

# **A GUIDE TO THE WELSH ASSEMBLY GOVERNMENT'S VOLUNTARY SECTOR GRANTS**

This guide provides information on all Welsh Assembly Government voluntary sector grants. These are:-

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## **AGGREGATES LEVY SUSTAINABILITY FUND FOR WALES**

**The Scheme:** The Aggregate Levy was introduced by the Finance Act 2001, which came into effect in April 2002. Part of the money generated by the Levy has been used to set up a Sustainability Fund to address the environmental costs associated with aggregate extraction.

In Wales, the Fund will be used to address issues specific to Wales:

- legacy of old minerals permissions;
- promoting the use of alternative materials to aggregates;
- reducing the impact of aggregate extraction;
- environmental and amenity benefits to communities affected by aggregate extraction;
- conserving sites of special interest; and
- education projects linked to quarrying.

Funding is available for projects that address the above issues and meet the criteria set out in the information packs.

### **Applications:**

Information packs, including application forms and guidance notes, are available from the **Planning Policy Branch**

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**Welsh Assembly Government  
Division:**

**Planning Policy Branch**

## **CHILDREN AND FAMILIES ORGANISATIONS GRANT**

**The Scheme:** The overall objective of the scheme is to support the core activities of voluntary organisations, working on an all-Wales level, to develop preventative child and family support services and to avoid family breakdown. Its aim is to develop the capacities of eligible voluntary organisations to help the Assembly achieve its objectives of creating a more inclusive society with equality of opportunities and to enable children to play a positive role in the community wherever possible. It focuses on the following themes –

- a) National representation of bodies providing services for children in Wales;
- b) Day-care;
- c) Looked after children (including advocacy, fostering and adoption);
- d) Disabled children;
- e) Parenting;
- f) Child protection;
- g) Children from ethnic and other minority groups; and
- h) Play.

### **Applications:**

For details of the next bidding round please contact Leia Dally or Andrew Carter.

### **Contacts:**

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**Tel:** (02920) 826379  
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[Cymorth@wales.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:Cymorth@wales.gsi.gov.uk)

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### **Welsh Assembly Government Division:**

Children's Strategy Division  
(Child and Family Programmes Team)

## **CIVIC INITIATIVES (HERITAGE) GRANTS**

**The Scheme:** The scheme provides grants up to £5000 to local voluntary organisations for projects which contribute to increasing awareness of the historic environment and promote its appreciation. This could include staging exhibitions or the publication of educational material about the historic environment.

Physical works will be considered where they improve public appreciation of the historic environment. This could include the erection of plaques, which assist with the presentation of historic structures, improve public appreciation of the historic environment or promote visitor information.

The scheme is of particular relevance to civic societies who will need to contribute match funding.

### **Applications:**

Guidance notes and application forms are available from Cadw, Units 5&7, Cefn Coed, Nantgarw, Cardiff, CF15 7QQ.

### **Contact:**

Anne Thomas  
**Tel:** (01443) 336061  
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**Welsh Assembly Government  
Division:**

Cadw

# COALFIELDS REGENERATION TRUST IN WALES

The Coalfields Regeneration Trust is working in partnership with the Welsh Assembly Government and other grant giving bodies in Wales to provide support and to help reinvigorate and regenerate the former and current coalmining communities across Wales.

Mining communities exist in many counties in Wales including Bridgend, Blaenau Gwent, Carmarthen, Rhondda Cynon Taff, Torfaen and Wrexham.

The trust operates two grant programmes in Wales:

- **Bridging the Gap**

The Bridging the Gap Programme in Wales offers grants from £500 to a maximum value of £10,000 to groups and organisations, which operate in former coalfield communities.

Organisations and groups can make only one Bridging the Gap application within any one 12 month period.

Voluntary and Community organisations including Town, Parish and Community Councils and Parent Teacher Associations can apply.

The Coalfields Regeneration Trust is committed to supporting projects which will benefit coalfield communities, and we recognise that some of these lie outside our eligible wards. The Trust **can** make grants for projects outside our eligible wards provided that a **coalfield** community will benefit.

Examples of typical uses –

Buying low-cost equipment, hiring rooms or facilities, paying travel costs, feasibility studies, group training courses, best practice exchanges etc.

- **The Main Grant Scheme**

The Coalfields Regeneration Trust welcomes applications from groups, organisations and agencies throughout Wales which are committed to the regeneration of coalfield areas and their communities. Applicants will normally be community and voluntary organisations, charities, local authorities and similar bodies.

The maximum grant possible is £100,000, with the minimum grant possible being £10,000.

To be eligible your project must therefore:

- deliver public benefit in economically and socially disadvantaged coalfield areas;

- be a regeneration activity which is within the powers of the Trust to support and the applicant to deliver. The Trust will check for this during assessment and you can telephone the Pontypridd office for advice.

Most voluntary and community groups working to regenerate coalfield communities are eligible to apply for funding. The Trust classifies Parish, Town and Community Councils as voluntary bodies. While Schools, Colleges and Local Education Authorities are clearly statutory, Parent Teacher Associations or similar small groups linked to statutory bodies are also classed as voluntary.

(Statutory Organisations including Local Authorities are entitled to apply for funds. However, they may only apply for grants in excess of £30,000. Statutory applicants should consult with the Regeneration Manager before considering submitting an application).

Although the Trust administers funds on behalf of the Welsh Assembly Government, it remains independent of the Assembly. All grant allocation decisions are considered by the Trust's Board of Trustees, based on recommendations provided by a specially convened Welsh Grants Panel.

Further information on each of these grant schemes can be found by clicking on the links above.

For further information and advice regarding grants and other information, please contact:

**Mr Alun Taylor**  
**Coalfields Regeneration Trust**  
**Unit 7**  
**Maritime Office**  
**Woodlands Terrace**  
**Maes-y-Coed**  
**Pontypridd**  
**CF37 1DZ**

**Tel (01443) 404455**

**Fax (01443) 408804**

E-mail [alunt@coalfields-regen.org.uk](mailto:alunt@coalfields-regen.org.uk)

Website <http://www.coalfields-regen.org.uk/>

**Welsh Assembly Government**  
**Communities Directorate**  
**Contact: Sandra Owen**  
**Tel. 01685 729318**

# COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND ACTIVITIES PROGRAMME

**The Scheme:** The Community Facilities and Activities Programme is a capital only grant scheme designed to provide or improve community facilities and support community activities aimed at the regeneration of communities.

The programme is only open to voluntary and community groups. Statutory bodies such as local authorities, community or town councils are not eligible to apply to this programme. Applicants need to be independent, self-governing, private "not for profit" companies limited by guarantee having a turnover of less than £100,000 (to include revenue grants to provide services etc. but not including capital grants for buildings/equipment), and be for public benefit.

The programme can provide support to help provide facilities or carry out activities which will promote the regeneration of communities by tackling the following priorities:

- Creating or refurbishing facilities available to the community as a whole, or adapting them to ensure equal access to disabled people as required under the Disability Discrimination Act 1995.
- Acting to improve the built or natural environment for local people.
- Improving the well-being of the community by encouraging active and healthy life styles.
- Providing facilities or activities which reduce poverty, inequality, discrimination and social disadvantage.
- Encouraging training that targets vulnerable or excluded people.
- Stimulating community businesses and social enterprises.
- Assisting the promotion of job opportunities and increased incomes.
- Involving people of all ages and abilities in the community and addressing the needs of socially excluded groups.
- Strengthening the cultural and linguistic identity of the community.

**Community Activities:** The programme can fund any proposals that support the involvement of local people in community activity that will contribute to the regeneration of an area. This is an all Wales programme, however, applicants from Communities First areas are encouraged to submit proposals that are compatible with the Communities First Community Vision framework and local Action Plan.

Grants may be awarded for capital projects of up to three years and the largest grants are normally £300,000.

**Applications:**

Application forms can be obtained from the Welsh Assembly Government contact shown below:

**Contact**

General Enquiries Tel: 01685 729314 Fax 01685729622 E-mail <a href="mailto:cfaphelp@wales.gsi.gov.uk">cfaphelp@wales.gsi.gov.uk</a>	
Sandra Owens 01685 729310	Community Facilities and Activities Programme Manager
Roger Plater 01685 729321	Case Officer for: Rhondda Cynon Taf, Merthyr Tydfil, Bridgend, Ceredigion, Swansea, Conwy, Powys and all-Wales projects.
Judith Davies 01685 729315	Case Officer for: Caerphilly, Blaenau Gwent, Newport, Torfaen, Wrexham, Carmarthenshire, Flintshire, Denbighshire.
Richard Fowler 01685 729317	Case Officer for: Cardiff, Vale of Glamorgan, Monmouthshire, Neath Port Talbot, Pembrokeshire, Anglesey, Gwynedd.

All applications should be forwarded to the address below.

Regeneration Unit  
Communities Directorate  
Merthyr Tydfil Office  
Rhydycar  
Merthyr Tydfil  
CF48 1UZ

**Welsh Assembly Government**

**Communities Directorate**

# COMMUNITIES FIRST PROGRAMME

**The Scheme:** Communities First is a long-term strategy for improving the living conditions and prospects for people in the most disadvantaged communities in Wales. The programme ensures that the funds and support available from the Welsh Assembly Government and other publicly funded agencies are targeted at the poorest areas.

## Eligibility Criteria

The Assembly Government receive nominations from local authorities (in consultation with other groups) and select, on the basis of evidence of deprivation, communities to receive help and support under the programme. These include:

- the 100 most deprived electoral divisions as identified by the Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation 2000;
- 32 pockets of deprivation at sub ward level throughout Wales;
- 10 communities of interest/imaginative proposals; and
- the 46 Lower Super Output Areas (LSOAs) invited to join the programme following Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation 2005.

Eligible areas are able to apply for funding in line with the Welsh Assembly Guidance for Communities First.

## Assembly Government Contact:

**E-mail:** [communities.first@wales.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:communities.first@wales.gsi.gov.uk)

There are currently five Communities First Regional Teams:

The **Carmarthen** team is responsible for Communities First areas in Ceredigion; Carmarthenshire; Pembrokeshire; Swansea; Neath and Port Talbot; and South Powys:

Communities First Unit  
The Welsh Assembly Government Buildings  
Picton Terrace  
Carmarthen  
SA31 3BT

Sian Thomas  
Tel: (01267) 225352

The **Caernarfon** team is responsible for all Communities First areas in Anglesey; Conwy; Gwynedd; Wrexham; Denbighshire; Flintshire; and North Powys:

Communities First Unit  
The Welsh Assembly Government Buildings  
Penrallt  
Caernarfon  
LL55 1EP

Carys Thomas  
Tel: (01286) 662330

There are three teams based at Communities First Unit, Welsh Assembly Government, Rhydycar, Merthyr Tydfil, CF48 1UZ.

**Team A** is responsible for the local authority areas Caerphilly, Cardiff and Newport:

Glyn Howell  
Tel: 01685 729288

**Team B** is responsible for the local authority areas Bridgend, Rhondda Cynon Taf and Torfaen:

Dawn Mould  
Tel: 01685 729304

**Team C** is responsible for the local authority areas Blaenau Gwent, Merthyr Tydfil, Monmouthshire and Vale of Glamorgan:

Sonia Hancock  
Tel: 01685 729280

# COMMUNITIES FIRST TRUST FUND

**The Scheme:** The Communities First Trust Fund provides small grants for small community and voluntary organisations in Communities First areas.

The Assembly fund is managed by the Communities First Support Network and administered on its behalf by the Wales Council for Voluntary Action (WCVA). The purpose of the scheme is to support any type of activity that involves local people, through small community organisations, that benefits their community. The activities must provide some measure of economic, environmental, social or cultural benefit for people living in a Communities First area.

Under the Fund, each of the 100 most deprived electoral divisions, as identified by the Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation 2000, and the 10 Communities of Interest/Imaginative Proposals is allocated £20,000 per financial year. Each of the 32 sub ward pockets of deprivation is allocated £10,000 per financial year.

As a result of the revised Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation 2005, some 46 Lower Super Output Areas (LSOAs) applied to become Communities First Areas. Once admitted to the Programme, each LSOA is allocated £5,000 per financial year.

Applications in excess of £5,000 will not be considered and no group will be eligible to access more than £5,000 in any financial year. Grants of up to 100% may be awarded however groups are encouraged to apply for part funding for their project and seek the additional funding they require from other sources. Groups will not be eligible to apply to the Trust Fund again until they have accounted for their previous grant.

## Eligibility Criteria

Groups can apply if they:

- are a not-for-profit group;
- are working in and involving people from a Communities First area, or if outside the area, the activity must be of direct benefit to the Communities First area;
- have a constitution or set of rules, dated and signed as "adopted" by the Chair, or other senior office holder on behalf of the group;
- have a bank account, in the name of your group, which requires at least two signatures;
- can provide a copy of your most recent accounts or statement of income and expenditure **and** a bank statement. These must be audited or signed as approved by your Chair or other senior office holder; and
- can spend the grant within one year or return it, or part of it, to the Fund.

The full guidance and criteria for the Trust Fund can be found on the Communities First Support Network website - [www.communitiesfirst.info](http://www.communitiesfirst.info).

**Assembly Government contact:**

Communities First Unit  
Welsh Assembly Government  
Rhydycar  
Merthyr Tydfil  
CF48 1UZ

Helen Brown  
Tel: 01685 729265

# ENVIRONMENT WALES

**The Scheme:** Environment Wales, which since May 2006 has been administered by Wales Council for Voluntary Action on behalf of the Welsh Assembly Government, aims to support voluntary action which contributes to sustainable development by helping to protect and improve the environment in Wales. The scheme began in April 1992 and was reviewed in 1995, 2001 and in 2006-2007.

The initiative objectives are:

- a) to achieve sustainable improvements to the Welsh environment through practical projects;
- b) to increase understanding of sustainable development and the environment through information, education and advisory services;
- c) to help create new environmental initiatives which also allow communities and voluntary organisations to contribute to their social and economic needs; and
- d) to support and train staff and volunteers engaged in these activities.

## **Priorities:**

## **Projects:**

- a) which are innovative or collaborative, particularly those which amplify sustainable development and could be used as a model elsewhere;
- b) which encourage and support the participation of communities in Local Agenda 21;
- c) where the grant would raise the quality of work and achieve greater benefits for the environment;
- d) where the grant may increase the potential to raise income through a project; and
- e) which are able to attract support from other sources.

## **Applications:**

Detailed notes for guidance and applications forms are available from WCVA. There is no deadline for applications—these may be submitted throughout the year but will be subject to funding levels. Further information can be found on the Environment Wales website.

[www.environment-wales.org](http://www.environment-wales.org)

## **Contact:**

Clare Sain-Ley Berry  
WCVA  
Baltic House  
Mount Stuart Square  
**CARDIFF**

**Tel:** (02920) 431766

Environment, Conservation and  
Management Division  
Welsh Assembly Government  
Cathays Park  
CARDIFF CF10 3NQ  
**Tel:** (02920) 823169

# HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE SECTOR - GRANTS FOR ALL WALES VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS

**The Schemes:** These grant schemes operate under Section 64 of the Health Services Act 1968. The purpose of the grant is to support funding gaps in the core activities of voluntary organisations operating in the Health and Social Care Sector and at an all-Wales level for:

- older people;
- carers;
- adults with physical and/or sensory disabilities;
- adults with learning disabilities; and
- adults with mental health problems.

Separate grant schemes operate for each of the above groups of people. To be eligible for consideration, voluntary organisations **must** work in the health and social care sector for people in at least one of the above categories and they **must** operate on an all-Wales (National) basis. The main aim of the schemes is to enable eligible voluntary organisations to help the Assembly achieve its objectives for people in the above categories as set out in

<http://www.wales.gov.uk/themesbettercountry/index.htm>

## **Applications:**

A bidding round for this Grant scheme opened on 6 August 2007 and closed for applications on 19 October 2007.

Grants have been allocated for 3 year funding from April 2008 to 2010-11.

## **Contacts:**

Older People–  
Graham Carter  
(029 20) 823423

Carers–  
Gavin Parry  
(029 20) 826980

Physical/Sensory Disabilities –  
Sara Cochrane  
(029 20) 823097

Learning Disabilities Alyson Collins  
(029 20) 825441

Mental Health –  
Tina Jones (029 20) 825734

Email:  
[MentalHealthPolicyMailbox@Wales.GSI.Gov.UK](mailto:MentalHealthPolicyMailbox@Wales.GSI.Gov.UK)

## **Welsh Assembly Government Division:**

HSC – OPLTCP (2) & (4) and  
Community, Primary Care and Health  
Service Policy Directorate

# HEALTH CHALLENGE WALES VOLUNTARY SECTOR GRANT SCHEME

**The Scheme:** The grant scheme exists to strengthen sustainable health improvement and well-being work in Wales. Grants are offered to **national** voluntary organisations, which can contribute to health improvement and complement national policies and priorities.

Funding rounds invited applications that respond to *Health Challenge Wales* by:

- developing the NGO Network to raise the profile and contribution of the Voluntary Sector to improving well-being in Wales (*by building capacity and capability and proactively engaging with WAG policies*);
- achieving sustainable public health improvement within the natural environment to contribute to reducing obesity levels in Wales; and
- providing opportunities for disadvantaged groups/those with special needs to make long term behavioural changes in order to improve their well-being. *Priority will be given to applications that focus on the socio-economic and cultural determinants of health; healthy eating, food and fitness; health related behaviours; children and young people with limiting long-term conditions and mental health.*

The key health themes of *Health Challenge Wales* are:

- smoking;
- obesity;
- accidents and injuries;
- alcohol and other substance misuse;
- infections (sexually transmitted; healthcare acquired; vaccine preventable; dental decay); and
- mental health and well being.

## **Applications:**

The funding for this scheme is committed until 31 March 2008 and is closed to new applications. The new funding round will commence on 1 April 2008.

## **Contact:**

Michelle Lessard  
Tel: (029) 2082 6720  
E-mail: [HPVSGS@wales.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:HPVSGS@wales.gsi.gov.uk)

## **Welsh Assembly Government Division:**

Health Improvement Division.

## HOME IMPROVEMENT/CARE & REPAIR AGENCIES

**The Scheme:** Revenue support is available to assist Care & Repair agencies which provide practical, technical and financial help and advice on home improvements, maintenance and repairs to older and disabled home occupiers to allow them to remain in their own homes in the community for as long as they wish or are able to. The Welsh Assembly Government also funds the Rapid Response Adaptations Programme which is administered by Care & Repair Cymru.

### Applications:

Further details are available from the Welsh Assembly's Housing Directorate

### Contact:

Mr Jeff Childs  
**Tel:** (01685) 729191  
**E-mail:** [Housing-Private Sector Unit@wales.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:Housing-Private Sector Unit@wales.gsi.gov.uk)

Mr Huw McLean  
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### Welsh Assembly Government Division:

Housing Directorate, Private Sector Unit.

### Additionally:

## RAPID RESPONSE ADAPTATIONS PROGRAMME

The Welsh Assembly Government also funds The Rapid Response Adaptations Programme (RRAP) this is a rapid-response service aimed primarily at addressing minor repairs and adaptations (hand and grab rails, ramps, door entry systems etc) in the homes of older and disabled homeowners or private sector tenants. In particular, it facilitates safe discharge from hospital or residential care and can also act in a preventative way to avoid such admissions.

The Rapid Response Adaptations Programme is administered by Care & Repair Cymru for which the website is as follows:

[www.careandrepair.org.uk](http://www.careandrepair.org.uk)

# MENTAL HEALTH SOCIAL CARE SECTOR: GRANTS FOR LOCAL VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS

The Welsh Assembly Government operates two grant schemes for local voluntary organisations working in the mental health field:

The Local Mental Health Scheme (LMHGS) – the LMHGS is administered by the Wales Council for Voluntary Action (WCVA) on behalf of the Welsh Assembly Government. The scheme funds the mental health development service (previously known as county mental health development workers) and a range of local voluntary organisation projects. Activities supported include drop-in centres, supported accommodation, activity programmes and information and support services.

Support for People with Disabilities Grant Scheme (SPD) – the SPD grant scheme is operated by local authorities on behalf of the Welsh Assembly Government. The scheme encourages and enables social service departments to work in partnership with local voluntary organisations to support people with mental health problems and their families and carers. The grant allocated must be matched by funding from another source.

Grant applicants for both schemes must be able to demonstrate how their project meets local needs and contributes to the aims and objectives of the Welsh Assembly Government's Adult Mental Health Strategy and revised National Service Framework 'Raising the Standard'.

## **Applications:**

The grant available for 2007-08 has been fully utilised. A decision on the future arrangements for these 2 grants will be made following the outcome of the provision & commissioning review of mental health services in Wales

## **Welsh Assembly Government Division:**

Community, Primary Care and Health  
Service Policy Directorate

## **Contact:**

Local Mental Health Grant Scheme  
Eirian Jones (WCVA)  
Tel: 01492 539807  
Support for People with Disabilities Grant  
Scheme  
Tina Jones  
Tel: (029 20) 825374  
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[MentalHealthPolicyMailbox@Wales.GSI.  
Gov.UK](mailto:MentalHealthPolicyMailbox@Wales.GSI.Gov.UK)

# MILLENNIUM VOLUNTEERS GRANT SCHEME

**The Initiative:** Millennium Volunteers is a UK wide volunteering programme for 16-24 year olds, which aims to:

- make a positive impact within local communities;
- offer challenging and interesting volunteering opportunities for all young people;
- enable young people to acquire new skills and knowledge and develop personally;
- increase recognition of volunteering by young people in the community
- set a standard for volunteering opportunities in Wales; and
- encourage ownership of the programme by young people.

**Specific Criteria:** This funding stream is for organisations able to offer or develop volunteering opportunities for young people aged 16-24 in line with the Millennium Volunteers award. Opportunities should be challenging, offer a community benefit and personal development the young people and enable them to complete 200 hours.

Funding of £50-£80,000 is available to cover direct volunteer costs.

## **Applications:**

Applications forms can be obtained from the WCVA's Helpdesk 0800 2888 329 or email [help@wcva.org.uk](mailto:help@wcva.org.uk).

## **Timetable:**

There are four rounds a year. Closing dates are available on the website. [www.wcva.org.uk/volunteering](http://www.wcva.org.uk/volunteering)

## **Contact:**

Leah Doherty - WCVA  
Tel: (02920) 431763  
Email: [ldoherty@wcva.org.uk](mailto:ldoherty@wcva.org.uk)

## **Welsh Assembly Government Division:**

Louise Hicks-Voluntary Sector Unit,  
Communities Directorate  
Tel: 01685 729296  
Email: [voluntarysectorteam@Wales.GSI.Gov.UK](mailto:voluntarysectorteam@Wales.GSI.Gov.UK)

# NATIONAL VOLUNTARY YOUTH ORGANISATIONS GRANTS SCHEME

**The Scheme:** To assist national voluntary youth organisations, which facilitate youth services for young people in Wales, to increase the extent and quality of opportunities for non-formal learning for all 11 to 25 year olds in Wales.

To provide financial assistance towards central costs and projects undertaken by a single organisation or a combination of organisations and agencies. Any **national** voluntary organisation, which can show that it is operating in the Youth Work/Service Sector and delivering a distinct programme of youth work in Wales, to young people aged 11-25 years of age, is eligible to apply. The scheme is not open to local voluntary youth groups or organisations or constituent groups of National Voluntary Youth Organisations.

## **Applications:**

The Scheme is in the final year of the current funding round. Consultation on the next funding round, 2009-12, will shortly begin and the Scheme will be re-opened to applications in the summer of 2008. Detailed notes for guidance and application forms are available from

The Youth Work Strategy Branch,  
Children and Young People's  
Strategy Division,  
DCELLS, Ground Floor, Ty'r Afon,  
Bedwas Road, Bedwas, Caerphilly  
CF83 8WT.

## **Contact:**

Tel: (01443) 663746

Fax: (01443) 663753

e-mail:

[www.wales.gov.uk/extendingentitlement](http://www.wales.gov.uk/extendingentitlement)

## **Welsh Assembly Government Division:**

Children and Young People's Strategy  
Division

# PREVENTION AND ALLEVIATION OF HOMELESSNESS AND ROOFLESSNESS

The Scheme: Revenue support to assist voluntary organisations to alleviate homelessness and rooflessness in the Principality is available to:

- a) assist homeless, potentially homeless people or roofless people, particularly those for whom local authorities are not required to secure housing under the 1996 Act;
- b) provide specialist advice, support and/or accommodation not readily available elsewhere;
- c) conduct research into the incidence and causes of rough sleeping in an area; and
- d) disseminate evidence of good practice in homelessness.

The Welsh Assembly Government has in the last few years allocated additional revenue and related capital funding to support local authorities facilitating the development of local homelessness strategies.

## **Applications:**

Further details are available from the Grants Team, Housing Strategy and Services Unit, Housing Directorate. Bids must be submitted via local authorities in the area in which the project will be operating.

## **Contact:**

Nick Jones  
Housing Grants Administration Team  
Housing Strategy and Services Unit  
Merthyr Tydfil Office  
Rhydycar CF48 IUZ  
**Tel No:** (01685) 729198  
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[Nicholas.Jones@wales.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:Nicholas.Jones@wales.gsi.gov.uk)

## **Welsh Assembly Government Division:**

Grants Team, Housing Directorate

# **PROVISION OF ADVICE AND SERVICES IN RELATION TO YOUTH CRIME AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

**The Scheme:** The grant scheme allocates funds to specialist voluntary organisations who provide a range of services and advice to local agencies in respect of youth crime and domestic abuse. The scheme aimed primarily at organisations who are able to operate effectively at an all Wales level, though local or regional projects of an innovative nature may be considered.

Funding is available for organisations which provide training and support to youth offending teams, and for organisations which provide advice and services in respect of domestic abuse.

## **Applications:**

If you wish to apply for funding from this scheme, detailed guidance notes and application forms are available from Mrs Jane Andrews. The scheme includes revenue support to assist voluntary organisations working with domestic abuse problems

## **Contact:**

Mrs Jane Andrews  
Community Safety Division  
Welsh Assembly Government  
Rhydycar  
Merthyr Tydfil  
CF48 1UZ

Tel: (01685) 729088

E-mail:

[jane.andrews@wales.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:jane.andrews@wales.gsi.gov.uk)

## **Welsh Assembly Government Division:**

Community Safety Division, Social  
Justice and Local Government  
Division

# **SOCIAL HOUSING MANAGEMENT GRANT PROGRAMME**

## **The Scheme:**

“Better Homes for People in Wales: A National Housing Strategy for Wales” contains the Assembly Government’s vision for social housing. The Assembly is committed to ensuring that good quality social housing is readily available for those who need it. By 2012 all of Wales’ social housing should reach high quality standards both in terms of condition and management.

The Social Housing Management Grant (SHMG) is an annual programme aimed at assisting Local Authorities, Housing Associations and Voluntary Organisations to research innovative approaches to housing management or implement innovative ideas.

The Social Housing Management Grant Programme is designed to help social landlords achieve high standards of housing management. It is used to allocate project funding to:

- pilot innovative housing management policies and schemes;
- develop housing management good practice; and
- help the implementation of new housing management policies.

The Social Housing Management Grant also administers the Black Minority Ethnic Grant which is designed to assist Local Authorities, Housing Associations and Voluntary Organisations to promote race equality throughout their organisations and support them in developing innovative housing management schemes to address some of the inequalities faced by BME people.

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## **SUBSTANCE MISUSE ACTION FUND**

In 2007-08 the Substance Misuse Action Fund has a budget of £13.7 million. This is allocated to the 22 Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) in Wales to commission services against the needs identified in their local Substance Misuse Improvement Plans.

CSPs commission services both from the voluntary sector and public sector to address gaps in service, meet locally assessed needs and deliver improvements in existing services. Priorities for use of additional funding in 2007-08 include improving the access, availability and quality of children and young peoples' services, tackling waiting lists and expanding services for alcohol misuse.

### **SUBSTANCE MISUSE ACTION FUND (CAPITAL)**

In 2005-06, the Minister for Social Justice and Regeneration established the capital fund to improve substance misuse treatment facilities. In 2007-08, the Fund has a budget of £4.1 million.

These resources are allocated on a regional (police force) area basis and Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) are invited to submit proposals for capital projects on a regional basis.

This fund is accessible by the voluntary sector through collaboration with their local CSP, with many voluntary sector organisations benefiting in the first two years of the Fund. For further information regarding accessing this funding please contact Steve Craddock as detailed below:

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# THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FUND

**The Scheme:** The Sustainable Development Fund (SDF), formerly known as the Environment Development Fund, aims, through partnership, to develop and test new ways of achieving a more sustainable way of living in a countryside of great natural beauty and diversity, in which the local characteristics of culture, wildlife, landscape, land use and community are conserved and enhanced. The scheme started in June 2000 in National Parks and started in April 2001 in Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONBs). The scheme is open to individuals or organisations from the public, private or voluntary sectors if they can demonstrate that their proposal meets the eligibility criteria. The level of grant support for the voluntary sector will not normally exceed 75%, and for other organisations will not normally exceed 50%, but up to 100% will be available in exceptional circumstances. The Scheme was independently reviewed in 2002 and again in 2006-2007.

The scheme's objectives are to:

- explore ways of pursuing concurrently the principles of sustainability and of breaking down barriers that can act as obstacles to sustainability;
- develop models for the sustainable management of the countryside that could be applied more widely in Wales; and
- generate greater awareness and understanding of sustainability.

Priority will be given to eligible products:

- a) that demonstrate innovation or best practice;
- b) that involve young people and local communities;
- c) which lever in contributions from other sources; and
- d) that add value or new dimensions to existing sustainability projects.

## **Applications:**

Application forms are available from the National Park Authorities and from AONB Officers in local authorities that have AONBs. All projects will have to meet the eligibility criteria listed below.

They will have to:

- a) be sustainable;
- b) demonstrate they have genuine support or involvement of communities;
- c) support one or more of the objectives of the scheme;

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- d) be complementary to key local and national strategies, e.g. Local Agenda 21;
- e) bring organisations together in partnership to tackle problems; and
- f) be compliant with the principle of treating the English and Welsh languages on a basis of equality in dealings with the public (eg publicity literature and signage) as set out in the Welsh Assembly Government's Welsh Language Scheme.

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# VOLUNTEERING IN WALES FUND

**The Scheme:** The Volunteering in Wales Fund (VIWF) is administered by the Wales Council for Voluntary Action (WCVA) on behalf of the Welsh Assembly Government. Funds are made available for the recruitment of new volunteers, their support and training in the fields of Social Justice and Regeneration.

The fund offers grants of up to £25,000 in the first year. Subject to satisfactory performance there is an opportunity to apply for second and third year funding. Support in years 2 and 3 is a maximum of 50% of the preceding year's award.

The aim of the fund is to support voluntary organisations that seek to recruit, and train new volunteers. The grant can cover a wide range of costs including volunteer training, expenses, salary of a volunteer co-ordinator and certain equipment costs.

The scheme is particularly interested in recruiting volunteers from the following groups:

- 60 plus
- bme community
- disabled
- under 25 years; and
- unemployed

The projects supported will be those whose aims are:

- mainly achieved by the use of volunteers;
- encourage good practice in volunteering;
- demonstrate a type of volunteering which is underdeveloped;
- address unmet need; and
- evidence benefits for their local community.

The key outputs are the number of new volunteers recruited and trained, and the number of hours contributed by their volunteer support to the benefit of their projects/communities.

## **Applications:**

Detailed guidance notes and application forms are available from Mark Bendon (WCVA). Applications are considered by a specialist WCVA Community Projects Panel which meets to consider VIWF applications. Normal closing date is the last Friday in September. Full details on closing dates and the scheme can be obtained from Mark Bendon.

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# WALES: THE ACTIVE COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE

**The Initiative:** The aim of the Active Communities initiative is "to rebuild a sense of community throughout Wales. The Welsh Assembly Government wishes to support all Wales projects that raise the profile of and stimulate more volunteering and community involvement.

**Specific Criteria:** This funding stream is for purely project-based work, **on an all-Wales basis only**. If your project is locally based, you will not be eligible for funding under this initiative. Potential applicants wishing to secure future project funding will be required to meet at least one of the following four key objectives:

- **Improving the infrastructure;**
- **Capacity Building;**
- **Media and Promotion; and**
- **Research.**

Within these threads, projects will be supported that promote and maintain volunteers and community involvement in the following areas:

- **Rural;**
- **Youth;**
- **Ethnic Minorities;**
- **Older People;**
- **Disabled People; and**
- **Employees**

In addition, particular attention will be given to means of improving:

- access to volunteering opportunities;
- co-ordinating the work of volunteers and volunteer agencies; and
- increasing the funding for volunteering and community involvement.

## **Applications:**

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# **WELSH ARCHAEOLOGICAL TRUSTS GRANTS SCHEME**

The Scheme: Grants are made to the 4 Welsh Archaeological Trusts (Clwyd-Powys Archaeological Trust; Dyfed Archaeological Trust; Glamorgan-Gwent Archaeological Trust and Gwynedd Archaeological Trust) to undertake threat-related archaeology throughout the Principality.

The Trusts are concerned with the development and implementation of policies relevant to the preservation, recording, interpretation and presentation of the archaeology, historic landscapes and built heritage of Wales.

The Trusts maintain regional Historic Environment Records (HERs – formerly referred to as County Sites and Monuments Records) for their respective areas and these are used to provide broadly based archaeological advice and guidance to central government, planning authorities and other public bodies. Cadw's grant supports this work and that of the Trusts in the field of heritage management. It also goes towards a range of archaeological projects aimed at assessing the wider archaeological resource, particularly sites and historic landscapes under threat.

## **Applications:**

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