



Bridgend Association of Voluntary Organisations
Cymdeithas Sefydliadau Gwirfoddol Pen-y-bont ar Ogwr

Local funding information sheet

Overview

These are details about small grants which are available for small groups and organisations within the voluntary sector in Bridgend County Borough. They are intended as a general guide, the contacts given will be able to provide you with more detailed information.

Disclaimer: The information provided here is intended for guidance only. It is not a substitute for professional advice and we cannot accept any responsibility for loss occasioned as a result of any person acting or refraining from acting upon it.

➤ ASDA

Asda Bridgend run a “green disc” collection in their store. It runs every three months. The group with the largest collection of green discs receives £500. Whoever comes 2nd /3rd receives £200.

Contact:

ASDA Bridgend Superstore - Coychurch Road, Bridgend, CF31 3AG

Jo Sage

Community Champion

Bridgend 4281

T: 01656 672720 Ext 213 • E: jsage.s04281.uk@wal-mart.com

➤ Bridgend Business Start Up Fund

This is a flexible grant scheme delivered through a partnership with UK Steel Enterprise and Bridgend County Borough Council. It provides financial assistance to new or existing micro-businesses that are located, or are planning to locate, in Bridgend County. A micro-business is one which has fewer than ten employees and a turnover or balance sheet total of less than €2 million.

Who can apply?

New start-ups and businesses within the first three years of trading may be considered. Companies Limited by Guarantee and Community Interest Companies are able to apply. The business must be located within Bridgend County Borough and **must be trading**. They may seek reimbursement if the business moves away from the area within one year of being awarded funds.

Who cannot apply?

Those who are not eligible to apply are:

- organisations or groups not undertaking trading activities;
- political or religious groups;
- clubs and societies;

- voluntary organisations;
- those in receipt of funds above state aid thresholds.

What can be funded and how much can you apply for?

Eligible costs could include:

- capital equipment;
- computer equipment;
- development of websites;
- building works to business premises.

The grant can provide up to 50% of eligible projects costs. The minimum grant is £250 and the maximum grant available is £4,000, so the maximum project cost is £8,000 (excluding VAT). The grant will be awarded on a first come first served basis and all forms must be compliant and contain the relevant information, some of which must be uploaded.

What cannot be funded

There are certain costs the scheme cannot fund, such as:

Any costs incurred prior to formal approval.

- VAT or any other taxes;
- Vehicles;
- Legal costs/works being carried out as a statutory requirement;
- Membership of professional bodies;
- Refinancing of bad debts of any kind, or company liabilities not associated with the project;
- Training costs;
- Planning application costs;
- Insurance, salaries or business overheads including salaries and other staff costs;
- Preparation of plans and studies, e.g. Business Plans/Feasibility Studies;
- Stock or non-reusable items;
- Works carried out on a domestic property, either new build or refurbishment or extensions/garden rooms/log.

How to apply

The applicant must submit an application form and a business plan with 12 month's cash flow forecasts. Two comparable quotes are also required for each capital item required. They will use the cheapest quote provided to determine the grant amount. The business must seek to provide employment for the applicant for a minimum of 30 hours per week and should provide their main form of income. The grant cannot support the development of a hobby or pastime.

Help and advice with putting a business plan together is available from Business Wales,

T: 03000 6 03000 or visit businesswales.gov.wales/starting-up/

Business Start Up and Fact Sheet

You can obtain business start-up factsheets on different types of business activities via the [Business Wales website](https://businesswales.gov.wales/starting-up/), or contact the helpline on 03000 60 3000.

➤ **Bridgend Special Regeneration Fund**

The Special Regeneration Fund provides small and medium sized businesses with a 'customer-led' approach to funding opportunities. It is available to new start-ups and existing businesses that are located, or are planning to locate, in Bridgend County Borough. Businesses will need to demonstrate that a significant proportion of their activity is 'business-to-business'. Funding will not be available to the retail sector and services operating in a purely local market. However, other sectors can be considered such as tourism.

What the fund covers

The funding offers up to 40% of grant support for approved project costs up to a maximum of £5,000. The minimum grant amount will be £1,000. Projects considered under the scheme could include:

- investment in capital equipment;
- specialist software;
- website design;
- refurbishment of industrial premises.

How to apply

Once an expression of interest form has been approved, applications for funding will be assessed against a set of criteria.

All businesses will be required to submit an application form and a business plan. New businesses will also need to provide at least 12 months cash flow and profit and loss forecasts. Existing companies will need to provide at least two years' historic certified accounts. Alternatively, they can submit up-to-date management accounts if certified accounts are over six months old.

The grant cannot be awarded retrospectively, so do not incur costs before the grant is awarded.

If you need assistance in preparing this information you may wish to contact Business Wales on 03000 60 3000 or visit www.business.wales.gov.uk

To apply for a grant go to:

www.bridgend.gov.uk/business/business-zone/special-regeneration-fund/

Contact:

Special Regeneration Fund

Bridgend County Borough Council

Email: ieaun.sherwood@bridgend.gov.uk

Telephone: 01656 815315

➤ **The Coalfields Regeneration Trust - Community Grants Programme Wales**

Eligible Coalfield areas in Bridgend County Borough are: Bettws, Blackmill, Blaengarw, Caerau, Llangeinor, Maesteg West, Maesteg East, Nantymoel, Ogmere Vale, Pontycymmer and Ynysawdre.

This programme is for community and voluntary organisations that can demonstrate strongly that a grant will impact positively on people living in the Coalfield communities of Wales. It can award grants from £500 up to £7,000.

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Grants will be awarded for projects that can be completed within 12 months and can identify clear positive outcomes for people that can be measured. Projects will need to meet one or more of the following themes to be eligible for support from the Community Grant Programme Wales:

- Tackling Poverty – projects that work with the most vulnerable people in Coalfield communities to alleviate the affect of poverty;
- Job creation and employment support – projects that create new sustainable jobs within the community, or support people into work, including addressing barriers to work such as childcare or transport;
- Energy efficiency in community buildings – projects that reduce the energy costs of community buildings or reduce the carbon footprint of the building;
- Health and well being – projects that improve the quality of life for people living in Coalfield communities with health problems, or projects that prevent negative impacts on health and well being;
- Social enterprise development - projects that support the growth and development of social enterprises;
- Community engagement and cohesion – projects that bring people together and improve social interaction, particularly projects that engage the hardest to reach or vulnerable groups or projects that allow the community to better understand the heritage or culture of Coalfield communities;
- Skills and training – projects that develop skills for people or provide qualifications;
- Financial inclusion – projects that develop the skills of people to manage their finances or address indebtedness.

Eligibility:

Grants are made to charities, voluntary organisations or social enterprises. Community groups and small organisations are eligible if they:

- have an appropriate constitution;
- have a bank account with cheques signed by at least two people;
- submit a well planned and costed application which will make a positive contribution to Coalfield Regeneration.

Contact:

The Coalfields Regeneration Trust

T: 01495 367680

E: wales@coalfields-regen.org.uk

www.coalfields-regen.org.uk

➤ **Coalfields Regeneration Trust - Game On gear Grant**

Game on Wales is a programme with the aim of getting more young people (13-19) from Welsh Coalfield communities to play sport. They fund sports kit to a maximum of £500.

Application guidance:

www.coalfields-regen.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/Game-On-Gear-Grant-v6.pdf

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➤ **Community Councils**

Your local Community Council may be able to donate small amounts if their funds and rules allow. A list of community councils and their contact details can be found [here](#) .

➤ **Ford Britain Trust**

Ford Britain Trust help fund the education and advancement of their neighbours, focusing on education, environment, children, the disabled, youth activities and projects that provide clear benefits to the local communities close to Ford UK locations.

There are two types of grants to apply for:

- Small grants for amounts up to £250, available four times each year in March, June, September and November;
- Large grants for amounts over £251 and usually up to a maximum of £3,000. Large grants are considered by the Trustees twice a year in March and September.

All grant applications **MUST** be made on the Trust's application form which is available, together with their guidance notes for grant applications at www.ford.co.uk/fbtrust

Forms can also be requested by return e-mail or by writing to the Trust at the address below. Grant applications from the following organisations will be considered:

- Registered charities;
- Schools/PTAs (Non-fee paying, state sector schools only. Independent/private, fee paying, schools will not be considered);
- Non-profit organisations (including small clubs and societies).

Grant applications supporting the following activities will be considered:

- Work that has clear benefits to the local community/environment;
- Work with young people/children;
- Education/schools (mainstream);
- Special education needs;
- People with disabilities.

Grant applications are considered for the following purposes;

- Contributions to capital projects (e.g. refurbishments);
- Capital expenditure items (e.g. furniture/equipment/computers);
- Contributions towards the purchase or leasing of new Ford vehicles (maximum grant £3,000);

Eligible applications will all receive acknowledgement.

Contact:

Ford Britain Trust, 15-02B D20-B, Ford Dunton Technical Centre, Laindon, Basildon, Essex, SS15 6EE

E: fbtrust@ford.com

➤ **Freemasons**

There are a number of masonic lodges in Bridgend County Borough.

Contact:

To request funding support:

Freemasons, Provincial Grand Lodge of South Wales, 5 Guildford Street, Cardiff, CF10 2HLT.

T: 029 2043 3688

E: office@province.org.uk

www.mcf.org.uk/community

➤ **Greggs Foundation**

Greggs the bakers has set up a grants scheme used from the proceeds of the 5p levy on carrier bags. This environmentally focused grants scheme aims to make a difference to people in need at the heart of their local communities, by improving the environment in which they live.

Local Community Projects Fund

Offering a helping hand to community organisations.

The Local Community Projects Fund makes grants of up to £2,000 to help organisations based in local communities to deliver activities that they wouldn't otherwise be able to.

Organisations are able to apply once per calendar year.

Find further information at: www.greggsfoundation.org.uk/small-environment-grant

➤ **Kier Foundation**

The Kier Foundation is an independently registered charity, which supports charitable causes close to the hearts of their employees and the communities their businesses operate in.

They support Kier employees in their own fundraising activities. Each colleague is able to apply for up to £200 in additional sponsorship, twice a year. This means that every Kier employee can boost their fundraising activities by £400 each financial year. In 2015 over £57,000 was donated to charities in support of employee fundraising through this scheme.

The foundation also assists Kier's regional businesses in their own local engagement, and can donate up to £5,000 towards materials and other goods needed for community projects that regional businesses wish to get involved with. In 2015, over £23,000 was donated to charitable causes in support of business activities through this scheme.

Kier also nominates a corporate charity partner every two years and focuses its fundraising activities on the chosen partner during that time. The charity partner selection process is based on the charities most supported by Kier's employees and businesses in the previous two years and therefore does not accept applications from external charities.

Contact:

Keir Foundation - Maesteg Road, Tondy, Bridgend, CF32 9HZ.

T: 01656 726010 / 07581 174649 • E: gareth.barnes@keir.co.uk

www.kier.co.uk/corporate-responsibility/the-kier-foundation.aspx

www.kier.co.uk/corporate-responsibility.aspx

➤ Landfill Disposals Tax Community Scheme

The Landfill Disposals Tax (LDT) Communities Scheme is a Welsh Government funding programme managed by WCVA. The Scheme supports local community and environmental projects in areas affected by the disposal of waste to landfill.

In order to submit a request for funding, you will need to register with WCVA's Multipurpose Application Portal (MAP). If you have previously registered with MAP, you can log in by entering your username and password on the home screen. Organisations can register by visiting map.wcva.cymru

The fund will be open to any organisation for projects focussing on one or more of the following themes:

Biodiversity – create resilient ecological networks for the benefit of a range of habitats and species.

Waste minimisation and the diversion of waste from landfill – promote awareness and best practice to reduce the amount of waste produced.

Wider environmental enhancements – bring wider community benefit through improving quality of place.

Use the map to see if you are within five miles of an eligible waste transfer station or landfill site. The map will be updated ahead of a funding round opening and will show eligible sites for that round.

Contact:

T: 0300 111 0124

www.wcva.cymru/funding/landfill-disposals-tax-communities-scheme/

Lions Club of Bridgend

The Lions Club of Bridgend is part of Lions Clubs International, the largest service club's organisation in the world. There are about 1.4 million Lion members. Their principal aim is to provide help and funds to those in need, whilst enjoying the satisfaction, fellowship and fun that can be derived from taking part.

Lions Clubs are dedicated to improving the quality of life for those less fortunate people. The club was formed in 1975. Members are all volunteers who come from all walks of life and across a large age range. Members can join at 18 years, there is no maximum age.

A substantial part of funds raised by Bridgend Lions Club goes back to the community by supporting a myriad of local causes. Most of the funds raised are spent in the Bridgend area. All requests for donations (which should be in writing by post or e-mail) are thoroughly investigated by the community services committee of the club before being presented to the club for a decision.

Contact:

Mike Greenway – Secretary

Lions Club of Bridgend, 8 Anglia Close, Litchard, Bridgend, CF31 1QX.

T: Lions international 0845 833 9582 • enquiries@bridgendlions.org.uk

www.bridgendlions.org.uk

➤ Lions Club of Porthcawl

The Lions Club of Porthcawl has the same aims and purposes as the Lions Club of Bridgend. All the income they raise through the events and activities they organise is donated to local, national and international organisations which exist to improve the lives of young people and adults in need.

They are particularly keen to assist local organisations which provide services of this kind.

Contact:

www.porthcawllions.org.uk

www.facebook.com/porthcawllions

➤ Millennium Stadium Charitable Trust

There are two levels of grant award from £2,500 for local projects, £7,500 for regional projects.

They award grants to organisations at a local and regional level with the aim of improving the quality of life of people who live and work in Wales. The objective of the trust is to promote education, history, language and culture, particularly for those who face disadvantage or discrimination.

Who can apply?

With priority given to organisations serving groups and communities suffering from the greatest disadvantage, the following types of organisations are eligible to make applications to the trust:

- Not-for-profit organisations;
- Properly constituted voluntary organisations;
- Charitable organisations;
- Voluntary groups working with local authorities;
- Groups of any age.

Contact:

The Millennium Stadium Charitable Trust, Suite One, 4 Bessemer Road, Cardiff, CF11 8BA.

T: 02920 02 21 43 • <https://www.millenniumstadiumtrust.org.uk/>

E: info@millenniumstadiumtrust.org.uk

➤ Monmouthshire Building Society Charitable Foundation

The Foundation is independent of the Society and its policies and decisions are determined by a Board of Trustees. The Trustees give up their own time in running the Charitable Foundation and are not paid for the work they do. Since its launch in 2000, Monmouthshire

Building Society Charitable Foundation has contributed over £170,000 to 287 organisations and charities.

What types of organisations are eligible to receive an award?

- The Foundation will only accept applications from organisations that are located in the following postcodes: NP, CF, SA 1-13, SA 31-33, HR1 1, HR1 2, HR2, HR4 0, HR4 9, HR9, LD3, GL 14-16 and BS 20-21;
- The Foundation will not normally consider requests from nationally based organisations or local groups affiliated to such organisations;
- The Foundation limits its support to organisations and groups (including registered charities) and will **not** consider applications to support an individual's activities or a private commercial enterprise;
- The Foundation is happy to receive applications from all walks of life.

How much money is available?

In order to distribute funds as widely as possible, preference will be given to groups requesting part funding and smaller donations under £1,000 in value. However, one major cause will be chosen for support each year up to a maximum value of £5,000.

The Foundation will rarely consider requests to fund the running costs of an organisation and prefers to support the purchase of tangible, non-consumable items. Running costs would include travel costs, salaries, training, hire and accommodation costs. Consumable items would include food, fuel, printing, stationery and ink cartridges.

Funding to improve the fabric of any building will only be considered if the building is wholly owned by the organisation applying for funding. Funds cannot be provided for goods already purchased prior to any award being granted. They normally offer funding on the basis that the project/purchase will be completed within a three month period from the date the grant is awarded. Therefore, applications for projects which involve long-term funding are unlikely to be successful.

How to apply

You can pick up an application form, from any of their branch or agency offices or T: 01633 844 340 during office hours and they will post one to you.

You can write to: The Secretary - MBS Charitable Foundation, Monmouthshire Building Society, John Frost Square, Newport, , South Wales, NP20 1PX.

E: mbscf@monbs.com

www.monbs.com/about-us/monmouthshire-building-society-charitable-foundation/

➤ **Nisa supermarkets**

'Making a difference locally' is a registered charity that was launched in 2008 to help add value in our local community by making specific donations to local charities or good causes within our locality. The charity helps the stores achieve this by allowing them to nominate charities or good causes that are local to them to receive a specific donation from us.

Donations may be to local sports teams, hospices or one of the many charities operating in the UK. Contact your local Nisa store Manager.

To locate a store go to: www.nisalocally.co.uk/community

➤ **ROCKWOOL UK programme of philanthropic donations and sponsorships**

Grants: unspecified value

Deadlines: three times a year

Rockwool UK has a newly formalised programme of community activity in and around their local community of Pencoed, South Wales. This includes running the Woodland for Learning Trust at their site, as well as a programme of philanthropic donations and sponsorships. The programme forms a core part of their drive to make a positive social and environmental impact as a business, particularly in the fields of health, housing and the environment and the majority of the company's donations will be to local projects within these three priorities.

It aims to:

- support, and give back to, our local community in South Wales;
- support charitable projects which align with our priority areas;
- help foster good community relations.

ROCKWOOL seeks to be a good neighbour in the local areas in which it operates. The primary ROCKWOOL UK site is located in Pencoed, South Wales and priority will be given to requests for local donations which originate within an eight mile radius of our site.

Their donations programme also enables them to contribute to local causes, whilst their staff team is active in organising charitable fundraising activities.

For more information about their philanthropic donations and sponsorship programme, or to receive an application form, contact community@rockwool.com

➤ **Rotary Club Bridgend**

Through volunteering their skills, time and resources, members make a positive difference to the lives of others. Clubs work tirelessly to raise funds for local good causes, placing them right at the heart of their local communities.

Their projects include organising and supervising community events, promoting the achievements of young people, helping those who are disadvantaged or disabled, coordinating educational programmes and working in partnership with local businesses and charities.

Rotary clubs within England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland have over 1,800 clubs consisting of more than 50,000 men and women from all walks of life. Their clubs are based in local communities where members meet on a regular basis to enjoy friendship, networking and to plan projects that will benefit the lives of others. Clubs utilise the skills, expertise and dedication of their members to help improve the lives of people in communities both at home and abroad.

They focus their efforts in six areas: promoting peace, preventing diseases, providing access to clean water and sanitation, enhancing maternal and child health, improving basic education and literacy and helping communities develop.

Contact:

If you would like to approach Rotary for funding for your charity, community or voluntary group, contact the Secretary, Mike Lewis Tel 01656 660648, E: mike.laleston@hotmail.co.uk

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➤ **Sainsbury's Superstore**

To request permission to collect donations in the lobby of the store or arrange to pack bags for customers for donations, contact:

Community Champion, Sainsburys, The Derwen, Bridgend, CF32 9ST.

T: 01656 648951 • E: Prl.bridgend@sainsburys.co.uk

➤ **SONY Community Support**

The Sony UK Technology Centre is a socially aware business that seeks to minimise its impact on the environment, supports its local community through charity work and sponsorship, and has the welfare of its staff at the heart of its operation.

As part of their corporate social responsibility policy, Sony UK Technology Centre, Pencoed selects one organisation as our annual adopted charity that their main funding efforts are geared towards.

Contact:

For more information visit www.sonypencoed.co.uk/community-support-1

You can request an application form at www.sonypencoed.co.uk/community-support

➤ **Sports Wales Community Chest (This grant has been temporarily replaced by the Protect and Progress Emergency Grants - see below)**

Community Chest offers grant awards up to £1,500 in any 12 months towards: it is run in partnership with the 22 local authorities in Wales.

- increasing participation;
- improving standards.

Who can apply?

Any group that holds an account (be it a bank, Building Society or Credit Union account), in their organisation's name. You'll probably be one of the following:

- Sports club or Association;
- Youth club;
- Community group.

How to apply:

To apply visit sport.wales/funding--support/our-grants/community-chest.aspx

Contact:

If you're not sure if Community Chest is for you, or you require any help with completing the form, contact either Bridgend County Borough Council's the Sports Development Team, T: 01656 815215.

➤ **Sports Wales Development Grant – This grant has been temporarily replaced by the Protect and Progress Emergency Grants (See below)**

Grants of £1,501 to £25,000 are available to cover:

- new teams;

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- develop new training facilities or purchase much needed equipment to take your project to the next level;
- Coach education;
- Floodlighting for training purposes;
- Purchase of land, or rights in land, to develop activity areas;
- Start-up grants to support new enterprises.

Who can apply?

This grant is available to any group as long as they hold an account (be it a Bank, Building Society or Credit Union account) in the organisation's name. If you are a member of the public, a primary school or an associated body arranging activities for children, or secondary schools who are part of the 5x60 scheme, you are ineligible for a Development Grant.

How to apply

Visit [sport.wales/funding--support/our-grants/development-grant.aspx](https://www.sport.wales/funding--support/our-grants/development-grant.aspx)

Contact:

If you're not sure if a Development Grant is for you, or you have any questions about your project, contact the Sport Wales Grant Team directly, T: 0300 3003111 and they will be happy to help.

Alternatively, contact BAVO, T: 01656 810400 for advice and support on how to complete the application form.

Sports Wales Protect and Progress Emergency Grants

These two grants have replaced the Community Chest and Development grants for a limited time period.

1. PROTECT

To help **protect** clubs and community organisations or groups that are at **immediate financial risk** as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.

This grant is intended to help organisations that are **unable to meet their financial obligations because of Covid-19**. For example, to cover fixed costs (e.g. rent and utility) that are no longer supported with revenue.

Protect grants of **£300-£5,000** are available for emergency support.

2. PROGRESS

To help **progress** sport and activity to the next step and support **long-term sustainability**.

This grant is intended to help clubs and community organisations:

- Tackle inequality;
- Create long-term solutions to be more sustainable;
- Take innovative approaches.

The Progress grant can also fund items that are **essential for a return to play**.

Grants of **£300 - £50,000*** are available. * You will need to make a contribution of 10% for grants over £10k or 20% over £25k.

Email queries to: beactive@sport.wales or visit www.sport.wales/beactivewalesfund

➤ Taff Ely Onshore Wind Farm Fund

A Community Fund operated by Ventient Energy Limited has invested over £40,000 into local activities and projects in communities surrounding the site since 2001. The annual fund of £2,500 is available throughout the operational life of the wind farm. Grants may be awarded for capital or revenue up to a maximum of £500.

The Taff Ely Wind Farm Community Fund is administered on an annual basis by [Interlink RCT](#) the umbrella body for all local community and voluntary groups in RCT.

To find out more about the fund please contact Interlink RCT on 01443 846200.

Who can apply?

The fund is available to any community group within the area of benefit including:

- Blackmill;
- Evanstown;
- Gilfach Goch;
- Tonyrefail;
- Thomastown;
- Llanharan;
- Bryncae;
- Heol Y Cyw.

To support their aims and objectives, recruit new members, involve more people from the community and help to develop. Only one application per group.

Contact:

The Fund is administered by Interlink RCT. To find out more about the fund contact Ken Moon, T: 01443 846200, E: kmoon@interlinkrct.org.uk

Tesco – supporting at a local store level

In addition to their national charity partnerships, Tesco are really proud to work with hundreds of charities and local community organisations every year through relationships at a local level, with the help of their Community Champions.

Community Champions act as ambassadors for Tesco within their area. They work with their Store Manager and other shops in the region to shape how they can get involved in community events, providing support where it is most needed and help keep customers and colleagues up to date with the most recent activity.

Tesco's Community Champions contact – BRIDGEND EXTRA

Nikki Elward, E: bridgend@communityattesco.co.uk

Community Champions also support local charities, groups and not-for-profit organisations to carry out various charity and fundraising activities, whether within their local store or their local community, these include:

Donations:

Each Tesco UK store holds a community donation budget to help support with requests from their local community for local fundraising events. If you would like to be considered for a donation, write to the Community Champion at your nearest store.

Please note, Tesco receive a large amount of requests all year round and in order for them to support as many different groups as possible, they may need to limit the amount they are able to donate. They are unable to sponsor events or individuals.

Bag packing:

Tesco also manage their own bag packing bookings (excludes Express stores). If you would like to arrange a session, write to the Community Champion at your local store.

UK store collections:

Tesco's agency N20, schedules the charity and food collection bookings for all their UK Superstore, Extra and Metro stores between January and November each year. To request a booking, register your charity and request a collection by visiting

fareshare.org.uk/tescofoodcollection

During December, their stores manage their own collections. They do not make any charity collection bookings at their Express stores. To request a December booking, write to the Community Champion at your local store.

➤ **Welsh Church Act**

This fund was established from the proceeds and assets of the disestablishment of the Church in Wales. These assets were distributed evenly amongst the former county councils in Wales, and then divided between the Welsh Unitary Authorities when they were formed in 1996. It is a charitable trust, and is independent of the council. The Welsh Church Act Fund is available to churches, chapels and places of public worship, community organisations and charities operating in the county borough areas of: Rhondda Cynon Taf, Merthyr and Bridgend.

It provides support to organisations that have charitable or alms giving purposes for capital expenditure that will have a lasting effect. The Fund operates on a rolling programme basis. There are no set bidding rounds and fully developed applications can be submitted at any time. There is no guarantee that all applications will be successful.

Examples of the costs the Fund can support:

- Repair or refurbishment of a community building /place of worship;
- Purchase of capital equipment;
- Works to comply with the Equalities Act;
- Other purposes beneficial to the wider community.

Dependent on the total eligible cost of your project, the Fund offers three levels of grant support:

- 100% contribution up to a maximum of £2,000;
- 90% contribution up to a maximum of £10,000;
- 80% contribution up to a maximum of £50,000.

Contact:

T: 01443 281124,

E: regeneration@rctcbc.gov.uk or contact BAVO, T: 01656 810400,

E: bavo@bavo.org.uk

➤ Wilko – Helping Hands

Every Wilko store has a small budget to give a little helping hand to local community groups and projects. If you're a local charity or community group in need of a small donation, visit your local Wilko store to pick up an application form. Wilko want their donations to improve the lives of as many local people as possible and make a big difference to lots of good causes. Whether you need a small raffle prize or pot of paint or even something a little bigger, go along to your local Wilko store to see if they can help you. Give as much notice as possible as they receive lots of application forms and their team members will meet once a month to review requests and get in contact with applicants as quickly as they can.

To apply for a donation from the helping hands budget you need to visit your local store and pick up an application form. These forms can be found at the customer service desk or ask a Wilko team member for help. Alternatively download a Helping Hands application form corporate.wilko.com/stories/supporting.php and take to your local store.

➤ Youth Led Grants

The aim of the funding is to help young people to volunteer aged 14 - 25 to be more involved in community and voluntary organisations in their local community.

The Youth Bridgend Funding Group is made up of a group of young people aged 14 - 25 living in Bridgend County Borough and is funded by Welsh Government and Wales Council for Voluntary Action (WCVA). The panel members are supported by BAVO.

Further information: www.bavo.org.uk/funding/find-funding

Contact:

Bridgend Volunteer Centre, T: 01656 810400 or E: volunteering@bavo.org.uk

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