

Executive Board Member Leader

18/06/21

Executive Board Member:	Portfolio:	
Cllr. Emlyn Dole	Leader	
FOOD POVERTY WLGA GRANT		
Purpose: To consider and approve the following proposals: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- To approve the establishment of a third party fund to help tackle food poverty and food insecurity		
Recommendations / key decisions required: Approve the delivery of the Food Poverty Fund via a Third-Party Grant		
Reasons: To support an increased number of people facing food poverty by providing financial support to enable organisations to meet local needs.		
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Declaration of Personal Interest (if any): None

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

DECISION MADE:

Signed: _____ **DATE:** _____

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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
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Food Poverty WLGA Grant

As part of the Tackling Food Poverty and Addressing Food Insecurity EU Transition Funding Bid, Carmarthenshire County Council has been allocated a budget for financial year 21/22 of £45,591 of capital and £56,609 of revenue funding by the WLGA to help tackle food poverty within the county.

It is proposed that this funding is distributed through a third-party grant, administered by the Authority. The third-party grant will be open to any constituted organisation which is seeking to help tackle food poverty in Carmarthenshire. Capital grants of between £1,000 and £9,999 and Revenue grants of between £1,000 and £20,000 will be made available.

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

- Develop and strengthen food partnerships with a view to creating healthy, sustainable local food systems that help tackle food insecurity.
- Support initiatives such as outreach work, training volunteers and to build resilience through the development of community hubs which co-locate a range of support services such as debt and housing advice, all built around community food provision.
- Support for organisations to access, store and distribute additional supplies of good quality food, including good food surplus, in particular, larger amounts of fresh food, boosting the capacity of organisations to provide good quality, nutritious food to their customers. It can be used in a variety of ways to suit the requirements of the organisation, for example but not limited to - purchasing fridges, freezers, cooking equipment, developing infrastructure to include databases to improve referrals and pathways, supporting collaborative agency working.
- Projects such as community cafes, growing projects, social supermarkets, community shops (reducing food waste by selling residual stock) and sharing skills through mobile cooking schools would be considered.

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

The fund will be promoted via our corporate website, inviting groups to apply on a first come first serve basis.

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

Applications will be assessed on the need for the project or activity, how they plan to target the most in need, the sustainability of the project, collaborative working and projects that can be delivered and fully claimed by the 25th February 2022.

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

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?

NO

IMPLICATIONS

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

Signed: Jason Jones

Head of Regeneration

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

1. Finance

A total budget of £ £102,200 (Capital £45,591 and Revenue £56,609) is made available via the WLGA Food Poverty Fund to provide support to organisations across the county.

CONSULTATIONS

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

Signed: Jason Jones

Head of Regeneration

1. Scrutiny Committee N/A

2. Local Member(s) N/A

3. Community / Town Council N/A

4. Relevant Partners N/A

5. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations N/A

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

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

THERE ARE NONE