

Suncredit 'Community Benefit' Fund CRITERIA AND DESCRIPTION OF FUND



This small fund supports the communities immediately affected by the development of the Solar farm, these being *Pen-y-fai, *Wildmill and *Laleston (*areas of benefit)

The Community Benefit Fund is being administered by [BAVO](http://www.bavo.org.uk) the umbrella body for all local community and voluntary groups in Bridgend County. To find out more about the fund please contact BAVO on Tel: 01656

810400, or email: bavo@bavo.org.uk. An electronic form is also available on our website www.bavo.org.uk

Who can apply?

The Community Benefit Fund is available to any community or voluntary group within the area of benefit* above. The fund aims to support them to carry out the aims and objectives of their organisation/s, recruit new members, involve more people from the community in volunteering and help to develop activities and/or community improvements. Only one application can be submitted per funding round.

What will the scheme fund?

The scheme will fund the purchase of capital items and help with the running costs of your group. Examples of this might include play equipment, IT equipment, stationery, phone and broadband connections, volunteer training. The fund will welcome match funded applications but this is not a requirement. Match funding can include 'in kind' support such as volunteer time and/or financial support such as income or funding from other sources.

Please note: There is not a guarantee that all applications will be funded, or funded in full, the panel's decision is final. The panel may also prioritise local groups who have not received funding in previous years.

Grants may be awarded for capital or revenue up to a maximum of £3,000.

Applications for the Fund need to be received by 1 March 2019.

How will my application be assessed?

1. Is the applicant a small local voluntary or community group?
2. How will the project benefit your group?
3. How will the project benefit your community and are the benefits of the project clear?
4. Will the project help your group to encourage new members and involve more people from the community?
5. Is the project value for money? If required, how many quotes have been sought?
6. Is there a clear timescale for the project and use of the funding?
7. Is the group a member of BAVO?

What are the terms and conditions of the grants?

If your application is successful, you will be offered a grant subject to accepting the conditions in the offer letter and:

- The panel will not consider retrospective applications. If items have already been ordered, purchased or work has been committed or completed, your application will be ineligible;
- You have a dedicated bank or building society account for your community group or organisation or are working through an organisation that has one;
- You will have to nominate authorised signatories before the grant can be claimed;
- You will need to provide BAVO with copies of all dated invoices and receipts and an end of project report (with photos if possible);
- We may visit you to monitor the progress or success of your project.

When will I know the outcome of my application?

- We work on a financial year basis of 1 April – 31 March. **Deadline for funding application is 2pm on 1 March 2019;**
- We aim to let groups know of the decision by 1 April 2019, please do not call to check the outcome of your application;
- Signed grant terms and condition letters need to be signed and received by BAVO before any funding will be released;
- All monies need to be spent by 31 March 2020 and reports submitted by that date.

Completed applications need to be returned to:

Andrea Queeley, BAVO, 112-113 Commercial Street, Maesteg, CF34 9DL or emailed to bavo@bavo.org.uk