's Well-being of Future Generations Act (Wales) 2015 particularly the goals of 'A healthier Wales', 'A more equal Wales' and 'A Wales of cohesive communities'. In particular, the Helping Hand Food Bank hopes to complement Carmarthenshire Council's inter-related Well-being/Improvement Objectives of '...help[ing] to give every child the best start in life and improve their early life experiences (Objective 1) and 'Help[ing] children live healthy lifestyles (Objective 2). It would also promote Welsh language and culture and look at talking poverty by preventing it, helping people into work, and improving the lives of those living in poverty.
Ownership/Lease	Ownership
Officer Comments	Threshold's existing Food bank already works locally with other organisations, partnerships, and initiatives to ensure there is no duplication but also to support each other. The future maintenance and liability of the project will be assumed by Threshold DAS. Provisions have been but in place to provide funding for the food bank, be it from further sources of external funding or, through fundraising.
Recommendation	Award £7,000.00
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Household Food Poverty Fund 2021-2022

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Balance Available - £27,865
Report Value - £20,500
Number of projects – 7

Reference	Name of Applicant	Project Title	Project Description	Comments	Consultation	Award Recommendation
HFPP-01	CETMA	Food Bank	The main outcome of the project is to help families in the areas who are struggling to put food on the table. The CETMA foodbank currently supports 40-50 families per month, a figure which is anticipated to rise as a result of the ongoing rise in living and energy costs. Future sustainability will be supported by fundraising, donations and a food growing project. Amount requested: £3,500	CETMA are a large organisation which covers several villages/towns in one area: Pembrey, Burry Port, Pwll, Kidwelly, St Ishmaels, Five Road, Ponthenry, Pontyates.	Cllr. Jeanette Gilasbey	£3,500
HFPP-02	Tyisha Food Bank	Food Bank	The outcome of the project is to provide support to the 250 individuals per month who currently access the foodbank, in addition to the increasing number of working families who are accessing support due to the increase in living costs. Amount requested: £3,500	All foodbank applicants are screened, with only those in need assisted. Intended outcomes are to feed as many people as possible who are in need.	Cllr. Andre McPherson	£3,500

HFPP-03	Pantry Cymunedol Cwmaman	Food Bank	The outcome of the project is to sustain and grow the positive impact of the Cwmaman Community Pantry and the Cwmaman Foodbank, with an emphasis on dignity and choice. Current membership: 77 adults and 34 children, with membership increasing weekly. Amount requested: £3,000	Stock is predominantly redistributed food through Fareshare and the Co-op which is received weekly. Stocks of perishable goods are low, even with the support from these groups.	Cllr. David Jenkins	£3,000
HFPP-04	Banc Bwyd CNE	Food Bank	A relatively new foodbank, which supported 71 adults and 65 children during 2021. The outcome of the project is to be able to support more families and individuals who fall into poverty. It is likely that donors will also experience financial constraints and may be forced to be less generous in future. Amount requested: £3,385.20	Although a relatively new foodbank it works closely with Banc Bwyd Llandysul. With foodbank use estimated to increase, it is important to support a rural community, which is situated away from the bigger towns.	Cllr. Hazel Evans	£1,000
HFPP-05	Llwynhendy Pemberton Forum	Food Bank	The outcomes of the project are to support the vulnerable, maintain health and wellbeing, provide healthy meals and offer practical advice for daily living. Currently supporting 100 people plus per month, with an increase expected in line with fuel cost increases and a cut in benefits. Amount requested: £3,500	The organisation also offers support by working with outside agencies, to offer advice on debt management, access to benefits etc.	Cllr. Fozia Akhtar	£3,500

HFPP-06	Llandovery Youth & Community Centre	Food Bank	<p>The outcomes of the project are to support those who encountered debt during the pandemic because of reduced working hours, those who are struggling to pay fuel bills and those who are self-employed who have been affected by the pandemic – focusing on the provision of food to those who really are in need.</p> <p>Currently supporting around 120 people per week, which is likely to increase in line with higher living costs.</p> <p>Amount requested: £3,500</p>	<p>Although supported by a local restaurant with weekly food provision, funding would allow for a more consistent approach to planning and support.</p> <p>Building on support from the local community, including donations from churches, individuals, will help with future sustainability of the provision.</p>	Cllr. Handel Davies	£3,500
HFPP-07	Myrtle Hill Food Bank	Food Bank	<p>The outcomes of the project are to provide people in crisis with 3 days' worth of non-perishable food, signposting individuals to additional support and inspiring change.</p> <p>The foodbank is consistently providing high numbers of food parcels to those in need in the community. The total number of people fed in the week commencing 31/1/22 was 98 individuals, in comparison to the same time last year when it was 44.</p> <p>Amount requested: £2,500</p>	<p>The number of people receiving support from the foodbank has doubled and is showing an increase in parcel distribution. It is currently sustained through community donations, fundraising, Myrtle House and some grant funding.</p>	Cllr. Jeff Edmunds Cllr. Eryl Morgan	£2,500

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