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Application reference: MYB-22-01

Project Title	Floodlights
Applicant	Amman United RFC
Ward	GLANAMMAN
Project Description/ Community Benefit	<p>Amman United is a well-established Community Rugby Club, unfortunately, they have been, without floodlights on the rugby field for the last 4 years, which were originally donated to the club from the opencast mine in Garnant, when they regenerated the area on completion of the extraction of coal. The lights have become unusable, due to age and a professional electrical company has confirmed replacement parts are no longer available, therefore, the floodlights are no longer fit for purpose.</p> <p>They have spent four winters without lights, both senior and junior teams, have been paying to travel and use other facilities, to train, and they are desperate to get the lights updated, so they can continue to use, the facilities, throughout the year.</p> <p>This project is to assist with new LED floodlights, to be erected on existing columns, no planning required, which they have secured funds of £26k. The new floodlights would enable them to build on current playing numbers, both at senior and Junior sections, also establishing a Youth side.</p> <p>Within the junior section there are teams at, under 9s, 10s, 13s, and 14s, which means they are missing a massive gap of age groups, at 7s, 8s, 11s, 12s, 15s and 16s, this is something that they must build on for the benefits of the Community and the Club.</p> <p>They are currently building a new committee, as over the past 12 months, they have had many younger members join, who are working hard to change the way the Amman United Rugby Club, is perceived within the community.</p>

	<p>Through the COVID pandemic they opened the function room upstairs, on a Tuesday evening and delivered food, to the most vulnerable families within the community, also opened the facilities daily in the afternoons for packed lunches, with enormous success.</p> <p>They have opened the doors to the community, as a hub for people to drop off supplies and resources for a family whose house burnt down locally, along with Ukraine appeal, also they are continuing to run a drop off point for food parcels for a local food bank.</p> <p>During recent storms where most of the village were without electricity, they welcomed the community for hot drinks and provisions within the club, over the weekend period.</p> <p>The facility is open for the community to raise funds for McMillan, with regular coffee mornings and charity events.</p>
<p>Total Project Cost</p> <p>Eligible Capital</p> <p>Eligible Revenue</p> <p>Ineligible Costs</p> <p>Amount and % of grant requested</p> <p>Match funding</p>	<p>£33,700.00 – (Net)</p> <p>£33,700.00 Match level LED Floodlights on existing columns</p> <p>Nil</p> <p>Nil</p> <p>£13,700.00 @ 40.7%</p> <p>£20,000.00 £20,000 – Secured Williams Brown Hill Trust</p>
<p>Evidence of Need / Community Engagement</p>	<p>They have consulted with various groups within the community and externally, which has generated new younger committee members, over the past 12 months, who are working hard to change the way the Amman United Rugby Club, is perceived within the community, that they are in and represent.</p> <p>They are working closely, with the junior section members, who have already been working with Rob Venus on community projects and are excited and committed, to be looking at future projects and programmes that open the facilities, to the wider community.</p> <p>The rugby club facilities are situated in the centre of Golwg Yr Aman Park and feel that it is especially important to be part of the development of this beautiful area, new lights will do this and be used for years to come, and will be enjoyed by many generations of children, young people, and adults.</p> <p>The focus is on community involvement which will have a strong ethos of encouraging community participation and social inclusion, this will be achieved through a volunteer scheme whereby people</p>

	<p>can improve opportunities to meet others whilst learning new skills and gaining a sense of ownership in one's community.</p>
<p>Contributing to the themes of the Fund</p>	<p>Recreation Creating a recreation facility at the park, providing access, all year round, winter and summer, encouraging children, young people, and adults of all abilities, to exercise more in the outdoors. Programmes, activities delivered, would be a means to provide families opportunities to spend important quality time together to build strong family bonds. The vision, is to ensure that the community of Cwmamman, are proud, of the facilities on offer, that it becomes the heart of community connections, such as summer carnivals, fetes, school sports days and dedicated events. Well maintained, accessible recreation facilities, are key elements of a strong and safe family- friendly community, opportunities delivered, will hopefully, encourage community members to become more involved, reducing alienation, loneliness, and anti-social behaviour.</p> <p>Health Over the pandemic period there is evidence that shows an increase in children, young people, and adults, suffering with mental health and wellbeing issues. As a club they hope to see a decrease in Mental Health and wellbeing issues, due to having the lights upgraded and being able to offer Training, being creative with different fun activities, playing rugby with friends, all year round, will give everyone more of a sense of purpose and a place within the community they live.</p> <p>Education Through playing sport and the physical activities, which will be provided, aiming to develop children, young people and adults, skills knowledge, and networks, to succeed at home, in the community and in their careers. As a club they aim to provide opportunities for people of all ages involved, to build on their core skills, levels of confidence, self-esteem, self-worth, character and to gain a better understanding of positive relationships with their peers and families.</p> <p>Culture This project does address culture, as they are giving young & disadvantaged people an outlet and keeping them out of trouble or rehabilitating young people who have been in trouble. Thus, creating a community-based culture in the Cwmamman Area. Additionally, The Amman has been at the heart of what people associate with the Cwmamman Area and brings its own cultural values to the Amman Valley Area.</p> <p>Energy Efficiency /Sustainability. Having the lights upgraded with LED light bulbs use around 85% less electricity than the normal incandescent bulbs and 50% less than fluorescent tubes. The efficiency of a light bulb is typically measured in lumens per watt, LEDs are better at efficient lighting because they provide higher lumens per watt than other types. The main advantage of upgrading, especially now when electricity bills</p>

	have doubled, is the running costs will be significantly lower than traditional lighting, savings could be up to 90%.
Ownership/ Lease	Lease Agreement
Cross Cutting Themes Welsh Language ICT Equal Opportunities Environmental Sustainability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welsh Language Policy • Equal Opportunities Policy • Health & Safety Policy • Environmental Policy • Procurement Policy <p>They have an organisational procurement statement for purchasing goods, which promotes using local suppliers where possible.</p> <p>There is an environmental policy in place which is always adhered to.</p>
Roles and responsibilities within organisation	<p>Chairman Darrel Campbell The Chairman is responsible for the ultimate achievement of the strategic ambitions of the club as well as the overall management of its operational activities.</p> <p>Secretary Paul Worsfold The Secretary will manage, processes and maintain a record of all incoming and outgoing correspondence and club documents for the development project. In addition, he will record the deliberations and decisions of the club committee for the project. He will be Responsible for the day-to-day business and administration of the development project.</p> <p>Club Treasurer Brian Davies Financial manager of the club – maintains the integrity and accurate recording of the club’s financial position. He will be: Responsible for the management of the club finances in accordance with the decisions of the committee for the development project.</p>
Mapping of service/ facility within the area	Amman United has a strong history, identity, over one hundred years within the rugby community, locally and nationally, which also highlights, promotes the beautiful community of Cwmamman, where they are from, and want to sustain this for the future.
Future Sustainability	<p>Not having lights has had a significant impact on the rugby club, with players not training locally, not playing evening games, which results in them not using the club.</p> <p>They have missed, hosting major evening cup games, at all levels, quarter, semi, and finals, which all bring major, financial backing to the rugby club and community.</p> <p>Replacing the lights, will provide enhanced opportunities for community members or anyone else to use the facilities, increasing footfall, generating additional income for long term sustainability.</p>

<p>Outputs to be achieved</p> <p>Monitoring and Evaluation of outputs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Volunteers – 12 • New Services – 4 • Physical Improvements – 1 • Environmental Improvements – 1 • New Community Assets - 1 <p>Data of revenue, income, takings, attendance will all be recorded and shared annually at our AGM. This will also see the re-introduction of information shared on various socials online.</p> <p>All proceeds raised will be poured back into further enhancing our facilities and creating more alternative options for the community to attend and participate.</p>
<p>Business Plan/Officer Comments</p>	<p>Amman United is a well-established Community Rugby Club, who are working hard to change how the Community has perceived them, changing their committee, with new younger members, by opening their doors and socially interacting, engaging with the community, welcoming feedback, adapting to change to become an established Community Hub, working in partnership with other local organisations to support the community.</p> <p>Through engaging and working with CCC Bureau Officer, have been successful in securing match funding for this project delivery, also developing an Action plan for future projects, to benefit the community and their long-term sustainability.</p>
<p>Economic Benefit</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of individuals into training/education • Number of individuals into volunteering - 12 • Number of individuals into employment • No of community groups/organisations assisted - 1 • Number of social enterprises created • Number of social enterprises supported • Number of full-time jobs created • Number of jobs safeguarded • Public and private leverage funding - £26,000
<p>Recommendation</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Award - £13,700.00</p>

Application reference: MYB-22-02

Project Title	Essential Equipment
Applicant	Black Mountain Centre
Ward	CWARTER BACH
Project Description/ Community Benefit	<p>The Black Mountain Centre (BMC) is a multi-functional community facility based in the village of Brynaman. It was set up to provide a focal point and venue for the community. The primary beneficiaries of the services available at the Centre are residents of the Upper Amman Valley. The Centre has an open-door policy and encourages people of all ages and abilities, also attracts visitors/tourists and businesses.</p> <p>This project is a result of review and evaluation of existing services and during our most recent public meeting with members of the community and Cwarter Bach Community Council, members expressed concerns about the air flow in our community Cafe.</p> <p>The main budgetary impact of the pandemic has been a reduction in income, but this is also intertwined with significantly less internal capacity and resources: 'The pandemic has been a disaster for the community centre, due to the loss of volunteers who assist with the day to day running of the organisation.</p> <p>Many of the members are elderly and are still worried about catching COVID. The Cafe is in the middle of the building therefore there is no ventilation.</p> <p>This project is to fund 2 air conditioning units which will create a safer environment for the community to enjoy all available facilities at the Centre, also to purchase a new commercial dishwasher, easing pressure on café volunteers.</p> <p>To minimise the long-term negative impact on the financial stability of the business they must make the centre a safer environment to encourage members and volunteers to return.</p> <p>As well as playing a key role in community life in Brynaman, The Black Mountain Centre offers a wealth of facilities for visitors and business customers throughout the year, from Tourist Information to home-cooked food, free Internet access, interesting Heritage displays, Gallery, and Conference rooms; the Centre has everything to offer you from the heart of Carmarthenshire. All these income generating facilities assist the Centre to achieve sustainability and any profit made is gift aided back into community activities.</p>
Total Project Cost	£7,833.80 – (Net)
Eligible Capital	<p>£7,833.80</p> <p>£4,964.80 – Air Conditioning Units</p> <p>£3,442.80 – Commercial Dishwasher</p>

Eligible Revenue	Nil
Ineligible Costs	Nil
Amount and % of grant requested	£5,904.80 @ 75.4%
Match funding	£1,929.00 Own funds secured
Evidence of Need / Community Engagement	Meetings Word of mouth consultation Business planning
Contributing to the themes of the Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recreation • Education • Health • Environment • Culture <p>The Centre is a hub for the local community providing a vast range of activities that fall into all the above themes.</p>
Ownership/ Lease	Ownership
Cross Cutting Themes Welsh Language ICT Equal Opportunities Environmental Sustainability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welsh Language Policy • Digital Inclusion Policy • Equal Opportunities Policy • Environmental Policy • Health & Safety Policy • Lettings Policy <p>The Centre consider environmental sustainability to be particularly important and work hard to conserve energy, resources and recycle fully, they have an environmental policy and have solar panels which sustain all their electrical needs.</p>
Roles and responsibilities within organisation	The Management Board has a supervisory role. Two of the trustees have responsibility for the Café and kitchen areas, the treasurer and the finance officer will oversee all financial aspects and the Chairman and Centre Manager will ensure that the works and future maintenance will be of highest order.
Mapping of service/ facility within the area	The Centre is a hub for the local community providing essential services within the Ward.
Future Sustainability	The Black Mountain Centre employs a manager, responsible for the day to day running and for the short, medium, and long-term strategic planning for future development. The Centre is no longer just a village hall, it is a business and as such needs to employ experienced staff to ensure that the business is well-organised, and effective for the community it serves and for future sustainability.

	<p>Also, the centre has a robust management structure and governance arrangements supported by written articles of association and memorandum of association that make up the constitution of the organisation.</p> <p>The management team at the Centre will be responsible for the future maintenance and sustainability of the project. Through increased footfall and improved access, they expect the income generation arm to increase which in turn will allow them to improve on current services, introduce new facilities and continue to be a sustainable social enterprise.</p>
<p>Outputs to be achieved</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New volunteers - 5 • Environmental Improvements – 3 • Jobs safeguarded - 1
<p>Monitoring and Evaluation of outputs</p>	<p>This project will create a safer environment which will in turn increase footfall. The success of this project will be measured by monitoring how many visitors and volunteers they can attract.</p>
<p>Business Plan/Officer Comments</p>	<p>As well as playing a key role in community life in Brynaman the Black Mountain Centre offers a wealth of facilities for visitors and business customers throughout the year, from Tourist Information to dining, Crafts and Conference rooms, the Centre has everything to offer you from the heart of Carmarthenshire.</p> <p>All these income generating facilities will allow the Centre to retain long sustainability and any profit will be gift aided back into the community activities.</p>
<p>Economic Benefit</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of individuals into training/education • Number of individuals into volunteering - 5 • Number of individuals into employment • No of community groups/organisations assisted - 1 • Number of social enterprises created • Number of social enterprises supported • Number of full-time jobs created • Number of jobs safeguarded - 1 • Public and private leverage funding - £1,929.00
<p>Recommendation</p>	<p>Award - £5,904.80</p>

Application reference: MYB-22-04

Project Title	Brynamman Public Hall Stage Lighting System Upgrade
Applicant	Brynamman Public Hall & Institute
Ward	CWARTER BACH
Project Description/ Community Benefit	<p>The wide use of the stage has been the core of Brynamman Public Hall since the 1920s and has provided the community with a central hub of recreational activity for 100 years. The trustees wish to keep the stage up to a fully usable standard for the considerable number of schools, community groups and clubs that benefit from the facility. To do this, an overhaul and upgrade to the stage lighting system needs to take place.</p> <p>Adaptations and upgrades need to be put in place to secure the usability and longevity of this vital facility in the future. The Trustees also recognise that putting on live performances at the Hall is not an easy task due to the outdated facilities. Only very few staff members are trained to manipulate and operate the current equipment, and often more modern equipment needs to be sourced from outside, such as paying to hire equipment for a particular performance from an equipment rental company. Keeping the venue in line with expected performance equipment specification will also make the Hall more attractive to outside touring companies. Shows that are brought from outside the community to the Hall offer a chance for the community of Brynamman and the surrounding villages to enjoy entertainment right on their doorstep at a fraction of the cost of travelling to a town or city and visiting a larger venue.</p> <p>The grant funding will be spent in three ways as part of this project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The purchase of new stage lighting equipment to be installed within the Public Hall, including electrical cabling and accessories, internally wired bars for the safe rigging of lights, and a package of modern, energy efficient LED stage lighting fixtures. • The professional installation of the above equipment. Existing equipment and infrastructure will need to be removed and/or modified to accommodate the new equipment. Some minor structural work to the stage rigging area and a significant amount of electrical work will be undertaken as part of the project. • The provisioning and testing of the new installation and equipment by a professional theatrical equipment installation and testing company. <p>The project will see the installation of industry standard equipment and systems, which will enhance the current usability of the stage, but also future proof the venue for many years to come. Creating a solid foundation for a range of stage lighting equipment and adaptation is at the forefront of the planning process. The project will create a far more sustainable approach to live events at the</p>

	<p>hall, and the application has demonstrated great awareness of this by looking to source the installation of a system built entirely around the use of LED fixtures, disregarding the need of older and outdated technologies that are not as flexible or energy efficient. The project will also have a huge focus on recycling. Most materials removed will be recycled or reused.</p> <p>This project will ensure that opportunities for employment, training and community benefit will continue in this form at the venue. These opportunities will also expand after the project is complete.</p>
<p>Total Project Cost</p> <p>Eligible Capital</p> <p>Eligible Revenue</p> <p>Ineligible Costs</p> <p>Amount and % of grant requested</p> <p>Match funding</p>	<p>£35,000.00 (Net)</p> <p>£35,000.00 Main lighting bars Side Boom and side lighting DMX System Main distribution board Package of LED lanterns</p> <p>Nil</p> <p>Nil</p> <p>£10,000.00 @ 28.6%</p> <p>£25,000.00 Public Hall and Institute £5,000 - secured Targeted Finance Fund £20,000 - secured</p>
<p>Evidence of Need / Community Engagement</p>	<p>Brynamman Public Cinema is the only venue of its kind in the area. Venues that survived demolition slightly further afield such as Pontardawe Arts Centre and Ammanford Miners Theatre are both examples of venues that were closed for an exceptionally lengthy period, and reopened years later after full refurbishment.</p> <p>Brynamman never once closed, and still to this day is completely independent and run by the committee of trustees who are descendants of the many ex miners and people of the community that helped to run the hall for the last century.</p> <p>For the Public Hall to be able to offer the stage as a facility, upgrades to this system need to be put in place. This will ensure that the Hall remains an attractive venue for touring companies, but it also means that the local groups and community who benefit from the stage facilities will have access to modern equipment which will increase training opportunities and broaden the potential for performing arts at the venue.</p>
<p>Contributing to the themes of the Fund</p>	<p>Recreation & Culture</p> <p>This project will further secure Brynamman Public Hall as a centre for recreation and culture, for which it was built by subscription from miner's wages in an era when the area was industrial and there</p>

	<p>was significant deprivation. There is still deprivation, but the Hall continues to serve the people of the valley and beyond, capturing the cultural essence of so many local people who worked in, for or around the pits in the valley and to enshrine them within a building that has been the focus of their entertainment, rest, and recreation for the last century.</p> <p>This project seeks to capture the effect the Institute had on people's lives and be a cultural resource for future generations. The equipment installed as part of this project will significantly enhance and modernise a vital community facility, enabling the provision of performing arts and recreational performance activities to continue at the venue.</p> <p>The Hall provides a venue for live entertainment which cannot be accommodated on this scale anywhere, at a rate that can be afforded by everyone, or even donated free of charge. It has and will continue to have a fully functional, professional stage for live performance of all kinds that must be kept up to date and to fully usable standard.</p>
<p>Ownership/ Lease</p>	<p>Ownership</p>
<p>Cross Cutting Themes Welsh Language ICT Equal Opportunities</p> <p>Environmental Sustainability</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equal Opportunities Policy • Welsh Language Policy • Environmental Policy • Safeguarding Policy • Digital Inclusion Policy <p>This project will ensure the operation of stage facilities in an environmentally friendly way, by choosing to convert to an LED based system, as opposed to the more traditional theatrical incandescent fixtures, a significant amount of electricity is saved. Fewer fixtures are also needed to create a similar effect, as LED fixtures can contain hundreds of colours, versus traditional lanterns which tend to have one or very few colours. The total power draw saving of the lighting system on a typical live show will be up to 75%.</p> <p>The project will also have a huge focus on recycling. Most materials removed will be recycled or reused. A lot of the cabling removed will be kept as stock to make trailing cable for other projects. The lanterns removed will also not be thrown away. There is a market for lots of the retro lighting fixtures that are currently installed, and whilst they are no longer suitable for mainstream use, there are retro themed clubs and venues or even antiques collectors who would be interested in obtaining the equipment to upcycle. It will not go to waste.</p> <p>The old lighting bars and steel rope, brackets and accessories will be given away locally. There will be next to zero waste from the old equipment being removed.</p>

<p>Roles and responsibilities within organisation</p>	<p>All team members at the Public Hall are playing a key role in the project. When the project was first envisioned back in 2019, a meeting was held to discuss in depth the requirements for the new installation. One thing that shone out was the new system needs to be easier to use and maintain. The Public Hall sees a fast turnaround in volunteers through the volunteering program. With an 'all first-hand deck' approach for everyone who joins, the systems in place need to be easy to manage, safe, and quick to learn. It is evident that when this project is a success, the simpler usability of the system alone will be of huge benefit to everyone involved.</p> <p>Tom Smith will be overseeing the project as project manager. With a background in technical theatre and 12 years at the Public Hall, who understands the complexities involved with a project of this scale for live performance.</p>
<p>Mapping of service/ facility within the area</p>	<p>Brynamman Public Cinema is the only venue of its kind in the area.</p> <p>The Hall has strong relationships with numerous members of the community who rely on the facilities available at the venue. Examples of current groups are Cylch Meithrin, Brynamman Primary School, Ammanford Community Theatre, Amman Valley School of Dance, and the halls Volunteering Programme.</p>
<p>Future Sustainability</p>	<p>This project will create a far more sustainable approach to live events at the hall. With the current outdated facilities, it has already been proving difficult for several years to successfully operate and use the existing equipment. There is no option to further carry the use of this equipment into the future. By installing a new system, with specific focus on future proofing electrical and physical infrastructure, the stage will be equipped to serve the needs of crew and performers for years to come. The evolution in theatre technology was rapid during the 20th century, and it continued to rapidly evolve well into the 2000s with the improving energy efficient LED technology. This project will see the installation of a system built entirely around the use of LED fixtures, disregarding the need of older and outdated technologies that are not as flexible or energy efficient. Full LED installations are at the forefront, and by installing a system of this type, there is a guarantee that the infrastructure and equipment will remain relevant and practical throughout its usable lifespan. It will be the backbone of the live performance facilities at the Public Hall for years to come.</p> <p>The equipment and infrastructure that is being installed will require general maintenance on a regular basis going forward. Most of this maintenance can be done by in house team members who are technically trained. This will include standard practices such as visual inspections and PAT testing, but also regular cleaning and maintenance of the lighting instruments. The motors and winches for lowering and raising the on-stage lighting bars will be inspected annually by a qualified company.</p>
<p>Outputs to be achieved</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individuals into training -14 • Individuals into volunteering -16

<p>Monitoring and Evaluation of outputs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jobs safeguarded – 8 • Social enterprises supported - 1 <p>The project will be an enormous success for all involved in live stage show activities at the hall. This will be monitored continuously through active use of the stage and facilities, training, and performances. With the huge upgrade planned, completion of the project will feel revolutionary for those who are accustomed to the older equipment. There will be far more time to focus on what matters when a lot of the challenging work and worry is taken out of planning a show. We believe this will become clear as soon as the facilities begin seeing use.</p>
<p>Business Plan/Officer Comments</p>	<p>Upon completion of the project, the Public Hall will be fully equipped with an up to date, industry standard, energy efficient stage lighting system. The group have addressed how the equipment and infrastructure that is being installed will require general maintenance on a regular basis going forward.</p> <p>In terms of potential growth, renewing the staging area will allow the hall to explore more live programming opportunities with the aim of increasing the number of live performances. Also, with the potential of more shows, this could be of financial benefit to the Hall for increasing the opportunity for charitable and donated stage use. The outcomes of the project will engage with a mixture of employees, trustees, and volunteers. The volunteering programme is incredibly successful at the hall, and this will only enhance the opportunities they can provide.</p>
<p>Economic Benefit</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of individuals into training/education - 14 • Number of individuals into volunteering - 16 • Number of individuals into employment • No of community groups/organisations assisted - 1 • Number of social enterprises created • Number of social enterprises supported - 1 • Number of full-time jobs created • Number of jobs safeguarded - 8 • Public and private leverage funding - £25,000
<p>Recommendation</p>	<p>Award - £10,000</p>

Application reference: MYB-22-05

Project Title	Redevelopment of Play Area/Decking
Applicant	Caerbryn Welfare Association
Ward	PENYGROES
Project Description/ Community Benefit	<p>Caerbryn Welfare Association was formed over 75 years ago holding their first meeting in a red shed, shed goch colliery building, but with grant monies received 20 years ago, topping £130,000 the surrounding land and red shed site has evolved to become a recreation park with a modern welfare hall, used daily and professionally managed and run for over 20 years, self-sustaining, requiring extremely limited grant funds.</p> <p>Regular groups facilitate the hall, such as WI sewing group on Wednesdays, Kick boxing on Thursdays, Llandybie Choir on Wednesdays, Yoga on Mondays, and Spiritualist group on Thursdays, also spectators watching regular football matches from the rear of the hall. There are also birthday parties at weekends and recently there was an extraordinarily successful Jubilee party.</p> <p>The play equipment and the decking has come to the end of its life and is unsafe, this project is to re-develop the play area and upgrade the current unsafe wooden decking area, with replacement composite decking.</p> <p>The decking is around 50ft x 15ft, an extensive additional space for the hall activities, due to being a vast outdoor recreational space, which until recently, due to not being fit for purpose, was a well-used part of the facility, especially during summer months and when COVID restrictions were lifted, and in the interests of health and safety, urgently needs to be replaced.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The grant will allow the new decking project and the redevelopment of the play area to proceed • The quality of activities at Neuadd Caerbryn will be improved because people will be able to use the outdoor area • The proposed project is fully sustainable in the short and long term. • The proposed project will increase participation. • The proposed project will increase activities increased events can take place with a safe outdoor decking area. <p>The Hall is an essential part of the community, it is a valued, well-loved community asset</p>
Total Project Cost	£78,000.00 – (Gross)
Eligible Capital	<p>£78,000.00</p> <p>£24,000 – Bison joists, wall & composite decking £54,000 – Groundwork, play equipment, grass mat surfacing & Installation</p>

Eligible Revenue	Nil
Ineligible Costs	Nil
Amount and % of grant requested	£15,000.00 @ 19.2%
Match funding	<p>£63,000.00</p> <p>£20,000 – Llandybie Community Council – confirmed £25,000 – Welsh Government CFP – applied £15,000 – Garfield Weston Foundation – applied £5,000 – Williams Brown Hill Trust – applied £15,000 – Bernard Sunley Foundation – applied (Funds have been over applied as reduced awards may be granted, to ensure full project costs are received, all decisions to be received by September 2022)</p>
Evidence of Need / Community Engagement	Significant community consultation has been undertaken including returned completed Questionnaires, and Letters of Support have been received.
Contributing to the themes of the Fund	<p>Recreation/Education/Health/Culture – Creating a comfortable and modern serviceable environment for the recreational use of members and the community users.</p> <p>The objects of the Institute are to promote the education, culture, health, and wellbeing for the residents and surrounding district, regardless of age, ethnic origin, ability, and gender, religious or other belief or political affiliation.</p> <p>The development of the play area will significantly improve recreational facilities for local children and thus will contribute to their health and wellbeing.</p>
Ownership/ Lease	Ownership
Cross Cutting Themes Welsh Language ICT Equal Opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welsh Language Policy • Equal Opportunities Policy • Environmental Policy • Health & Safety Policy • Lettings Policy
Environmental Sustainability	<p>The material used for the decking, will be obtained from environmentally friendly sources, as will the play equipment.</p> <p>The hall adheres to a robust Environmental Policy and has notices for all users to follow.</p> <p>The material used for the decking will be obtained from environmentally friendly sources as will the play equipment</p>
Roles and responsibilities within organisation	Committee members will manage the delivery of the project, who are experienced and dedicated, as shown in the professional management of the hall for over 20 years.

Mapping of service/facility within the area	There is no other community facility in the area, no duplication of services.
Future Sustainability	Neuadd Caerbryn has a well-run management team who will be responsible for the maintenance of the decking. Llandybie Community Council have confirmed they will take over the management of the play area, providing it is brought up to standard, which will include the ongoing maintenance and annual safety checks
Outputs to be achieved	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New volunteers • Physical Improvements • Environmental Improvements schemes • New community assets
Monitoring and Evaluation of outputs	The increased usage of Neuadd Caerbryn will be evidenced through the regular updates of functions held in the hall and there will be regular committee meetings to which all residents are invited, to provide feedback, which is evaluated by the committee for ongoing improvements if necessary.
Business Plan/Officer Comments	<p>The hall has been used over many years for the Mynydd y Betws annual panel meeting, due to the internal facilities, easily accessible and ample parking.</p> <p>No funding has been requested previously from the Mynydd y Betws fund, this is a well-deserved project for the residents of Blaenau and Caerbryn and a much-needed park re-development for the local children.</p> <p>Prior to COVID, meetings had taken place for funding opportunities to deliver this project, unfortunately, funding had to be put on hold due to the lack of capital funds.</p>
Economic Benefit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of individuals into training/education • Number of individuals into volunteering - 2 • Number of individuals into employment • No of community groups/organisations assisted - 1 • Number of social enterprises created • Number of social enterprises supported • Number of full-time jobs created • Number of jobs safeguarded • Public and private leverage funding - £63,000
Recommendation	Award - £15,000

Application reference: MYB-22-06

Project Title	Regeneration of Bunkhouse Facilities
Applicant	Cwmamman Town Council
Ward	Glanamman
Project Description/ Community Benefit	<p>This application seeks to secure funding for the modernisation and renovation of the resource centre located in Glanamman to offer a modern and fully equipped resource centre and 28-bed bunkhouse for use by the local community and those visiting the area.</p> <p>The modernisation and an improvement in the safety and accessibility of the centre will allow new community groups to use the facility, increase the number of bookings and in turn provide new and additional opportunities to the local community.</p> <p>They hope to be able to improve and modernise the interior by</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • purchasing modern furniture • modernising and improving the disabled toilet/disabled-friendly lavatory facilities • modernising and refurbishing the toilet facilities • installing new flooring to the kitchen, main foyer, both the male and female toilets, three shower areas and a corridor leading to the bunkrooms. • Create a functional and modern outside space by collaborating with community groups such as a gardening club and brownies to create planting schemes. <p>The availability of a fully equipped and modern bunkhouse facility will be of significant benefit to the residents of the local community by providing them with a high-quality modern and accessible space for local community groups. It will also attract tourists and groups to take advantage of the attractions and opportunities and enhance spending in the area which will contribute to the economic growth plans.</p> <p>In partnership with Tourism Wales, Brecon Beacons tourism and Discover Carmarthenshire and by utilising booking websites such as booking.com and pitch up group accommodation, they hope that the renovation of these facilities will maximise the use of the bunkhouse space and enhance the quality of services available to the local community.</p> <p>The benefits for the wider community are significant. Residents will have opportunity to engage in cultural and artistic events and use the space to develop new and existing groups and activities. This will provide a catalyst for the development of the local creative, educational, environmental, cultural and arts economies.</p> <p>Other benefits to the community include: ·</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants will have the ability to improve their education and access volunteering opportunities which will in turn lead to better employment opportunities. • People suffering from mental health issues will be encouraged to access stress relieving courses, groups, and activities. • Collaborating closely with the community to ensure that the resource centre develops courses/activities to suit the wider community which will increase participation. • The groups currently using the facility will be able to expand their activities in a modern and accessible a location. • Activity providers and group facilitators both within and outside the community will be able to bring a wider range of activities to the community. • The availability of the bunkhouse facility will bring tourism and therefore an increase in the economic growth of the area benefiting both the local business and the community.
Total Project Cost Eligible Capital Eligible Revenue Ineligible Costs Amount and % of grant requested Match funding	<p style="text-align: center;">£24,820.00 (Net)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">£24,820.00 £8,645.00 – Modern furniture £5,520.00 – Toilet facilities refurbishment £9,275.00 – New flooring</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Nil</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Nil</p> <p style="text-align: center;">£15,000.00 @ 60%</p> <p style="text-align: center;">£9,820.00 Own funds secured</p>
Evidence of Need / Community Engagement	<p>A community consultation indicated that the people of Cwmaman would welcome the refurbishment Resource Centre for community benefit.</p> <p>Opportunities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Link in with youth clubs and schools • Links with organisations and groups offering cultural and environmental opportunities. • Attract tourism into the area to develop innovative projects. <p>Weaknesses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not highly visible to people driving through Cwmaman, would need to be promoted.
Contributing to the themes of the Fund	<p>Recreation</p> <p>This project will provide a modern and accessible location to local community groups to use to provide residents with a range of</p>

	<p>activities to support both their mental health and physical wellbeing. The children and parents of the community and the disabled community will be able to use a safe and accessible facility on their doorstep. With the growing level of poverty many families are unable to travel further afield. The bunkhouse facility will allow groups from other areas to use the local facilities and bring tourism and much needed economic growth to the area.</p> <p>Education The bunkhouse facility will allow community groups to visit the area to experience educational opportunities. The groups that currently use the centre such as rainbows, brownies, a youth club, and a gardening club will be able to continue to provide educational activities to their members. There is a scope to be able to provide educational themed weekends and continue to host the Celtic Bonsai convention who hope to use the centre annually. The area of 'Staycation' holidays is also a possibility, allowing families from urban environments to experience and educate themselves in a greener open space.</p> <p>Energy Efficiency/Sustainability The Council will seek wherever possible to use environmentally sustainable materials. The proposed renovation will lead to a reduction in energy costs and enhance user experience. Furthermore, the Council aim to hire the space at low cost to community groups but a higher cost to organisations wishing to use is as a conference/training facility. This will help financially sustain the future of the centre and allow the Council to continue making any necessary adaptations and ongoing repairs.</p>
<p>Ownership/ Lease</p>	<p>Cwmaman Town Council are freeholders of the resource centre/bunkhouse.</p>
<p>Cross Cutting Themes Welsh Language ICT Equal Opportunities</p> <p>Environmental Sustainability</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equal Opportunity Policy • Environmental Policy • Welsh Language Policy • Digital Inclusion Policy <p>They will comply with all the environmental legislation in the project delivery and have a comprehensive Environmental and Biodiversity Policy in place.</p> <p>Maximise energy efficiency e.g., through use the of low-energy light bulbs and insulation of pipes where applicable, source materials and services locally where possible and consider the durability and end-of-life disposal implications of products before purchasing.</p> <p>Community groups and bunk house guests will be encouraged to reduce water consumption and use local recycling initiatives whenever possible.</p> <p>They will ensure that any machinery, electrical appliances, and lights are turned off when not in use.</p>

	<p>When conducting the renovation and modernisation will ensure that suppliers and contractors are aware of their environmental policy by providing them with a copy when they are asked for evidence of their public liability insurance.</p> <p>Will promote the message of sustainable living and environmental promotion to all user groups.</p>
Roles and responsibilities within organisation	Cwmaman Town Council will implement and oversee the development of the resource centre/bunkhouse and will be responsible for the day-to-day management of the facility, including taking bookings, collecting the hire charges, and arranging and paying for routine maintenance.
Mapping of service/facility within the area	<p>Strengths</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · No other facility of this kind in the surrounding area · Opportunities to attract local groups · Opportunities to attract groups from outside areas · Tranquil atmosphere which boasts excellent countryside views to aid well-being. · Local businesses are easily accessible.
Future Sustainability	<p>Cwmaman Town Council will be responsible for future maintenance and liability of the project. They feel that they can charge the local groups/individuals a more favourable rate to encourage its usage. However, they aim to charge a higher rate to commercial organisations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Hire charges at a preferential rate for local users from Cwmaman. · Hire charges will cover the cost of maintenance, electricity, heating, and lighting. · Creating a marketing plan to raise the profile and promote the facilities at the resource centre/bunkhouse to both the local community and groups outside our area.
Outputs to be achieved	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jobs safeguarded – 2 • Physical Improvements - 2
Monitoring and Evaluation of outputs	<p>An evaluation plan will be created using data collected relating to the number of bunkhouse and community group bookings taken, this baseline and evidence-based evaluation of the success of the project will be used to track, increase in bookings for accommodation and an increase in the number of community groups using the centre.</p> <p>A clear increase in the awareness of the facility will also be evaluated to ensure that an increase in local engagement and community benefit is achieved.</p>

	The project will be closely monitored, and regular reports submitted to Cwmaman Town Council to evaluate the project, adjusting where necessary.
Business Plan/Officer Comments	<p>The visitor economy is an underdeveloped market in the Amman Valley.</p> <p>Cwmaman wish to make more of its natural environment, walks, trails, and activities, proximity to the Brecon Beacons National Park and being part of the Amman Valley.</p> <p>The growth of supporting facilities and accommodation would be of benefit and should be supported, demand has grown since COVID, and the bunkhouse would be great facilities for the location.</p>
Economic Benefit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of individuals into training/education • Number of individuals into volunteering • Number of individuals into employment • No of community groups/organisations assisted -1 • Number of social enterprises created • Number of social enterprises supported • Number of full-time jobs created • Number of jobs safeguarded - 2 • Public and private leverage funding - £9,820.00
Recommendation	Award - £15,000

Application reference: MYB-22-07

Project Title	Ground Improvements
Applicant	Cwmamman United AFC
Ward	GLANAMMAN
Project Description/ Community Benefit	<p>Cwmamman United now play in the Ardal Southwest of the FAW pyramid system and are a category 2 club and must achieve certain criteria.</p> <p>One of those criteria is the ground facilities and playing surface. All the teams of 85 senior and 122 junior players use the main and mini pitches for training and playing, they are currently looking to form a youth and a girls' team. This has been made possible by conducting vital drainage works on all the pitches allowing maximum use particularly in the winter when up to 70% of games and training were called off due to a waterlogged pitch.</p> <p>They were fortunate to have succeeded in being awarded a substantial grant from the FAW for the project of £65,000 with the club securing funding for the remaining £7,000. This investment of £72,000 now needs to be kept up to a high standard and requires some additional accessories for the ground improvement machinery.</p> <p>They want to build their grassroots club to function as a wellness space for the community and to drive the club forward through health, culture, language, sustainability, equality, diversity and particularly inclusion.</p> <p>With 122 junior and mini registered players and growing each year the facility is there for the benefit of all and will allow players of all abilities to benefit from the enhanced surroundings. The participation levels alone will bring many health benefits to local children in recreation and sport and would be available for all organisations to use. It also gives the lucky children who do have the ability the opportunity to develop on good facilities, locally.</p> <p>With over 200 registered players ranging from 6 to senior level the facility will match the ambition to provide all participants with the same opportunities regardless of ability, race, or gender. The benefit to the community is to maintain a first-class facility for in the village which is envied by many clubs from much bigger towns around South Wales. Sustaining the quality of the investment already made will help to achieve greater participation for junior and senior players.</p> <p>The fields can now cater for community events like the carnival, hospital fete, school events etc. The club is keen that the community uses all the facilities as much as possible.</p> <p>It is a once in a generation chance to improve and sustain the facilities to improve the health and wellbeing of the community both</p>

	on and off the pitch by partnering with our members and stakeholders.
Total Project Cost	£8,222.40 (Gross)
Eligible Capital	£8,222.40 £1,080.00 – Fertiliser spreader £720.00 – 3 Point harrow £480.00 – Grass mulcher £5,942.40 – Under sling cutting deck
Eligible Revenue	Nil
Ineligible Costs	Nil
Amount and % of grant requested	£5,922.40 @ 72%
Match funding	£2,300.00 £800.00 – Own funds secured £1,500.00 – Cwmamman Town Council secured
Evidence of Need / Community Engagement	<p>As a club they have consulted with both physical and mental health organisations on what their needs are and how they can accommodate them.</p> <p>All improvements made have taken this into consideration and with the COVID pandemic it has been difficult to consult outside the football bubble.</p> <p>The project has the support of local people regularly participating in physical activity enhancing their health and wellbeing.</p>
Contributing to the themes of the Fund	<p>Recreation/Health/Environment</p> <p>The project contributes to the fund themes in many ways, such as recreation for adults and children, keeping fit and healthy, also mental wellbeing by being active.</p> <p>The club is now one of the highest divisions of Welsh football between Llanelli and Pontardawe and bringing recognition to the Amman Valley throughout South Wales.</p> <p>The facilities currently provided, are comfortable for parent's supporters and visiting teams, regardless of the tier of football the club will always leave a legacy for future generations if the high standard of the playing service is sustained.</p>
Ownership/ Lease	Lease agreement following CCC Asset transfer to Cwmamman Town Council.
Cross Cutting Themes Welsh Language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equality Policy • Environmental Policy

<p>ICT Equal Opportunities</p> <p>Environmental Sustainability</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disability Policy • Safeguarding Children Policy • Welsh Language Policy <p>The ground will be maintained by the club under a lease agreement, they have published an environmental and disability policy</p>
<p>Roles and responsibilities within organisation</p>	<p>The current committee has a wealth of varied experience and the general ground improvements conducted over the last few years have been led by the President, a project and general manager in Industry with years of experience in large project management valued at over £1 million.</p> <p>Chairperson – retired HR director for a multinational IT company with responsibility for all the companies.</p> <p>Secretary - successful local business owner, held posts with West Wales Football Association, Welsh League Committee.</p> <p>Press Officer - experienced in parks maintenance and vital to ensuring the playing surface matches the other facilities.</p> <p>Committee of 12 volunteers, including safeguarding officer, qualified FAW coaches, Junior coaches DBS checked, qualified first aiders and a Community Liaison officer.</p>
<p>Mapping of service/facility within the area</p>	<p>The playing fields are a public park with recreation facilities for children and a riverside walk that runs alongside the two fields. All the area within the lease is to be maintained and will enhance the landscape in the park. The riverside walk area is a tremendous facility used by many walkers.</p>
<p>Future Sustainability</p>	<p>Under the asset transfer policy implemented by the local authority the maintenance of the field will and has already been the responsibility of the club for some years.</p> <p>They currently have 12 good committee members and growing with a wide variety of transferable skills, well placed to run the club well and provide a legacy for the Amman Valley well into the future regardless of the level the club is playing at, a top-class facility available to all and managed by a good committee.</p>
<p>Outputs to be achieved</p> <p>Monitoring and Evaluation of outputs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Volunteers – 30 • New Community assets – 4 • Increase in community events • Increase in Charity fund raising with good dry conditions • Ability to increase number of Junior football festivals • Satisfaction of safety and social inclusion for children supported by parents and guardians • Substantially increase participation levels.
<p>Business Plan/Officer Comments</p>	<p>The club has received substantial funds from CCC, FAW and external funders to upgrade facilities in line with FAW requirements.</p>

	<p>They have previously been successful in securing funds from Mynydd y Betws, to purchase a tractor, enabling them to undertake essential maintenance of the grounds.</p> <p>The request for additional essential equipment is justified for the continued maintenance and upkeep of the facilities.</p>
Economic Benefit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of individuals into training/education • Number of individuals into volunteering - 10 • Number of individuals into employment • No of community groups/organisations assisted - 1 • Number of social enterprises created • Number of social enterprises supported • Number of full-time jobs created • Number of jobs safeguarded • Public and private leverage funding - £2,300
Recommendation	Award - £5,922.40

Application reference: MYB-22-08

Project Title	Main Pitch Floodlights
Applicant	Penybanc RFC
Ward	LLANDYBIE
Project Description/ Community Benefit	<p>Over the last ten years the committee have worked hard and invested into the clubs' facilities to create a safe and fun environment for all to enjoy. They have a senior team squad of 30 players and a strong mini and junior section between u6s to u16s teams with over 200 children playing at the club.</p> <p>This project is to fund the installation of new LED floodlights to replace the old existing lights that have been in place since 1980, which they are experiencing issues with electrical faults and power supply tripping, on a few occasions when they have had mini and junior teams on the field during training sessions.</p> <p>They have been advised by the WRU that the new lights will initially be for training and will then be upgraded to match lights for the seniors, and junior section, being able to play mid-week matches.</p> <p>They are looking to widen the use of our club to have the local schools and district teams have use of their on-field activities including holding neutral grounds matches and cup games, also having the opportunity to hold mid-week games and training sessions without the worry of the lights not working would improve the sustainability of the club moving forward.</p> <p>Other club projects that have been completed include new junior pitch, new overflow car park, club house refurbishment, new commercial kitchen, and they are currently in the process of installing solar panels on the club.</p> <p>All the above projects combine to produce a community hub for players and visitors to all use. The new LED floodlights will be connected to the solar PV panels which will have storage batteries on site to store the daily power then use the stored power in the nights with the lights in reducing our carbon footprint and being a sustainable club for the future.</p> <p>Through the support of Sport Wales grants they offer training to the volunteers, leading to a formal qualification, in addition to being DBS checked. This improving training and playing facility to the community, activities for the children and qualifications to the volunteers at the club.</p> <p>The project will benefit the club and community in many ways by: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing safe training space to undertake sport sessions during the shorter nights. • Offer the opportunity for more children to participate in sport • With a better facility higher frequency use and session can be held on the pitch

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With more mini & junior teams comes the need for more qualified coaches and ref's • Increased visitors to the club would mean improved club finances • The project will be sustained by the club, the groundsmen will be attending sports ground maintenance courses regarding any ongoing maintenance of the lights • The project will provide the club with the opportunity to hold and play mid-week games during the shorter nights. <p>Without the new lights they would struggle to keep everyone happy at the club, with 30 senior players and 200 mini and junior players there is not enough space to have everyone train on the same nights. The new lights would have plenty of use being used from Tuesday to Friday for training sessions to ensure everyone has ample field time.</p>
<p>Total Project Cost</p> <p>Eligible Capital</p> <p>Eligible Revenue</p> <p>Ineligible Costs</p> <p>Amount and % of grant requested</p> <p>Match funding</p>	<p>£44,300.00 (Net)</p> <p>£44,300.00 LED Floodlights & base</p> <p>Nil</p> <p>Nil</p> <p>£15,000.00 @ 33.9%</p> <p>£29,300.00 £2,300 – Own funds secured £10,000 – Sport Wales applied (decision July 22) £5,000 – Williams Brown Hill applied (decision July 22) £5,000 – Llandybie Community Council applied (decision Sept 22) £7,000 – Coalfields applied (decision Sept 22)</p>
<p>Evidence of Need / Community Engagement</p>	<p>They have been in liaison and discussed the project with the WRU regional and development team.</p> <p>Due to their own success, they had to develop the club to continue to accommodate the number of players and volunteers that they have and have provided evidence of ongoing community consultation to make these improvements.</p> <p>The guidance they received regarding the solar PV system and battery storage as well as LED floodlights were received from Renew Wales which they have provided feasibility documents regarding the running of the club and their carbon footprint.</p>
<p>Contributing to the themes of the Fund</p>	<p>Recreation/ Health/Energy efficient/Sustainability</p> <p>The project helps them to continue to deliver fun training sessions to all age groups in a safe environment with qualified coaches, to</p>

	<p>maximise everyone’s enjoyment they seek to provide the correct training equipment and offer the best pitch facilities that they can so that each player leaves the club having had a good fitness session, playing with friends, bonding with new teammates, enjoying sport, learning new skills.</p> <p>It is about building a community spirit around the club for sport, recreation, health, and social benefits which everyone can enjoy.</p> <p>The new LED floodlights will be connected to the solar PV panels which have storage batteries on site to store the daily power then use the stored power in the nights with the lights in reducing their carbon footprint and being a sustainable club for the future.</p>
<p>Ownership/ Lease</p>	<p>Lease Agreement</p>
<p>Cross Cutting Themes Welsh Language ICT Equal Opportunities</p> <p>Environmental Sustainability</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welsh Language Policy • Equal Opportunities Policy • Safeguarding Children & Adults @ Risk Policy • Environmental Policy <p>Combined with the new solar PV system with battery storage, new A rated kitchen appliances, club LED lights and new LED floodlights shows that Penybanc RFC are committed to its Environmental Sustainability of the club for the community</p>
<p>Roles and responsibilities within organisation</p>	<p>The management of the pitch development is run through the Club committee who meet once a fortnight and discuss any updates on the development.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hayden Morgan - Club Chairman • Marc Jones, Juniors Chairman <p>Will oversee the grant application, tendering and on-site quality control and inspections with the sports ground contractors. They have been extraordinarily successful in developing and delivering various projects for the club.</p>
<p>Mapping of service/ facility within the area</p>	<p>The club have a strong link within Penybanc and due to all the successful recent developments, have become the hub of the community.</p> <p>Evidenced from WRU records they currently have over 200 children at the club and a strong senior squad. Penybanc RFC is the only current club in the Amman Valley to have a full complement of teams from u6s straight through to u16s. This success has only been achieved through the hard determination of the club to secure its sustainability in the community for years to come.</p> <p>They can also measure on their success at district level with the number of club players representing Mynydd Mawr with 9 of their 16’s team being selected for the Scarlets summer camp this year.</p>

<p>Future Sustainability</p>	<p>The future maintenance of the floodlights will be with the clubs' grounds person as a first point of contact and then the club committee. It is intended to implement an annual maintenance check of the lights including periodic service inspections. The ongoing maintenance will cost less due to the change in bulbs from halogen to new energy efficient LED lights. The floodlights will be connected to the new solar panels with battery storage.</p> <p>As the clubs' solar panels will generate energy through the day and store the energy on site in the batteries, this power can then be used to run the club energy needs and floodlights before taking power from the national grid.</p> <p>This will give the club significant energy savings financially, reducing on utility bills, generating funds to invest back into the facility to cover the maintenance costs and bulb replacements as and when they are due.</p>
<p>Outputs to be achieved</p> <p>Monitoring and Evaluation of outputs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New volunteers – 2 • Environmental improvements – 2 • Physical improvements – 1 • New community assets – 1 <p>They will monitor and record player and coach numbers each season through the WRU registration process and monitor coaches also through the DBS portal.</p> <p>With the new LED floodlights which will be connected to the solar panel system with battery storage, they will monitor the electricity usage which should show significant savings to the club moving forward.</p>
<p>Business Plan/Officer Comments</p>	<p>Having the new lights will be the last large project that they need to deliver and complete at the club to ensure they can provide a safe space for children to exercise and play, also being a community hub for all to use.</p> <p>By being able to hold training session without light failure or mid-week matches would result in higher visitor numbers to the club which will improve sales and profit from the bar and ticket sales to cement the club's sustainability for the future generations of the community for players and visitors to Penybank RFC.</p> <p>Between the lights and solar panels, this will vastly reduce their overheads and running costs as they seek to continue to be innovative and sustainable as a club within the community.</p> <p>Three years ago, they completed the new junior training pitch with the help of funding from Mynydd y Betws.</p>
<p>Economic Benefit</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of individuals into training/education • Number of individuals into volunteering - 2 • Number of individuals into employment • No of community groups/organisations assisted -1 • Number of social enterprises created

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of social enterprises supported • Number of full-time jobs created • Number of jobs safeguarded • Public and private leverage funding - £29,300
Recommendation	Award - £15,000

Application reference: MYB-22-09

Project Title	Continued Development of Traditional Crafts
Applicant	Cwmaman Community Centre Management Group
Ward	GLANAMMAN
Project Description/ Community Benefit	<p>This application seeks to secure funding for capital equipment to develop and encourage the participation in traditional crafts within the community by 'embracing shortcuts' using some equipment to enable participation, inclusivity, and social inclusion. and to promote mental health, wellbeing. The equipment will improve the safety and accessibility of the traditional crafts such as pottery, sewing and wood carving in the community and will allow will new community groups as well as existing groups to use the facility.</p> <p>They hope to improve on the existing facilities making some of the processes more accessible and inclusive, with a conscious need to make the craft processes safe, they wish to purchase the following capital equipment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New pottery equipment. • New sewing equipment. • Equipment to support wood carving. • Purchase of portable extraction units to create a safer environment. <p>The new craft equipment will be of significant benefit to residents of the local community by providing them with the opportunity to engage in traditional crafts. It will also enable local community groups such as Shadows depression Group, inside out project, pottery classes, Mud club, Sewing and knitting Clubs.</p> <p>It will also attract tourists visiting the area to engage in activities and opportunities in crafts to enhance spending in the area which will contribute to the economic growth plans.</p> <p>In partnership with local third sector organisations such as challengers, Shadows Depression Group, and social prescriber's they can develop awareness and promote to a wider audience.</p> <p>The benefits for the wider community are significant, residents will have opportunity to engage in cultural and artistic events and use the space to develop new and existing groups and activities. This will provide a catalyst for the development of the local creative, educational, environmental, cultural and arts economies.</p> <p>Other benefits to the community include: ·</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants will have the ability to improve their education, skills within the crafts.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People suffering from mental health issues will be encouraged to access stress relieving craft courses, groups, and activities. • Collaborating closely with the community groups to ensure that the Traditional Craft movement at the centre develops and that there are courses/activities available to suit the wider community which will increase participation. • Activity providers and group facilitators both within and outside the community will be able to bring a wider range of activities to the community. • Collaboration with other assets and local tourist businesses to develop the awareness of traditional crafts and therefore increase the economic growth of the area benefiting both the local business and the community. <p>A meeting point for people of the locality in a tranquil environment, will attract those previously disengaged with current provision due to the accessibility of traditional crafts, developing innovative groups providing educational and social activities centred around Traditional crafts.</p>
<p>Total Project Cost</p> <p>Eligible Capital</p> <p>Eligible Revenue</p> <p>Ineligible Costs</p> <p>Amount and % of grant requested</p> <p>Match funding</p>	<p>£5,570.84 (Net)</p> <p>£5,570.84</p> <p>£263.16 – H&S Equipment for ceramics £2,505.00 – 3 Pottery wheels £422.00 – Clay extruder £628.95 – Clay slab roller £523.12 – Raku equipment £98.99 – Mini disc machine £666.65 – Professional scroll saw £147.97 – Dust extraction unit & hose £315.00 – Sewing equipment</p> <p>Nil</p> <p>Nil</p> <p>£4,456.67 @ 80%</p> <p>£1,114.17 Cwmamman Town Council secured</p>
<p>Evidence of Need / Community Engagement</p>	<p>Letters from community members and Shadows Depression in support of developing the Traditional Crafts within the community.</p>
<p>Contributing to the themes of the Fund</p>	<p>Recreation This project will provide an opportunity to make traditional crafts more accessible to local community groups to use and to provide</p>

	<p>residents both locally and regionally with a range of activities to support both their mental health and physical wellbeing.</p> <p>The traditional crafts facility will allow groups from other areas to use the local facilities and bring tourism and much needed economic growth to the area.</p> <p>Education The traditional crafts will allow community groups to visit the area to experience educational opportunities. The groups that currently use the centre such as Pottery class, Mud club. wood carving, sewing club and The Inside Out project will be able to continue to provide Craft and Social activities to their members. Having equipment that create 'short cuts' in some of the processes enables more individuals to access the crafts as the new equipment will make it more accessible. There is a scope to be able to provide individual Craft themed weekends as a future development.</p> <p>Energy Efficiency/Sustainability Some of the materials and the processes particularly clay and sewing can be recycled to create other objects. The Council aim to hire the space at low cost to community groups and offer the use of hiring part of the equipment as part of the rent of the space. This will help financially sustain the future of the centre and allow the community groups to develop and sustain at the centre</p>
Ownership/ Lease	Ownership – Cwmamman Town Council
<p>Cross Cutting Themes Welsh Language ICT Equal Opportunities</p> <p>Environmental Sustainability</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equal Opportunity Policy • Environmental Policy • Welsh Language Policy • Digital Inclusion Policy <p>Some of the materials and the processes particularly clay and sewing can be recycled to create other objects The Council aim to hire the space at low cost to community groups and offer the use of hiring part of the equipment as part of the rent of the space. This will help financially sustain the future of the centre and allow the community groups to develop and sustain at the centre</p>
Roles and responsibilities within organisation	<p>The asset manager will be responsible to monitor and take booking for the room hires.</p> <p>The community groups facilitators will monitor the use of the equipment and the number of individuals groups/activities and workshops.</p>
Mapping of service/ facility within the area	<p>The Centre management committee have delegated authority for the day to day running of the community centre in line with the policies of Cwmamman Town Council.</p> <p>They are a group that are made up of town council representatives and community members, supporting the centre in volunteering at events and raising funds wherever possible.</p>

Future Sustainability	<p>Cwmamman Town Council will be responsible for future maintenance and liability of the project.</p> <p>Improvements to the local area by collaborating closely with community groups and organisations. Significant reduction on the carbon footprint of local people currently travelling outside of the village in cars to venues offering Craft provision.</p>
Outputs to be achieved Monitoring and Evaluation of outputs	New services – 3 New community assets - 3 The project will be monitored by the additional use of the new equipment to enable more people to join in the activities/ across the traditional crafts.
Business Plan/Officer Comments	<p>The request for traditional crafts, will build on what the community centre already has to offer and will bring together all ages to participate.</p> <p>The Centre is a vital part of the community giving the people of Cwmamman, an inclusive and welcoming environment to meet, socialise and continue learning.</p>
Economic Benefit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of individuals into training/education • Number of individuals into volunteering • Number of individuals into employment • No of community groups/organisations assisted - 1 • Number of social enterprises created • Number of social enterprises supported • Number of full-time jobs created • Number of jobs safeguarded • Public and private leverage funding - £1,114.17
Recommendation	Award - £4,456.67