

Annex 1

**Executive Board Member Decisions Meeting for the Leader
Mynydd y Betws Community Benefit Fund
2017 - 2018**

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Application reference: MYB-17-02

Project Title	Essential Grounds Equipment
Applicant	Ammanford Town Bowling
Ward	Ammanford
Project Description/ Community Benefit	<p>Three groups had the opportunity to take over the running of the bowling facilities which will prevent the game ceasing within the town. It was therefore decided after various consultation to combine into one organisation to take over the asset, all 3 clubs have filtered into the umbrella charity as the figurehead.</p> <p>They constituted as a registered charity to form Ammanford Town Bowling, with the object of community participation in healthy recreation for the benefit of the inhabitants of Ammanford and the surrounding area by retaining the continued provision of facilities for the sport of bowls, as well as promoting the physical and social wellbeing from the activity of bowls.</p> <p>In order to cut down on overheads, this project is to purchase essential specialist equipment, which will include a mower, to enable them to maintain the facilities, which will be undertaken by the member volunteers, currently in excess of 50.</p> <p>They are seeking to work with local schools in providing coaching for pupils, this is an area where they can increase their name and subsequently increase working with more schools, thus increasing younger membership.</p> <p>The ambition from these sessions is for positive physical activity, teamwork, and social interaction. It will also give the members an opportunity to run more coaching sessions and upskill as some of the members are retired and the opportunity to deliver coaching to young children would benefit the retired members to take ownership of this part of the club's objectives.</p> <p>Not only is bowls an excellent friendly and leisurely activity it also has advantages for health and well-being. It is a form of physical</p>

	<p>exercise for all ages and sexes. A match can last for over 3 hours and entails a great deal of walking, bending and stretching, an excellent way of keeping healthy.</p> <p>The project will provide opportunities for local communities to attend social activities and try out a session of Bowls, which will provide multiple social and physical wellbeing benefits for the members and wider community.</p> <p>It has social implications in that it is also a good spectator sport and in Ammanford Park they have many casual spectators who come in and sit on the benches to watch in convivial surroundings. With the recent cuts in funding many bowls greens are under threat of closure with two having closed recently, they intend to be one of the survivors which will make this facility even more relevant to the local and surrounding areas.</p>
<p>Total Project Cost</p> <p>Eligible Capital</p> <p>Eligible Revenue</p> <p>Ineligible Costs</p> <p>Amount and % of grant requested</p> <p>Match funding</p>	<p>£8,510.96 - Gross</p> <p>£8,510.96</p> <p>£5,994.00 – Baroness LM56 sit down mower £1,092.00 – De- thatcher reel £225.00 – Webb mower £150.00 – Webb blower & Vac £270.00 – 4 in 1 multi tool £779.96 – Drakes junior professional bowls</p> <p>Nil</p> <p>Nil</p> <p>£6,808.77 @ 80%</p> <p>£1,702.19 Welsh Church Fund - secured</p>
Evidence of Need / Community Engagement	<p>Consultation was undertaken between the three groups, the local authority and all members who agreed the need for continued bowling facilities in Ammanford Park.</p> <p>Constructive discussions were undertaken around asset transfer due to the bowls facility closing, due to the lack of funding being available from Carmarthenshire County Council in retaining the asset.</p> <p>Three groups were placed in a position that if they did not take over the running of the bowling facilities, the game would cease within the town. It was therefore decided after various consultation to combine into one organisation to take over the asset, all 3 clubs will filter into the umbrella charity as the figurehead.</p>

Contributing to the themes of the Fund	<p>Bowling is a sport for all that is open to all ages and genders, our current age range is between 14 and 80 years. All members look forward to a game not only for exercise but also for the social interaction, community engagement with friends, members and in particular with the younger members who play with a cross pollination of ideas and culture.</p> <p>The promotion of community participation in healthy recreation for the benefit of the inhabitants of Ammanford and the surrounding area by the provision of facilities for the playing the sport of bowls.</p>
Ownership/ Lease	Lease agreement – CCC Community Asset Transfer
Cross Cutting Themes Welsh Language ICT Equal Opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welsh Language • Equal Opportunities • Environmental Policy
Environmental Sustainability	The green and all its surround will be kept in a condition that will help to enhance and promote the park of Ammanford and also prevent the green from becoming an eyesore in the future.
Roles and responsibilities within organisation	All trustees, members and volunteers will be appointed to individual roles ensuring the best use of all skills are available to the club, in managing and delivering this asset transfer, ensuring long term sustainability, increased membership and a continued facility for the benefits of the community.
Mapping of service/ facility within the area	Three groups were placed in a position that if we did not take over the running of the bowling facilities, the game would cease within the town. It was therefore decided after various consultation to combine into one organisation to take over the asset, all 3 clubs will filter into the umbrella charity as the figurehead.
Exit strategy	<p>Once the equipment is purchased, the green and all the surrounding area will then be maintained to the highest standard that the members can achieve. Members of the charity will volunteer their labour freely, along with paid green keeping specialist firms who have the equipment and knowledge that we don't possess.</p> <p>Our main source of income will be from member donations, there is also a facility for members of the public to play on a pay for play basis to encourage more participation and increase revenue. We will also be looking to increase membership by introducing open days for new players to come and try the game, all will be given free of charge with expert coaching from qualified Welsh bowling coaches with all equipment supplied free.</p> <p>We will also be liaising with local schools, to offer and encourage outdoor bowling activity for juniors.</p> <p>We have an agreement with our equipment supplier that they will train all personnel who will use the equipment and also maintain the equipment.</p>

Outputs to be achieved	New volunteers – 9 New community assets – 3
Monitoring and Evaluation of outputs	<p>Success will be measured by the continued use of the green and league positions will be obtained by all the three clubs bowling on the green. We will also look to evaluate and monitor the number of public utilising the green, wherever possible.</p> <p>Increased membership, will evidence the effects of the project, also monitoring the number of younger members, users of the facility. Increased health and wellbeing of the members.</p>
Business Plan/Officer Comments	<p>They are a new start up group, due to financial cuts being under taken by the Authority and taking on the asset transfer of the bowls in Ammanford.</p> <p>The equipment is essential for the bowls and without the funding there would be little financial benefits in enabling the bowls to continue at the park, due to the ongoing maintenance fees that would have to be paid, instead of being undertaken by the member volunteers.</p>
Economic Benefit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of individuals into training/education • Number of individuals into volunteering - 9 • Number of individuals into employment • No of community groups/organisations assisted - 1 • Number of social enterprises created • Number of social enterprises supported • Number of full time jobs created • Number of jobs safeguarded • Public and private leverage funding - £8,510.96
Recommendation	Award - £6,808.77

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Application reference: MYB-17-03

Project Title	Building Extension
Applicant	Penybanc Welfare Hall Association
Ward	Saron
Project Description/Community Benefit	<p>The hall was becoming less used month on month, while the fabric and facilities were rapidly deteriorating. A Feasibility Study was undertaken which recommended complete refurbishment in order that the local community could confidently use the hall once more as a central meeting point in the village. The hall stood as a complete eyesore situated on a very busy highway which runs through the village, with no modernisation since the hall had been built 60 years ago.</p> <p>Through successful fundraising and grant awards, a complete internal and external refurbishment has been completed providing</p>

	<p>the following;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lobby area • Baby changing facilities • Disabled access and WC • Main Hall • Fully equipped kitchen • 2 Storage rooms (regular bookings) • Parking for 20+ vehicles <p>Due to the success of the refurbishment, increased usage of the facility and regular groups storing equipment for daily activities benefitting the community, this project is to source funding for an extension to the hall.</p> <p>This will consist of erecting a 5.7 x 4 metre extension to the rear of the hall, in compliance with planning and building regulations. This will enable the hall to cater for all users and storage of essential equipment, without utilising stage area as having to do currently and moving when the stage is required. Also incorporating a fit for purpose meeting room facility within the existing storage space.</p> <p>The hall serves the needs of the local community in terms of community cohesion and as a focus for community activity, which includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep fit classes for all • Bring & buy, auctions and other fundraiser events • Children's parties • Judo & Karate • Senior Citizens • Line Dancing • Dog Training • Urdd Dance Clubs • Varied workshop activities • Whist evenings • Meetings • Mother & Toddlers • Children's playgroup • Centre for young people • Development of an arts venue • Development of education classes • Development of a luncheon club venue
Total Project Cost	£30,942.37 – Gross
Eligible Capital	£30,942.37
Eligible Revenue	Nil
Ineligible Costs	Nil
Amount and % of grant requested	£15,000.00 @ 48.48%

Match funding	<p align="center">£15,942.37</p> <p align="center">£3,000.00 – Welsh Church Fund - secured £12,942.37 – Own funds - secured</p>
Evidence of Need / Community Engagement	Completed Community Questionnaires, letters of support from users of the facility and signed community consultation petition with over 100 signatures in support of the project.
Contributing to the themes of the Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recreation • Education • Health • Energy efficiency/sustainability • Culture <p>The object of the organisation is the provision of a recreation facility for the benefit of the inhabitants of the area without distinction.</p> <p>The provision of childcare facilities met an existing community need for a key target user group, which is delivered at times when the hall is otherwise under - utilised.</p> <p>Also, having regular and active early years and young people's activities has brought parents and carers in contact with the hall, providing opportunities for promoting additional activities.</p> <p>Building on performing arts activity has ensured that the culture of music and performing within the community continues.</p>
Ownership/ Lease	<p>Ownership – Land Registry Title Number – CYM210140</p> <p>Public Liability – Zurich FD625033/0011431</p>
<p>Cross Cutting Themes</p> <p>Welsh Language</p> <p>ICT</p> <p>Equal Opportunities</p> <p>Environmental Sustainability</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welsh Language Policy • Equal Opportunities Policy • Environmental Policy • Letting Policy <p>Refurbishment included high levels of insulation in the roof space and walls, double glazing throughout and energy efficient central heating, which by cutting down on energy costs in the shorter term, continues to benefit both the environment and the budget of the hall in the longer term.</p> <p>It has been a priority to work with the European funded Carbon Zero Communities Project in developing the environmental sustainability element of the project.</p>
Roles and responsibilities within organisation	<p>Registered Charity - 251632</p> <p>The management committee have given from their time to ensure that the hall has been looked after and meet regularly to ensure that the hall is maintained and that successful applications for funding have been secured in order to develop the hall for the community.</p>

	<p>The village hall committee used their own finances in order to ensure that plans and designs were drawn up so that accurate costs could be received. The committee have given their time in submitting funding applications and have drawn in other strategic partners to ensure that the project is driven forward and successful for the community of Penybanc and surrounding communities.</p> <p>The committee's aim has been to offer the communities a good quality facility that can be applied for a multitude of uses and caters for the community as a whole.</p> <p>In order to ensure that these responsibilities are carried out effectively, the committee is considering the additional skills required due to additional services offered, which will be through volunteer training opportunities such as;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health & Safety • Volunteer Recruitment • First Aid • Food Hygiene
Mapping of service/facility within the area	<p>It is the only community hall in the village offering a wide range of activities and services for the community, which has already served the village well for the past 60 years. The re-developed hall has provided a local base so that people do not have to travel to take part in activities that were previously unable to be provided. There is no competition from any other facilities in the village.</p>
Exit strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue offering a wide programme of events and activities to attract all age groups • Market the hall both to the local community and local service providers • Provide increased formal and informal courses • Increased revenue for long term sustainability and the employment of a part time caretaker.
Outputs to be achieved Monitoring and Evaluation of outputs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New volunteers – 10 • Jobs created – 1 part time • New services available – 10 • Physical Improvements – 1 • Environmental improvement schemes –1 • New community assets -1 <p>Management Committee meetings will be used to monitor usage and activities discussed in order to ensure that the hall is being used to reflect the needs of the community. Where gaps in provision occur the management committee will seek ways to address these gaps in order to ensure that the facility offers exactly what the community needs.</p> <p>Regular reviews will be carried out to gauge people's opinions.</p>
Business Plan/Officer Comments	<p>Following extensive refurbishment, the hall is now a modern, fresh facility available for hire and due to the success of the facility and increased usage and extension is required to enable the hall to be fit for purpose for the community needs.</p>

	<p>The creation of an allocated room for meetings will build on existing activity and open up new avenues for income generation as well as building links with local business.</p> <p>Funding has previously been awarded in Round 1 to the value of £22,071. 00 this project was successfully completed within 6 months and if this funding is approved, all funds will have been secured for this project to commence.</p>
Economic Benefit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of individuals into training/education • Number of individuals into volunteering • Number of individuals into employment • No of community groups/organisations assisted - 17 • Number of social enterprises created • Number of social enterprises supported • Number of full time jobs created – 1 part time • Number of jobs safeguarded • Public and private leverage funding - £30,942.37
Recommendation	Award – £15,000.00
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Application reference: MYB-17-04

Project Title	Create a flexible community space
Applicant	Llandybie Parish Church
Ward	Llandybie
Project Description/ Community Benefit	<p>Llandybie Church is primarily a place of worship, with a number of regular services on Sundays and weekdays. However, its present layout does not cater very well for the social aspects of worship, nor does it facilitate use of the Church for other community purposes.</p> <p>The project therefore involves removing a number of pews at the front of the church and installing basic kitchen facilities, thereby creating a flexible space more suited to present-day needs.</p> <p>The main benefits of the project are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To make better use of the existing space at the front of the Church; • To create a flexible space to enhance the Church's more traditional activities and cater for new, more social and community activities; • To create a more disabled friendly area to accommodate wheelchairs comfortably and "fuss free" during services, concerts, funerals weddings etc. • Enhancement of Traditional activities <p>Weddings: The newly created space would make possible more dignified surroundings for signings of the Wedding Register. It could also be used for pre-marriage counselling.</p>

	<p>Confirmation classes: It could allow for more appropriate and comfortable surroundings for young people to receive pre-confirmation guidance and instruction.</p> <p>Church Services : The new space at the front of the Church would significantly improve the facilities for groups participating in special services and concerts (e.g. young musicians, and choirs participating in family services, carol services, nativity plays, concerts, organ and other recitals).</p> <p>The user-friendly space would also allow for those attending services to socialise afterwards over a cup of tea or coffee.</p> <p>It would also create more disabled friendly surroundings for those attending regular services and other events.</p> <p>Enhancement of Other Activities</p> <p>Open Days: It is planned to continue the practice of opening the Church to the wider community to celebrate European Heritage Day (usually in September), involving exhibitions and a full and varied musical programme, as well as light refreshments.</p> <p>Food Bank: The Church is already a donation centre. The newly created space could be used to broaden the Church's role in this area to include the wider community of Llandybie.</p> <p>Meetings: The space created would provide significantly improved facilities for committee meetings (e.g. Church Committee, Churchyard Committee, Church Houses Committee, PCC etc.)</p> <p>Exhibition Area: Church records could be put on permanent display in the newly created space, as well as pictures by local artists during the open day held in September.</p> <p>New Activities Having the new flexible space at the front of the Church would make possible increased use of the Church for social/community purposes– for example, mainly to raise funds for charity, coffee mornings/ jumble sales, concerts, history of Llandybie open days, organ recitals. It could also accommodate a piano, thereby broadening the range of possible musical activities and providing a backup for the organ.</p>
Total Project Cost	£47,135.20 – Gross Full breakdown of costs – schedule of works supplied
Eligible Capital	£47,135.20 5,172.00 - Architect fees/drawings 2,500.00 - Carpet 34,663.20 -Building Refurbishment 4,800.00 - Chairs
Eligible Revenue	Nil
Ineligible Costs	

<p>Amount and % of grant requested</p> <p>Match funding</p>	<p>Nil</p> <p>£15,000.00 @ 31.82%</p> <p>£32,135.20 £3,000.00 –Welsh Church Fund - secured £5,000.00 – Awards for All - applied £12,000.00– Garfield Weston - applying £12,000.00 - All Churches Trust - applying £4,135.20 – Own funds – secured</p>
<p>Evidence of Need / Community Engagement</p>	<p>The project was consulted with the Llandybie Parochial Church Council PCC, members, service users, also the local and wider community.</p> <p>Individual letters of support have been received by the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jonathan Edwards M.P. • Adam Price A.M. • Cllr Anthony Jones • County Cllr. Anthony Davies • Llandybie Community Council • Mother's Union • WI (Llandybie Branch) • Llandybie Male Voice Choir • Llandybie Ladies Choir • Headmaster – Llandybie School
<p>Contributing to the themes of the Fund</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recreation • Education • Health • Energy efficiency/sustainability • Culture <p>Llandybie Church is primarily a place of worship, with a number of regular services on Sundays and weekdays. However its present layout does not cater very well for the social aspects of worship and also limits the use of the facility for other community purposes.</p> <p>This project therefore involves creating a flexible space more suited to present day needs, which will incorporate the following benefits to the community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To make better use of the existing space at the front of the Church. • To create a flexible space to enhance more traditional activities and cater for new, more social and community activities. • To create a more disabled friendly area to accommodate wheelchairs comfortably and fuss free during services, concerts, funerals, weddings, etc. <p>Architects have been appointed and quotes have been obtained for</p>

	this proposed project.
Ownership/ Lease	Ownership
Cross Cutting Themes Welsh Language ICT Equal Opportunities Environmental Sustainability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welsh Language Policy • Equal Opportunities Policy • Environmental Policy • Letting Policy <p>The redevelopment will create an attractive and visually improved multipurpose facility. This will physically, socially and environmentally benefit the area, which will impact positively on the lives of local residents, a step towards area renewal. The final phase of work at the hall will provide a weatherproof finish, including the thermal efficiency of the fabric of the building. This will protect the previous investment, thus enabling a sustainable future for a key building in the community.</p>
Roles and responsibilities within organisation	<p>The project was approved by the Llandybie Parochial Church Council (PCC) at its meeting on 16 June 2015. Responsibility for carrying it out was then delegated to the Church Committee. That committee was chaired by the Vicar, the Rev Ann Howells prior to her transfer to another Parish in March 2017. Subsequently, it has been chaired by WK Griffiths who, together with Mr Ron Isaacs, intend to liaise closely with the Architects managing the project. The Church Committee meets regularly</p>
Mapping of service/ facility within the area	<p>Llandybie Church is primarily a place of worship, with a number of regular services on Sundays and weekdays. However its present layout does not cater very well for the social aspects of worship and also limits the use of the facility for other community purposes.</p> <p>This project therefore involves creating a flexible space more suited to present day needs, which will incorporate the following benefits to the community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To make better use of the existing space at the front of the Church. • To create a flexible space to enhance more traditional activities and cater for new, more social and community activities. • To create a more disabled friendly area to accommodate wheelchairs comfortably and fuss free during services, concerts, funerals, weddings, etc.
Exit strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue offering a wide programme of events and activities to attract all age groups • Events are constantly being advertised in the local press, posters circulated throughout the village and bulletins in local newsletters.
Outputs to be achieved	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New volunteers – 4 • New services available – 3 • Physical Improvements – 1 • New community assets -1

Monitoring and Evaluation of outputs	<p>Management Committee meetings will be used to monitor usage and activities discussed in order to ensure that the hall is being used to reflect the needs of the community.</p> <p>Regular reviews will be carried out to gauge people's opinions.</p>
Business Plan/Officer Comments	No previous funding has been sourced, excellent project in relation to community benefits and long term sustainability and is well supported by the community.
Economic Benefit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of individuals into training/education • Number of individuals into volunteering - 3 • Number of individuals into employment • No of community groups/organisations assisted - 10 • Number of social enterprises created • Number of social enterprises supported • Number of full time jobs created • Number of jobs safeguarded • Public and private leverage funding - £32,135.20
Recommendation	Award – £15,000.00

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Application reference: MYB-17-06

Project Title	Essential Upgrade & Modernisation
Applicant	St. Edmunds Church Parochial Church Council
Ward	Tycroes
Project Description/ Community Benefit	<p>This project for the church hall development is designed to restore the existing hall to its former glory, to upgrade and modernise the facilities, so that the users and future occupants have a safe and comfortable environment, which is fit for purpose to all and will also attract new users to hire the facility.</p> <p>The chapel is utilised on a regular basis with two services every Sunday, Weddings, Baptisms, Funerals, Sunday School, Harvest Services, St David's Day concerts, prayer meetings, Christmas parties, children's parties, outreach services, Ysgol Meithrin, brownies, guides, etc.</p> <p>The refurbishment work will include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replace the windows and doors (including fire doors) • Review / replace lighting to new energy efficient levels • Renew toilets and baby changing facilities • Replace Kitchen units and associated plumbing & electrical • Total re-decoration of all interiors • Make safe and re-surface the front parking area <p>Following the upgrade and transformation the village hall will play a key role for access to services, there will be a timetable of diverse</p>

	<p>activities with the set aim of increasing footfall and income thus increasing turnover.</p> <p>The Parochial Church Council have the vision to deliver this project for the community with the aim of it becoming sustainable in the longer term.</p> <p>The Church Hall is located in the centre of the village in close proximity to the school and other local amenities, such as doctor's surgery, chemist, supermarket, chip shop and hairdressers, which are all located within 200 yds.</p> <p>It obviously covers for elements of Recreation, Education and Health and a variety of types to be housed in a more modern and suitable central location. It should not be perceived as a stand above facility but more of a supporting venue that a variety of organisations can call upon to support their various causes.</p> <p>The "Quality" of care in the community would undoubtedly be greatly improved by this project.</p> <p>St Edmunds Church Hall is a focal point and a recognised facility available for wider use by the local community. The aim is to refurbish the village hall as a multi- purpose facility.</p> <p>The redevelopment will create an attractive and visually improved multipurpose facility. This will physically, socially and environmentally benefit the area, which will impact positively on the lives of local residents, a step towards area renewal.</p>
<p>Total Project Cost</p> <p>Eligible Capital</p> <p>Eligible Revenue</p> <p>Ineligible Costs</p> <p>Amount and % of grant requested</p> <p>Match funding</p>	<p>£ 25,540.00- Gross</p> <p>£25,540.00</p> <p>£11,100.00 - Windows</p> <p>£4,230.00 - Painting & Decorating</p> <p>£2,350.00 - Electrical Works</p> <p>£3,360.00 - Plumbing</p> <p>£4,500.00 - External tarmac</p> <p>Nil</p> <p>Nil</p> <p>£15,000.00 @ 59%</p> <p>£10,540.00</p> <p>£3,000 - Welsh Church Fund - applied</p> <p>£5,000 - Awards for All - applied</p> <p>£ 2,500 - Millennium Trust - applied</p>
Evidence of Need / Community Engagement	<p>Consultation has been undertaken with a number of bodies including local organisations, current users of the facility and the local community, Individual letters of support have been received from;</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David Pickering - Brynteg Medical Practice Ammanford • Peter Griffiths - Griffiths Funeral Directors • Joanna Gallanders – County Commissioner Girl Guiding Carmarthenshire. • Malcolm Gallanders – St Edmunds Church • Cllr Calum Higgins Tycroes • Cllr Tina Higgins • Sharon Lyle – Community Councillor • Mothers Union • Mrs D Davison - Petals Garden Centre • Kim Jones - Poppies Village Florist • Chairman of Ammanford Town Silver Band • Tracy's Hair Studio • Tycroes Pharmacy • Tycroes Local Aid Charity Groups • Fire & Rescue Service Mid & West Wales • Alan Davies – PCSO Ammanford Police Station • Ammanford Town Council • Elfed Wood Head - Tycroes CP School • Tycroes Little House Day Nursery
Contributing to the themes of the Fund	<p>Health - The redevelopment of the hall will improve the delivery of services within the facility to members of the community. The health of those users who previously could not sufficiently access services offered within the facility will improve. All sectors of the community might have greater access to leisure facilities through the use of structured activities taking place in the facility and therefore become more active and healthy. The facility hopes to involve more young children, their parents and the many elderly people living alone who feel isolated and on the periphery of society. The feeling of physical and mental wellbeing will be enhanced in individuals and will have a positive effect to the whole community.</p> <p>Recreation - The hall already provides a venue for a variety of health pursuits, namely dance and keeps fit classes. The provision of additional space will enable them to meet the local interest shown in the provision. The activities at the hall will be socially inclusive and will aim to reduce feelings of isolation, particularly in older vulnerable adults. The complete redevelopment will allow extended provision to a cross section of the community which will increase intergenerational links and boost community.</p> <p>Education - The project will promote education as it will provide an informal setting for members of the community of all ages to participate in learning activities.</p>
Ownership/ Lease	Ownership
Cross Cutting Themes Welsh Language ICT Equal Opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welsh Language Policy • Equal Opportunities Policy • Environmental Policy • Health & Safety Policy • Child Protection Policy

Environmental Sustainability	All the new fittings will be to the expert levels of appropriate environmental measures.
Roles and responsibilities within organisation	<p>The members of the PCC will continue to monitor and control the activities in the hall. Responsibilities will be allocated to appropriate people on a volunteer basis but who have specialist knowledge, skills and expertise relevant to the job in hand.</p> <p>The PCC will implement a meticulous monitoring plan to ensure that the redevelopment is achieving against key outputs, the project will be constantly monitored against performance indicators as set in the business project plan.</p>
Mapping of service/facility within the area	The community hall offers a wide range of activities and services for the community, following the upgrade and transformation the village hall will play a key role for access to services, there will be a timetable of diverse activities with the set aim of increasing footfall and income thus increasing turnover.
Exit strategy	Increased usage of the hall following refurbishment, supporting long term sustainability
Outputs to be achieved	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New volunteers – 4 • Physical Improvements – 1 • Environmental improvement schemes –1
Monitoring and Evaluation of outputs	<p>The project outputs will be evaluated with regular contact with hall users and feedback will be discussed at the monthly PCC meetings.</p> <p>The PCC will implement a meticulous monitoring plan to ensure that the redevelopment is achieving against key outputs, the project will be constantly monitored against performance indicators as set in the project plan.</p>
Business Plan/Officer Comments	<p>The committee continues to go from strength to strength and are continuously striving to attract new groups and improve on the facilities provided within the hall.</p> <p>The Hall is an important focal point in the community and grants opportunity for a cross section of community members to meet together.</p> <p>No previous funding has been received.</p>
Economic Benefit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of individuals into training/education • Number of individuals into volunteering - 4 • Number of individuals into employment • No of community groups/organisations assisted - 20 • Number of social enterprises created • Number of social enterprises supported • Number of full time jobs created • Number of jobs safeguarded • Public and private leverage funding - £10,540.00
Recommendation	Award – £15,000.00

Project Title	Education & Play Equipment
Applicant	Parcyrhun PTA
Ward	Pantyffynnon - Amman
Project Description/ Community Benefit	<p>Parcyrhun PTA want to encourage the children to participate more in exercise along with educating them in the importance of healthy wellbeing in order to encourage and promote lifestyle changes. New and improved play equipment is required to encourage interesting and challenging play within a bright and safe environment, in line with the health wellbeing strategy.</p> <p>They would like to purchase small play items that can be brought out and put away quickly in order that the children have more time to play and that these items can be easily transported to the school's playing field which is a small walk away.</p> <p>The school has a garden where the children plant flowers and vegetables with volunteers and teachers, often after school in the gardening club, which the kitchen staff cook for them and the excess then sold to parents, making the garden self-sustainable. They have started to convert one of the school shelters into an open learning area and would now like to equip it with IT facilities, such as Lap tops and I pads which will greatly improve the facilities.</p> <p>The children would be able to take photographs of the garden themselves and work in a more relaxed and fresher environment and would benefit greatly from a different environment to work in, away from the restraints of the classroom.</p> <p>An interactive touch whiteboard will enable and encourage the children to express themselves in a fun way, working in smaller groups and gain confidence by using the tools themselves. This can also be used as a projector for the children to watch DVD, s, including their own recordings. The green screen and VR operating system with headsets will encourage the children to develop additional skills, with great emphasis on imaginative play, allowing them to take the lead.</p> <p>The Virtual Reality Set comes complete with hardware, software, with linked activities and lesson plans to inspire children with an engaging, immersive experience they will not forget, and may not otherwise experience, improving their understanding and knowledge retention.</p> <p>Parcyrhun School has a hearing impaired unit attached to the school. These facilities would be of great use to the children who attend. The more colourful and visually interesting the surroundings are the better.</p> <p>This project is not a statutory service provision and is much needed for the benefit of the children.</p>

Total Project Cost	£13,589.51 - Gross
Eligible Capital	Nil
Eligible Revenue	£13,589.51 £595.91 - Play Equipment £5,424.00 - 2 Interactive LED Whiteboards £2,836.80 - 6 x laptops £1,135.20 - 2 x I pads £2,398.80 - 8 VR Headsets £1,198.80 - Green Screen Starter Kit with accessories
Ineligible Costs	Nil
Amount and % of grant requested	£10,871.60 @ 80%
Match funding	£2,717.91 Own funds - secured
Evidence of Need / Community Engagement	<p>Through the PTA, discussions with parents, carers, the school council and school Governors, it was overwhelmingly agreed that such equipment would be exceptionally beneficial to the children as healthy activity through fun and confidence building was of great importance.</p> <p>In order for the correct items to be applied, which would be of maximum benefit to the children the PTA consulted with the Head teacher, teachers and parents, who are most familiar with the children and also with the advice from the Council's Active Young People's Officer.</p>
Contributing to the themes of the Fund	<p>Education and Lifelong Learning, Social Care and Health</p> <p>This project will strengthen engagement with people at grass roots to improve numeracy, literacy and the adoption of a healthy lifestyle, encouraging, children to take personal responsibility and recognise the importance of healthy lifestyles also the importance of strengthening relationships. The PTA works hard to encourage community engagement.</p> <p>The main emphasis is on Education but the more opportunities children have to learn outside the usual classroom environment can only be positive. The project is a reflection of the core activities undertaken, and the PTA work hard to bring the community together and have a vision that this project will do the same.</p> <p>They aim to reinforce through encouragement the message that it is possible for all children to benefit from healthy exercise and lifestyle, learning away from the classroom environment, as well as in the classroom. The project will support and strengthen healthy social networks as a means of creating a sustainable community.</p> <p>The project also intertwines with the Regional Learning Partnership for South West Central Wales in that we are able to play an integral</p>

	part in forging a better future for the children, in line with the strategic working priorities.
Ownership/ Lease	Ownership with CCC
Cross Cutting Themes Welsh Language ICT Equal Opportunities Environmental Sustainability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welsh Language Policy • Equal Opportunities Policy • Environmental Policy • Adhering to all CCC Policies <p>Adhering to Carmarthenshire County Council Environmental Policies and strategies, the School also have a Pupil Eco Council working to find ways of improving recycling / energy saving.</p>
Roles and responsibilities within organisation	School PTA will take responsibility for this funding.
Mapping of service/ facility within the area	<p>This project will strengthen engagement with people at grass roots to improve numeracy, literacy and the adoption of a healthy lifestyle. The project will encourage children to take personal responsibility and recognise the importance of healthy lifestyles and strengthening relationships. The PTA works hard to encourage community engagement.</p> <p>The main emphasis is on Education but the more opportunities children have to learn outside the usual classroom environment can only be positive.</p> <p>The project is a reflection of the core activities undertaken, and the PTA work hard to bring the community together and have a vision that this project will do the same.</p> <p>They aim to reinforce through encouragement the message that it is possible for all children to benefit from healthy exercise and lifestyle, learning away from the classroom environment, as well as in the classroom. The project will support and strengthen healthy social networks as a means of creating a sustainable community.</p>
Exit strategy	Increased benefits of this project and the improvements made to the children from all backgrounds within Pantyffynnon and the healthy community relationships developed, greater social cohesion, within one of the most deprived areas as identified in the Welsh Index of Multiple deprivation.
Outputs to be achieved	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New volunteers – 3 • New services available – 3 • Physical Improvements – 1 • Environmental improvement schemes –1 • New community assets – 12
Monitoring and Evaluation of outputs	Through the PTA, discussions with parents, carers, the school council and school governors, the school children and community groups will be informed of the new equipment available and will be encouraged to use it.

	The PTA will produce a project evaluation form and ask people to complete, making any comments that they feel necessary to monitor the usage and benefits of the equipment.
Business Plan/Officer Comments	<p>The proposed project is a reflection of the core activities undertaken, and the PTA rally round, socialise and interact, bringing people together and have a vision that this project will do the same.</p> <p>To receive this grant will allow the vision to become a reality and to finally have the ability to reach implementation would be a major step in the increased development of the school children due to the enhanced quality of the activities that can be rolled out.</p> <p>This project grant funding is in respect of a non-statutory service and is being applied for by the PTA and CCC permissions have been received.</p> <p>No previous funding has been received.</p>
Economic Benefit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of individuals into training/education • Number of individuals into volunteering - 3 • Number of individuals into employment • No of community groups/organisations assisted - 1 • Number of social enterprises created • Number of social enterprises supported • Number of full time jobs created • Number of jobs safeguarded • Public and private leverage funding - £10,871.60
Recommendation	Award - £10,871.60

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Application reference: MYB-17-08

Project Title	Ammanford Park Lighting
Applicant	Ammanford Town Council
Ward	Ammanford
Project Description/ Community Benefit	<p>Currently the park becomes unusable once it gets dark in the winter months. The park is used as a route to and from school for many children, also by the working community, lighting would allow the public to continue to use the park as a safe route throughout the winter months.</p> <p>By installing lighting columns it will encourage the use of the park for evening recreational activities, as well as local sports clubs who may wish to undertake evening training.</p> <p>They will also be looking to engage in Partnership with local</p>

	<p>musicians and choirs to utilise the bandstand and create a new annual event for Ammanford Proms in the Park, which will attract people from outside of the area. There has also been interest from a local gallery to hold a railing exhibition to run alongside an arts and culture weekend.</p> <p>The project is to provide Solar Powered Timer Controlled Lighting Columns for Ammanford Park. The funding will be used to purchase and install 8 Timer Controlled Solar Powered LED Lighting Columns which will be sited around the outside edge of the main green in the park creating a safer environment.</p> <p>It will also reduce costs to the existing events that take place in the park by eliminating the need to hire lighting equipment for the evening entertainment, thus assisting with their sustainability. Also, the community as a whole will benefit from being able to use the park in the evenings for recreational purposes.</p> <p>With asset transfer taking place between Carmarthenshire County Council and Ammanford Town Council over the next couple of months they find themselves in the position of needing to find ways to keep our green spaces maintained and self-sustaining.</p>
Total Project Cost Eligible Capital Eligible Revenue Ineligible Costs Amount and % of grant requested Match funding	<p>£10,399.90 – Net</p> <p>£10,399.90 £8,639.90 - Solar Powered Lamp Posts £1,760.00 - Installation</p> <p>Nil Nil</p> <p>£8,319.90 @ 80%</p> <p>£2,080.00 Own funds - secured</p>
Evidence of Need / Community Engagement	<p>Consultation has been undertaken with members of the local community via an online poll and based on the result, this project is fully supported by the community.</p> <p>Discussions have also been undertaken with local Choirs, Artists, Sports Clubs and Community Organisations who are keen to use the Park for various activities in the evenings which again proves the evidence of need for lighting within the park.</p> <p>Consultation has also been carried out with local members of the community which shows that 94% of the people polled believe the addition of lights would be a positive change to the Park.</p>
Contributing to the themes of the Fund	<p>Culture/Recreation/Health</p> <p>Dyfed Powys Police have confirmed that the addition of lights into the Park will assist with the prevention of Anti-Social behaviour. This is a focus area at this time and the addition of lights will mean there are less areas of 'darkness' in the Park which are harder to</p>

	<p>monitor. This will also benefit those people walking through the Park in the evening, as they will feel less intimidated if they can see who is around them, also supporting all recreational events within the park.</p> <p>Environment/Energy Efficiency/Sustainability The chosen lighting columns are solar powered with internal batteries and timers, allowing to harness the naturally occurring power of light and saves on the cost of using traditional electricity sources, being environmentally responsible and more cost effective. The lighting as mentioned previously helps towards the sustainability of the Park.</p>
Ownership/ Lease	Asset transfer with CCC – Lease agreement
Cross Cutting Themes Welsh Language ICT Equal Opportunities Environmental Sustainability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welsh Language Policy • Equal Opportunities Policy • Environmental Policy • Letting Policy <p>The long term sustainability of the project has been well thought out with Solar Powered installations being used to ensure no further drain on public funds than is absolutely necessary, and to cause as little disruption possible in the short term as the work to install the columns is minimally invasive.</p>
Roles and responsibilities within organisation	<p>The Ammanford Park Lights project and grant application will be managed by the Community Development Officer of Ammanford Town Council to completion, this includes the procurement process, which will be overseen by the RFO of the Town Council, the Town Clerk.</p> <p>The installation of the lighting columns and the ongoing maintenance including regular safety checks and battery monitoring will be undertaken by the Town Council Technical Officer. Any monies from the grant in addition to the match funding monies from Ammanford Town Council will be dealt with by the Town Council RFO the Town Clerk. Who will make all relevant records and keep checks on balances and project progress to ensure the Finances remain tight.</p> <p>Ammanford Town Council will assume full responsibility for the upkeep and maintenance of the lighting columns and any work needing to be carried out including the purchase and installation of replacement batteries will be covered by the Town Council out of its yearly maintenance precept budget.</p>
Mapping of service/ facility within the area	Currently the park becomes unusable once it gets dark, in the winter months in particular this is anywhere from about 4pm. The park is used as a route to and from School for many children and also by people who work in Ammanford, lighting would allow the public to continue to use the park as a safe route throughout the

	<p>Previous funding of £3,645.00 was awarded to ATC in Round 1 for the purchase of park equipment but has recently been withdrawn.</p> <p>This project will be completed within the timescale.</p>
Economic Benefit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of individuals into training/education • Number of individuals into volunteering • Number of individuals into employment • No of community groups/organisations assisted • Number of social enterprises created • Number of social enterprises supported • Number of full time jobs created • Number of jobs safeguarded - 1 • Public and private leverage funding - £2,080.00
Recommendation	Award - £8,319.90

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Application reference: MYB-17-09

Project Title	Repairs to Boundary Wall
Applicant	Calfaria Baptist Church
Ward	Penygroes
Project Description/ Community Benefit	<p>Calfaria Baptist Chapel is over 120 years old. The boundary wall adjacent to the footpath along Bridge Street needs substantial repairs as there are areas of loose stonework, perished pointing and defective coping.</p> <p>The work involves raking out defective joints and repointing, rebuilding the areas of loose masonry and preparing for and providing new concrete coping over the entire length of the wall.</p> <p>The masonry wall, built of random local stonework, provides security to the graveyard and makes an important contribution to the built environment of the chapel and surrounding area.</p> <p>The Mother & Toddler Group meet in the vestry every Tuesday morning and the car park immediately in front of the chapel and vestry, alongside the wall, is used during weekdays for parking of vehicles of staff at the doctor's surgery, the Chemist, the café and the occupiers of one of the nearby dwellings.</p> <p>It is considered that the work should be carried out as soon as possible to avoid any further deterioration to the fabric of the wall and to extend its life as an essential enclosure to the chapel and graveyard thus improving the character and amenity of the area close to the centre of the village, benefiting everyone who lives, works and travels in the area.</p>
Total Project Cost	£4,450.00 - Gross

Eligible Capital	£ 4,450.00 Refurbishing wall, as per enclosed quotation
Eligible Revenue	Nil
Ineligible Costs	Nil
Amount and % of grant requested	£4,005.00 @ 90%
Match funding	£445.00 Own funds - secured
Evidence of Need / Community Engagement	<p>Photographs attached provide the evidence of need. Church Members have consulted with groups who use the chapel, also local people. A petition and letters of support have been provided to support this project.</p> <p>If the wall on the boundary between Bridge Street and the Calfaria chapel and graveyard is not refurbished it is likely to deteriorate rapidly which is not only unsightly, but will become a safety issue.</p>
Contributing to the themes of the Fund	<p>Recreation - Two weekly youth clubs are held in the vestry and outside area, including that adjacent to the boundary wall, when the weather is suitable. The clubs are a joint undertaking by several churches in the area and are supported by children who are not members of the church.</p> <p>Environment - This boundary wall is an important feature of the built environment on a main road close to the centre of the village, refurbishing the wall, will help improve the look of the village.</p> <p>Culture - Calfaria is an important part of the culture of Penygroes. Bilingual and Welsh services are held every Sunday, along with weddings and funerals, which are held for church members and non-members. The graveyard is used for burials of members and non-members, as well as being a historical resource for the whole community. There is no local authority run cemetery in the village. The village schoolchildren hold carol services etc. in the chapel. A parent and toddler group, youth clubs and knitting class and events such as coffee mornings, strawberry tea, harvest supper etc. in the vestry bring the community together. These are still held regularly, against a background of general reduction in participation of such events.</p>
Ownership/ Lease	Ownership agreement
Cross Cutting Themes Welsh Language ICT Equal Opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welsh Language Policy • Equal Opportunities Policy • Environmental Policy • Letting Policy
Environmental	The church currently has some environmental measures in place. Waste is segregated and recycled. Paper is shredded, used as

Sustainability	chicken bedding and then composted. Low energy light bulbs are used. The project will improve the external environment of the site in this prominent position close to the centre of the village. We will comply with all environmental legislation in the delivery of the project.
Roles and responsibilities within organisation	The secretary a former chief planning officer for the County, will have direct supervision of contractors, assisted by the treasurer. Financial management will be the responsibility of the 5 deacons of the church.
Mapping of service/facility within the area	<p>Calfaria Baptist Church is an important part of the Penygroes community.</p> <p>The boundary wall of the chapel and graveyard is a major feature on a main thoroughfare close to the centre of the village. Parts of the wall are already unsightly and loose stones, capping attract anti-social behaviour. This is likely to get worse in the near future if the wall isn't refurbished. Safety concerns could put at risk the use of the chapel and vestry.</p>
Exit strategy	To carry out the work as soon as possible to avoid any further deterioration to the fabric of the wall
Outputs to be achieved Monitoring and Evaluation of outputs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physical Improvements – 1 • Environmental improvement schemes – 1 <p>The physical improvement to the boundary wall will be easy to monitor, with photographic evidence to match the photographs already taken.</p>
Business Plan/Officer Comments	<p>Previously awarded £4,999 in Round 1 and successfully completed project.</p> <p>This funding request is for urgent essential repairs to the church wall and fits the criteria of the fund, enhancing a major feature close to the centre of the village.</p>
Economic Benefit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of individuals into training/education • Number of individuals into volunteering • Number of individuals into employment • No of community groups/organisations assisted - 1 • Number of social enterprises created • Number of social enterprises supported • Number of full time jobs created • Number of jobs safeguarded • Public and private leverage funding - £445.00
Recommendation	Award - £4,005.00

Project Title	Cross Country Course Project
Applicant	Amman Valley Pony Club
Ward	Llandybie
Project Description/ Community Benefit	<p>Amman Valley Pony Club was founded in 1967, set up in order to occupy young people and give a focus for their energies. The club have good support from the members, parents, local traders and the wider horse community and they attract entries from a wide area to their annual showing show, also offering instruction at a very reasonable rate to the community.</p> <p>Without this facility the club would be unable to run events and would not be able to continue to subsidise education and training. This facility gives a much needed venue for equestrian sporting events and while they run events to fund raise, they are a non-profit organisation returning the income to the community by the way of improved facilities and subsidised training.</p> <p>This project is for re-building and improving the Pony Club Cross Country Course by refurbishing the cross-country course, purchase new portable cross country fences and materials, also for land improvements to meet appropriate safety standards and make it suitable for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Horse riding • Competitions and training • Extending the current lorry/car park to accommodate vehicles for training and competition • Improve access at the side of the ménage and enable judge's boxes to be installed. • Partition off an area of the clubhouse to incorporate a training lecture room to enable teaching of stable management, horse & pony care and to run various appropriate courses. • Provide cross country training and competition facilities, which are not currently available in the area. <p>This project will provide excellent facilities, increasing membership, therefore enabling the club to provide more young people in the area with education and training on horse care, also practical riding skills.</p> <p>The project will also provide volunteering opportunities for a range of activities around the facilities and for competitions where judges and stewards will be required.</p>
Total Project Cost	<p>£18, 573.24 - Gross</p> <p>£18,573.24</p>

<p>Eligible Capital</p> <p>Eligible Revenue</p> <p>Ineligible Costs</p> <p>Amount and % of grant requested</p> <p>Match funding</p>	<p>£12,500.00 - Work to land and clubhouse £3,854.39 - Portable cross country fences £740.00 - Safety anchors £254.00 - Safety anchor brackets £1,000.00 - Signage for nature trail £224.85 - 15 x Nest boxes</p> <p>Nil</p> <p>Nil</p> <p>£14,858.59 @ 80%</p> <p>£3,714.65 Own funds - secured</p>
<p>Evidence of Need / Community Engagement</p>	<p>The Pony Club is one of the largest and most active equestrian clubs in South West Wales and they have consulted with members and parents via an annual review survey, the feedback highlighted a need for local, accessible and cost-effective cross country training.</p> <p>Consultation has been undertaken with the Area Pony Club representatives, other clubs and individual riders, who are fully supportive of the project.</p> <p>Amman Valley & District Pony Club members have competed successfully at National Level in both Pony Club Competitions and under British Dressage, British Eventing, British Endurance, and British Show Jumping rules.</p> <p>Pony Club members have gone on to represent Great Britain at the Olympic Games as a direct result of the training they have received from their local branches. Many make careers in the equine industry and become Instructors/Coaches, or run other equine businesses such as saddlers, farriers, vets, or run livery yards or riding establishments.</p>
<p>Contributing to the themes of the Fund</p>	<p>Recreation - There is currently no facility for cross country training and eventing competition in the local area which puts Pony Club Members and other local horse riders at a disadvantage when competing against individuals and teams who have access to suitable facilities, and limits the opportunities available to them to try this discipline in a safe and controlled environment.</p> <p>Education - The training/lecture room would enable the club to provide top quality training and education to our members in aspects of horse and pony care and stable management and to achieve the nationally recognised Pony Club Achievement Tests and badges. It also enables them to provide the theoretical content to support the practical skills being developed.</p>

	<p>The training/lecture room would be available to other local groups and organisations who would contribute a small income towards running the Club and provide a much needed education resource.</p> <p>Health - Horse riding contributes significantly to physical and mental health. The club wish to assist the local equestrian community to develop and maintain a good level of fitness for themselves and their horses/ponies by having this excellent facility available.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A 1000 metre cross country running course will also be provided for members to train for the running phase of the Triathlon, and general health and fitness. • There is a high level of social activity with the Pony Club and mentorship by older members of younger members, plus appropriate adults available for support and guidance and to discuss any issues or concerns. • Committee Members and officers have BEF - British Equestrian Federation, Safeguarding Children training and qualifications. <p>Environment - Whilst undertaking the work on the cross-country course environmental works would be undertaken to protect and develop the diversity of flora and fauna on the site. Part of this work would include establishing a wildlife pond and wetland area, planting wild flower meadows, installing nest boxes and habitat piles. They will also install a nature trail which will be available to members, local groups and primary schools, which will be furnished with bilingual signs and information points highlighting environmental features.</p>
Ownership/ Lease	Ownership agreement
Cross Cutting Themes Welsh Language ICT Equal Opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welsh Language Policy • Equal Opportunities Policy • Environmental Policy • Letting Policy
Environmental Sustainability	<p>Environmental impact assessment will be conducted to ensure minimal impact and that species are protected and encouraged All work will be undertaken sympathetically, with a wildlife and nature trail being created. Also nest boxes will be installed strategically around the site with habitat piles created for invertebrates and small mammals.</p>
Roles and responsibilities within organisation	<p>District Commissioner – Draw up tender specifications and collect tender documentation and liaise with contractors before and during the project. Project manage the project.</p> <p>Branch Secretary – Oversee contact with organisations and ensure paper trail.</p> <p>Treasurer – Ensure all tenders/purchases are value for money and fit for purpose and ensure audit trail.</p>

	Records of achievement badges and tests achieved by members by accessing the facilities.
Business Plan/Officer Comments	<p>The Pony Club is a dynamic and growing organisation that provides high quality training, development and competition opportunities to members and other equestrians in the area</p> <p>The provision of a cross country course will bring many people into the area for competitions and training, which will indirectly provide business.</p> <p>The organisation have previously received funding of £27,552.00 in Round 2 and the project was successfully completed in providing an all-weather surface and they also over achieved on stated outputs.</p>
Economic Benefit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of individuals into training/education • Number of individuals into volunteering - 6 • Number of individuals into employment • No of community groups/organisations assisted • Number of social enterprises created • Number of social enterprises supported • Number of full time jobs created • Number of jobs safeguarded - 4 • Public and private leverage funding - £3,714.65
Recommendation	Award - £14,858.59

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Application reference: MYB-17- 13

Project Title	Community Centre Project
Applicant	Penygroes Community Centre
Ward	Penygroes
Project Description/ Community Benefit	<p>The Community Centre is the Old Pavilion located within the park of Penygroes, which has been taken over as an asset transfer from Carmarthenshire County Council, unfortunately, Llandybie Community Council did not want to take on the Pavilion due to the extensive renovation works required, therefore a community group have taken on the asset to save the building being knocked down and to renovate a strategic building for the benefits of the community.</p> <p>The group were formally constituted in February 2017 and are set up as a Registered Charity. The group have been strategically fund raising for a few months, undertaking various events to support this project and to date have raised in excess of £8,000.</p> <p>It is hoped the refurbishment will breathe new life back into the Pavilion and create a vibrant, sustainable facility that will support</p>

	<p>the needs of the Community, also contributing to the Welsh Government strategy of building resilient communities, taking forward their plan of tackling poverty, health and wellbeing and lifelong learning action plan.</p> <p>This project is to renovate the Old Pavilion building in the park to open as a community centre for the village, providing recreational facilities for all ages, incorporating a Community Café and a much needed Youth Club, along with a host of activities as requested by the community, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Luncheon clubs • Educational Classes, • Health & Wellbeing • Welsh Language • First Aid • Keep Fit • Arts & Craft Groups • Brownies & Guides • Information Technology • Cultural Events <p>The project is to preserve a building for future generations whilst creating a flexible space suitable for a wide variety of much needed activities for the people of Penygroes. There are currently very few activities available in the Community and nowhere for groups to meet, even though the village is growing rapidly, with a population of over 3,000 with an estimated 800-1000 children.</p> <p>The project will provide jobs & training opportunities which will be sustained by the Community Centre. The project will bring the Community together and provide activities to support social inclusion and wellbeing for the Community.</p>
Total Project Cost	£41,000.00
Eligible Capital	£28,000.00 £20,000 - Building Renovations £8,000.00 - Fixtures & Fittings
Eligible Revenue	£13,000.00 £12,000 - Staff & Salary £400.00 - Heating & Lighting £300.00 - Stationary £300.00 - Marketing
Ineligible Costs	Nil
Amount and % of grant requested	£15,000.00 @ 36.6%
Match funding	£26,000.00 £8,250.00 – Own funds secured from fundraising events £4,000.00 – CCC transfer grant applied

	<p>£250.00 – Applied Warburton's</p> <p>£13,000.00 – Applied Targeted Finance Fund</p>
<p>Evidence of Need / Community Engagement</p>	<p>The group have consulted with the community and have had very positive feedback, along with full support off the local County Councillors and the Community Council.</p> <p>Comment sheets and verbal consultation sessions have identified the need for the cafe facility, also regular activities and events for all age groups.</p> <p>The local community would welcome a “Community Hub” which is currently lacking and also expressed concern that there was nowhere for youngsters to go to in the evenings.</p> <p>There is significant interest as a result of positive articles appearing in the local press and media. Proposals are a talking point in the community and the level of support has increased with high number of enquiries being made regarding the future of the Pavilion.</p>
<p>Contributing to the themes of the Fund</p>	<p>Recreation - The Centre will become a meeting place for community members in the cafe and also provide a greater number of events and activities, also performances.</p> <p>Education - A series of community educational classes will be programmed.</p> <p>Energy efficiency/Sustainability - Making the heating system more efficient to reduce running costs, this along with starting to trade in the community cafe will help move towards sustainability.</p> <p>Culture - Programmed of events will include cultural performances and heritage talks.</p>
<p>Ownership/ Lease</p>	<p>Lease agreement</p>
<p>Cross Cutting Themes Welsh Language ICT Equal Opportunities</p> <p>Environmental Sustainability</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welsh Language Policy • Equal Opportunities Policy • Environmental Policy • Letting Policy <p>The Community Centre will follow its Environmental Policy, waste will be kept to a minimum and all that can, will be recycled.</p> <p>They are currently researching the most energy efficient way to heat the building.</p>
<p>Roles and responsibilities within organisation</p>	<p>The project will be run and managed by our project manager, who has 20 years' experience in running businesses, HR and also is just completing a master's degree in social studies.</p> <p>The project will then be over seen by the Trustee's, which are 6 local people with a range of experience including a local councillor and community councillor that meet monthly. The project also has further committee members that form a fundraising team and a youth committee.</p>

	An annual general meeting will be held, The manager will manage accounts using sage that will be over seen by a local accountant.
Mapping of service/ facility within the area	<p>There is no other venue in the community that provides a café, Youth Centre and regular activity of events. The Centre will be accessible to all and there is no other similar facility within the area, therefore no duplication of services.</p> <p>The new facility will provide greater flexibility for the community and will not duplicate any other provision within the area due to close links with other organisations.</p>
Exit strategy	To sustain the investment the committee will be responsible for implementing a long term maintenance plan for the facilities and promoting a positive long term dedicated use.
Outputs to be achieved Monitoring and Evaluation of outputs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New volunteers – 22 • Jobs created – 6-8 • New services available – 8-10 • New community assets – 3 <p>The project will be monitored at monthly meetings by the Trustee Committee members where updates, accounts and development plans will be discussed.</p> <p>Volunteers will have an induction with records and will include 1st aid training and DBS policy checks. Their hours of volunteering will be recorded and a minimum number of hours per month will be required.</p>
Business Plan/Officer Comments	<p>The group are working extremely hard in delivering this project for the benefit of the community, who are fully supportive and to date they have recruited 20 volunteers in assisting with fund raising events and who have volunteered their time to assist with the renovation of the building, wherever possible.</p> <p>As a new enterprise the group have the full support of the community, local Cllr's and businesses', Starbucks are supporting by providing free coffee supplies for every fundraising event to date and in the future.</p> <p>This is the first phase of the project to enable the centre to open this year, with the second phase seeking external funding from WREN and others in bringing the building into a fit for purpose facility for the whole and wider community.</p> <p>The refurbishment will allow the centre to be a focal point, a community hub of activity.</p> <p>No previous funding has been received.</p>
Economic Benefit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of individuals into training/education • Number of individuals into volunteering - 22 • Number of individuals into employment

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No of community groups/organisations assisted - 1 • Number of social enterprises created - 1 • Number of social enterprises supported • Number of full time jobs created - 6 • Number of jobs safeguarded • Public and private leverage funding - £26,000.00
Recommendation	Award - £15,000.00

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Application reference: MYB-17-15

Project Title	Community Centre Hall Furniture
Applicant	Cwmaman Town Council
Ward	Glanaman
Project Description/ Community Benefit	<p>The Centre was transferred to Cwmaman Town Council and since the asset transfer they have employed a dedicated development office and a centre manager to help reinvigorate the facility and a result of the work they have undertaken the footfall has increased to over 250 people using the centre on a weekly basis for a variety of courses and activities.</p> <p>It is the centre's intention to provide community performance events during the year, also scheduling a range of monthly and weekly events designed to give all residents a chance to come together in a community venue to socialise and enjoy themselves; in a healthy and affordable way and in order to achieve this it is important for them to have suitable furniture that is both comfortable and durable.</p> <p>There is currently a limited amount of furniture available but these are in a poor condition and they currently rely on other organisations to loan them furniture which is time consuming, cumbersome and often not always available</p> <p>This project is to purchase essential new tables and chairs in order to develop a space where people can come together as a community and celebrate key events throughout the year. Also to purchase much needed play equipment for the newly formed Plant Y Cwm play group.</p> <p>The benefits for the wider community are significant as residents will have opportunities to engage in cultural and artistic events which will provide a catalyst for the development of the local creative, educational, cultural and arts economies. Other benefits to the community include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants will have the ability to improve their education which will in turn lead to better employment opportunities. • People suffering from mental health issues will be

	<p>encouraged to access stress relieving courses and activities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free Wi-Fi access and access to computer equipment. • Access to a range of affordable and diverse exercise activities to suit all ages and abilities which will improve health and wellbeing. • Working closely with the community to ensure that the Centre develops courses/activities to suit the wider community.
<p>Total Project Cost</p> <p>Eligible Capital</p> <p>Eligible Revenue</p> <p>Ineligible Costs</p> <p>Amount and % of grant requested</p> <p>Match funding</p>	<p>£11,247.74 - Gross</p> <p>£11,247.74</p> <p>£7,198.00 – 200 stacking banquet chairs £2,062.80 – 20 folding tables £778.32 – 6 Adjustable toddler tables £872.64 – 36 Toddler chairs £335.98 – Children’s Lego table</p> <p>Nil</p> <p>Nil</p> <p>£8,998.19 @ 80%</p> <p>£2,249.55 Cwmaman Town Council - secured</p>
Evidence of Need / Community Engagement	<p>An online and hardcopy survey of community members was undertaken with over whelming support for the project along with suggestions for additional requirements and services provided by the Centre.</p> <p>Aside from this recent data they regularly receive feedback from users of the centre and from local residents who continually request improved furniture.</p> <p>Individual letters of support have been received from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr. Pauline Barker – Cwmamman Town Council • Vice Chairman – Royal British Legion • Sarah Martin – Chair of Cwmaman Gardening Club • Fran Griffin – St. Trainians School for dogs • Nigel Jerret – Town Councillor • Sarah Jones – Menter Bro Dinefwr • Derith Powell MBE – Community Development Specialist
Contributing to the themes of the Fund	<p><u>Recreation and Culture</u></p> <p>The benefits for the wider community are significant as residents will have opportunities to engage in cultural and artistic events which will provide a catalyst for the development of the local creative, educational, cultural and arts economies.</p>

	<p>The centre are working closely with Menter Bro Dinefwr to help support the newly established Plant y Cwm Welsh Language play group in order to increase the use of the Welsh Language in the locality, promoting culture and heritage is vital to connect with the community in order to lesson social isolation and develop social cohesion.</p> <p><u>Education:</u> The Centre currently hosts a range of educational classes but intend to develop this further.</p> <p><u>Health:</u> The Centre hosts a thriving older persons group at the centre who regularly use the hall and as older people want to retain their independence and health for as long as possible and frailty and dependence should not be seen as an inevitable part of growing older. Community services are not luxuries, they are essential to the maintenance of older people's health, independence and wellbeing and being able to get out and about, access online information, develop new skills and have social contact are key determinants of health and wellbeing.</p> <p>In a similar way, classes run at community venues will offer the potential for positive health impacts. These impacts may be direct benefits associated with physical activity or individual-level contribution to social capital and wellbeing or more indirect notions of neighbourhood social capital.</p> <p><u>Sustainability</u> In order to ensure that the hall is fully sustainable for future generations it is important to ensure that good foundations are implemented from the start. New hall furniture will provide a safer and more attractable space which will attract new members of the community. This will mean that the Centre can charge for events and activities which will be used to support the sustainability of the centre.</p>
Ownership/ Lease	Asset transfer lease agreement
Cross Cutting Themes Welsh Language ICT Equal Opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welsh Language Policy • Equal Opportunities Policy • Environmental Policy • Letting Policy
Environmental Sustainability	The Community Centre has an active Environmental Policy which is strictly adhered to. Where possible all materials used will be sourced from an environmentally sustainable source and will be capable of being recycled at the end of their useful life.
Roles and responsibilities within organisation	Maria Davies in consultation with the Management Group will be responsible for the delivery of the project, the management of volunteers and activities of the Centre.

	<p>Cwmaman Town Council will be responsible for the financial management of the project as they already have robust financial procedures and governance in place and the community council is adept and experienced at administering grants.</p>
<p>Mapping of service/facility within the area</p>	<p>The local community have more than welcomed a Community Hub and it is not duplicating any other services within the area, but providing services and activities where they did not exist previously.</p> <p>They also intend to utilise the Community Information Hub service to advertise and promote other volunteering opportunities provided by other organisations; both locally and elsewhere across the region.</p>
<p>Exit strategy</p>	<p>The Management Group see community volunteering as a mutually beneficial experience and on the part of the volunteer it allows for increased socialising opportunities, skills development, employability and sense of well-being and achievement, whilst also helping to increase and release individual capacity.</p> <p>With the distinct lack of 3rd sector presence within the community and the variety of issues where volunteers can make a real difference, volunteering will allow people to practice their skills with support which will increase their confidence whilst providing value to their community.</p> <p>In recognition of this we intend to support each volunteer through a package of training and they also intend to utilise the Community Information Hub service to advertise and promote other volunteering opportunities provided by other organisations; both locally and elsewhere across the region.</p>
<p>Outputs to be achieved</p> <p>Monitoring and Evaluation of outputs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New volunteers – 4+ • Number of new services available – 6+ • New community assets – 263 <p>This project will be measured through a comparison of courses/activities/events that are currently provided at the centre and those provided, made feasible, post-development. This will be monitored in partnership with the education providers and other organisations we will be working with.</p> <p>Volunteers will be closely monitored through monthly supervision and will be offered training where additional skill set is required. Evidence will be available through induction records, time sheets, supervision records and training records.</p>
<p>Business Plan/Officer Comments</p>	<p>Cwmaman Town Council has received the Community Centre by way of an asset transfer, which has placed significant pressure on the finances of the council with the need to increase their precept significantly.</p> <p>It is therefore necessary for the Council to seek grant funding</p>

	<p>to assist in the proposed development works, refurbishment of the run down facility.</p> <p>Previously awarded £ 6,672.00 in Round 4 for the provision of a computer suite, which has successfully been completed.</p>
Economic Benefit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of individuals into training/education - 20 • Number of individuals into volunteering - 4 • Number of individuals into employment • No of community groups/organisations assisted - 10 • Number of social enterprises created • Number of social enterprises supported • Number of full time jobs created • Number of jobs safeguarded • Public and private leverage funding - £2,249.55
Recommendation	Award - £8,998.19