

Funder's Information Pack

FUNDING ADVICE DAY 2026

Friday 27th February

10am – 12noon

The Hi Tide Inn Porthcawl



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A word from Chris, Sarah & Huw

Through our work across the constituencies, we know that many local groups and organisations have fantastic ideas but often struggle with finding and accessing the right funding opportunities.

We understand that you are navigating challenging times, and we know that many of you have found fundraising difficult. That's why we have decided to go on to hold our 10th Funding Advice Day.

We've got lots of funders and organisations attending this year, so there is plenty of information and assistance which we are sure you will be able to benefit from.

We'd love to visit your project and offer our support following today's Funding Advice Day. Feel free to get in contact with our offices via the details on this page.

We hope you find the day worthwhile; you can contact the funders directly after the event via the contact details within this information pack.

Best wishes,

Chris Elmore MP | Sarah Murphy MS | Huw Irranca-Davies MS

Working together for Bridgend County Borough



The National Lottery Community Fund is the largest non-statutory community funder in Wales with the community at the heart of our purpose, vision and name. We distribute money raised by the National Lottery to thousands of organisations across Wales where we are privileged to be able to work with the smallest of local groups right up to UK-wide charities, enabling people and communities to bring their ambitions to life.

Groups can apply to us for funding under £20,000, or over £20,001, depending on what they want to do.

Tel: 0300 123 0735

Email: wales@tnlcommunityfund.org.uk

Website: www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk



The Heritage Fund can fund anything from the past that you value and want to pass on to future generations. From the archaeology under your feet to the historic parks we love, from precious memories to rare wildlife. **National Lottery Heritage Fund / Cronfa Treftadaeth y Loteri Genedlaethol** believe that understanding, valuing and sharing heritage brings people together, inspires pride in communities and boosts investment in local economies.

Tel: 0292 034 3413

Email: wales@heritagefund.org.uk

Website: www.heritagefund.org.uk



Cyngor Celfyddydau Cymru
Arts Council of Wales

The Arts Council of Wales is the official body that funds and develops the arts in Wales. The funding we distribute comes from both the Welsh Government and The National Lottery. Most of our funding goes to creative professionals or organisations (including community based organisations) to carry out projects or programmes of art related work across Wales. Come and have a chat with us and see how we might be able to help you!

Tel: 03301 242 733

Email: grants@arts.wales

Website: www.arts.wales



Sport Wales run two schemes.

The **Be Active Wales Fund** offers grants from £300 to £50,000 for projects in Wales that intend to do at least one of the following: reduce inequality, create long-term sustainability, introduce new or different ways of operating. For example, funding could be used to: upskill volunteers where clubs have gaps in skills or experience; buy equipment that allows more people to take part in sport; develop new or different ways to deliver physical activity; reach people currently under-represented in sport and physical activity.

A Place For Sport – Crowdfunder Sport Wales has partnered with Crowdfunder to create a match funding grant to raise money for facility improvements. The scheme is for not-for-profit clubs and community groups looking to raise money for 'off-field' improvements. This could be a club house, changing rooms, car park or even fencing.

Tel: 0300 300 3102

Email: grant.applications@sport.wales

Website: www.sport.wales/grants-and-funding



Bridgend Association of Voluntary Organisations (BAVO) provides funding and support services to help voluntary, charitable and community groups wade through the complexities of funding and fundraising. Drawing upon extensive experience, BAVO provides a free service to help you find the funding sources appropriate to your group's activities.

We can also help with governance issues/set up and in-house policy production.

Tel: 01656 810 400

Email: bavo@bavo.org.uk

Website: www.bavo.org.uk



The **Bridgend County Borough Council Community Asset Transfer (CAT)** team administers the Council's CAT Fund which assists community groups to develop and enhance assets, subject to self-management, under the CAT programme so that they become sustainable and can be safeguarded for future generations. The Team also assists in the administration of the Council's Town and Community Council Capital grant scheme.

Email: CAT@bridgend.gov.uk

Website: www.bridgend.gov.uk/business/community-asset-transfer



The Wales Council for Voluntary Action (WCVA) is the national membership organisation for the third sector in Wales. Our vision is for a future where the third sector and volunteering thrive across Wales, improving wellbeing for all. Our mission is to be a catalyst for positive change by connecting, enabling and influencing. Working with a range of national specialist agencies, county voluntary councils and other development agencies, to provide a support structure for the third sector in Wales.

Comic Relief and Third Sector Support Wales (TSSW) partners recognise the great work that community led organisations do. Working with Communities through/supported by WCVA.

Tel: 0300 111 0124

Email: help@wcva.org.uk

Website: www.wcva.org.uk



The **Community Feasibility Fund** continues the success of the Reach programme and is funded by the UK Government Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) for Communities and Place. It is a funding support programme specifically for community feasibility studies. A feasibility study researches and gathers all the information needed to consider whether a project idea will work.

It will establish what the project involves, how much it will cost and if it is sustainable. The study can then be used to support larger funding bids from other funders. If you have a project in mind that benefits the communities of Bridgend County, come and tell us all about it.

Tel: 01656 815 080

Email: reach@bridgend.gov.uk

Website: www.facebook.com/bridgendreach

NEW LOCAL FUNDER FOR 2026



RR81 Set up after the death of Rhys Rubery in Bridgend by his parents and his friends, the charity seeks to support individuals or groups in academic experiences or sports opportunities.

The charity aims to enable young people to engage where financial constraints would be a barrier. A wide variety of individuals, groups and projects have already been supported with grants; more details and the application process can be found on the RR81 Charity Website.

Telephone: 07544 058902

Email: info@rr81.co.uk

Website: www.rr81.co.uk



Bridgend Economic Development.

We have the knowledge and experience to help those who are planning to set up or expand a business in Bridgend County Borough.

We have 3 business grants available –
The Business Development Grant and Business Feasibility Grant will support Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs) in Bridgend County Borough (operating turnover of 3 years or more) to diversify, decarbonise and grow which will contribute to creating a vibrant and strong local economy.

Bridgend Business Start Up Fund provides grants of between £250 and £4,000 to new start-ups and businesses within the first 3 years of trading.

Website: www.bridgend.gov.uk/business/business-support-and-advice/



Local Places for Nature is back #BacktoNature

Transform an unloved area into a garden that will benefit both nature and your community. Each free package includes native plants, tools and materials to make your garden beautiful. Keep Wales Tidy will handle all of the ordering and deliveries, and our project officers will turn up to provide support on the ground to help you create your new nature space.

We have a number of different packages available and further information can be found on our website.

Email: Nature@keepwalestidy.cymru

Website: keepwalestidy.cymru



The Coalfields Community Grant Programme has invested over £20 million in community and voluntary sector projects since 1999, targeting communities most in need. We provide grants (from £500- £7000 capital funding) to community organisations or to benefit people in coalfield areas in RCT and Bridgend. A Wales Grant Assessment Panel meets quarterly for our main grant programme. In addition, we have **Fast Track Funding** up to £2,000 for energy efficiency or health and safety improvements for community facilities. Our **Support Grant** is for professional fees and surveys to help organisations plan for the future. Surveys include, but are not limited to: Asbestos Surveys, Energy Efficiency Surveys, Damp or Structural Surveys. Our Coalfields **Cymru Kit Grant** aims to encourage more young people (13-19) from Welsh Coalfield Communities to play sport, we also fund sports kit to a maximum value of £750.

Tel: 01495 367680

Email: wales@coalfields-regen.org

Website: www.coalfields-regen.org.uk

nationalgrid



National Grid Electricity Distribution is the Distribution Network Operator powering homes and businesses in the Midlands, South West and South Wales. Our **Community Matters Fund** is an annual, £1 million fund, awarding grants to grassroots charities and community groups across the regions we serve. Since 2021, the fund has given more than £11 million to 1,900 organisations. We also run a scheme **offering grants** of up to £25,000 for solar panel installations on schools in areas of high economic deprivation, accompanied by a programme of renewable energy education to engage young people in science, technology, engineering and maths. We operate the **Priority Services Register** which provides extra help and additional support during a power cut for elderly, very ill or disabled people, or those who rely on power for medical equipment.

Email: edcommunityinvestment@nationalgrid.com

Website: www.nationalgrid.co.uk



The National Churches Trust is here to support your church, chapel or meeting house to stay open, well-maintained and in use! We offer grants from £500 to £50,000 for repairs, maintenance, facilities and project development.

Thanks to **Cherish**, a project funded by The National Lottery Heritage Fund, our Support Officer for Wales is available for training and support with grants, maintenance and lots more, to help you look after your church building.

Tel: 07707 149286

Email: gareth.simpson@nationalchurchestrust.org

Website: www.nationalchurchestrust.org/cherish



As Bridgend County Borough Council's Waste and Recycling partner, **Plan B** want to give back to the community in which we work. As part of our commitment to directly supporting the Bridgend Community we have a created a dedicated community fund of £10,000 per year to **provide grants** to local initiatives.

The fund is intended to support initiatives in eight funding theme areas focusing on activities such as supporting marginalised groups and tackling inequality, providing support to improve mental health and preventing or reducing the impact of poverty amongst others. To be successful, the funding request or project must be able to demonstrate tangible benefits to the Bridgend community in its objectives and outcomes and align with at least one of the funding themes.

For this round of funding, we have 4 grants of £1000 and 12 of £500 available.

Further information on funding criteria can be found on the Plan B website.

Email: Jayne.Willis@Planbms.co.uk

Website: www.planbms.co.uk



We have **2 x grant giving funds** with Community Foundation Wales, including our **Future Generations Fund** - which provides grants for projects supporting young people.

Retrofit for the Future Fund - which provides grants linked to sustainability and energy efficiency technology for community groups / building. Across these funds **over £2m** has been shared across Wales to date.

Both funds usually open for applications in the summer, with a grant decision making panel in November. Both funds, funding pots and any dates are yet to be confirmed for 2026 but further information will be published on the Community Foundation Wales website.

In addition, **our community branches** consider / provide a number of smaller sponsorships each year, and we have a **multi-year charity partnership** with Barnardo's Cymru (and support their Child Poverty Fund). We also have a few educational partnerships to help schools (including 2B Enterprising, Team Wales Commonwealth Games Schools Programme, and Discover Finance).

For further information on any of these programmes please contact us:

Email: James.Harper@principality.co.uk

Website: www.communityfoundationwales.org.uk

OTHER USEFUL SUPPORT SERVICES



The Ajuda Foundation delivers free mental health and wellbeing workshops, training and activities, creating Community Mental Health First Aiders and Community Wellbeing Champions. The Foundation also runs free monthly webinars on a variety of different topics. To find out more about our webinars, our Creative Writing Competition, or how to become a Community Mental Health First Aider or Wellbeing Champion, please visit our website.

Email: foundation@ajuda.org.uk

Website: www.ajuda.org.uk



Employability Bridgend Established in 2018, we are a programme committed to helping Bridgend County Borough become a more prosperous place to live and work by supporting local people to overcome employment issues. This includes providing free training and qualifications, supported job search and CV development including volunteering placements as well as signposting to other support agencies as appropriate.

We are a community-based service using local venues including libraries, leisure centres, memorial halls, and other public spaces.

Tel: 01656 813 517

Email: employability@bridgend.gov.uk

Website: www.bridgend.gov.uk/residents/benefits-and-support/employability-bridgend



Cefnogi cymunedau i daclo newid hinsawdd
Supporting communities to tackle climate change

Egin is a Mentorship programme engaging with community groups and non-profit organisations to address climate change and encourage sustainable practices. It aims to help generate new ideas and empower communities to come together and discuss the change they want to see.

We engage with groups furthest from the conversation around climate action and sustainability, and those who are unsure where to start.

Groups supported by Egin can apply to the Lottery for a Sustainable Steps Wales - Egin Grant (up to £15k) to help with their project costs.

Tel: 029 2019 0260

Email: egin@dtawales.org.uk

Website: www.egin.org.uk

Some information from those who couldn't attend today...



The Power of Postcodes

Since launching in the UK in 2005, over £1.4 billion has been raised for over 18,000 good causes by over 4.4 million players across the country. A minimum of 30% of the ticket price goes directly to charities. People's Postcode Lottery manages lotteries for 20 Postcode Trusts and the Trust that covers funding in Wales is the Postcode Community Trust.

For more information, please visit our website.

Tel: 0131 322 9399

Email: info@postcodecommunitytrust.org.uk

Website: www.postcodecommunitytrust.org.uk



Asda **Young Futures Fund** is a way to support the delivery of activities for teenagers which improve mental health and wellbeing and create positive life opportunities.

Please note, the application window may close early if all funding is allocated.

Asda Foundation recognises the importance of supporting young people in our communities, with a particular focus on their mental health and wellbeing. This year, we will be providing up to £600,000, via the Young Futures Fund, to support young people in their development.

Community Champions: Located in many stores, these champions connect with local groups, schools, and charities to identify needs and distribute support.

Website: asdafoundation.org/our-grants/young-futures-fund



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CHARITABLE TRUST
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The Millennium Stadium Charitable Trust's income is generated through a levy on every ticket purchased for public events at the stadium.

The Trust is an Independent all Wales Charitable foundation, all funds distributed by the Trust are spent in Wales.

Projects must be Arts, Community, Environment or Sports based and our aims are to improve the quality of life of people who live and work in Wales.

Tel: 029 20 022 143

Email: info@millenniumstadiumtrust.org.uk

Website: www.MillenniumStadiumTrust.org.uk

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Community Foundation Wales, have a few grants that are currently open you can follow the links below to find more information.

Entrepreneurial Fund for young people 18-30

Reopens mid April 2026

SWEF - enterprise and business grants - Community Foundation Wales

Third Sector Funds

Open: closes early November 2026, we hold panels every month:

Fund for Wales - Community Foundation Wales

Please note all open and close dates are subject to change. To stay up to date with our funding, we recommend your community signs up for our newsletter and following us on social media (links to social media pages are within my signature) [Grants newsletter - Community Foundation Wales](#). Our Grants Toolkit - [Grants Toolkit - Community Foundation Wales](#) specifically [Planning a project - Community Foundation Wales](#)

Tel: 029 20 379 580

Email: grants@communityfoundationwales.org.uk

Website: www.communityFoundationWales.org.uk



At the **King's Trust**, we work with young people aged 16-30 to help support them to make their next step. As the UK's leading Youth Charity, we support young people to gain the confidence to create the future they want, so get in touch, we'll have a program to suit.

From our Education Offer to our Employability and Enterprise programs, adventurous activities and life skills with our Explore programs.

To find out more, please visit our website.

Tel: 020 7543 1384

Email: hello@kingstrust.org.uk

Website: www.kingstrust.org.uk



The latest funding round of British Gas' Energy for Tomorrow Sports programme is open to sports clubs in Bridgend, delivered in partnership with Team GB and Paralympics GB. This programme is designed to help community sports clubs across the country cut energy costs, reduce carbon emissions, and reinvest savings back into local grassroots sport and communities.

British Gas' Energy for Tomorrow fund is looking for sports clubs who want to invest in sustainable upgrades and save on their energy bills!

Centrica, the owners of British Gas, have just **announced** a three-year, £2.4m partnership with The Multibank charity to expand access to essential goods and strengthen frontline support. This funding will expand The Multibank's hubs and combine essential household goods and targeted energy support to help more households keep the heating on. Crucially, collaboration between The Multibank and the British Gas Energy Trust means the creation of new, targeted referral pathways for people who need help - giving families identified by The Multibank's partners access to energy debt relief, emergency fuel vouchers, and white goods grants.

Learn more by visiting [Energy for Tomorrow](#).

www.centrica.com/sustainability/energy-for-tomorrow