

WELSH CHURCH FUND 2016- 2017

Balance Available: £61,443.62

Report Value: £3,000.00

Application Reference – WCF- 15 - 45

Project Title	CMI Community Resilience and Nature Park Proposal
Applicant	Cambrian Mountains Initiative CIC
Project Description	<p>This is part of a bigger project to be supported by the RDP, crossing the three counties of Carmarthenshire, Ceredigion and Powys, and operating in communities within the Cambrian Mountains. The RDP will fund 80% of the costs of the project, and we are looking to find the remainder. We have support from all three local authorities, and other organisations detailed above have agreed to assist financially.</p> <p>It is widely recognised that rural resilience is an issue that needs to be addressed in an inclusive way to help deliver long term solutions. We know our young people are leaving our communities, local services are under threat and businesses struggle. This project will fund a full-time project officer and a part-time support worker to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build and support the Cambrian Mountains as a 'destination' thus improving tourism within the area, • Work within local communities and with businesses to build the economy of the area in a sustainable way that benefits from and supports the culture and landscape of the area, and exploit the benefits to be gained by communities working together across the Cambrians • Carry out a series of Community Visioning Events to devise a programme of development activity • Build enthusiasm and a development plan for establishing the area as a Nature Park or similar, to improve the recognition of the area and give it a 'brand'. <p>The expression of interest for the RDP has been included with the application, which gives more detail about the project.</p>
Total Project Cost	£387,750.00
Eligible Capital	£3,000.00 Office equipment to include laptop,ipad,phone,stationery,files,desk and chairs
Eligible Revenue	£384,750.00 £135,000 – Staffing for 3 years £20,250.00 – Overheads 15% salary £30,000.00 – Web, software, communications, social media, marketing £10,000.00 – Meetings and stakeholder participation £30,000.00 – Line management in kind match funding £15,000.00 – Travel and subsistence £3,500.00 – HR, recruitment

Ineligible Costs	<p>£3,000.00 – Training skills development £60,000.00 – Feasibility studies, developing project/business ideas £78,000.00 – External monitoring, accountancy, audit, evaluation, administrative and operational support Nil</p>
Cllr and Officer Consultations Undertaken	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Cefin A Campbell • Cllr Ieuan W Davies • Cllr Ivor J Jackson • Cllr Linda Davies Evans • Cllr Mansel Charles • Cllr Thomas Theophilus • Cllr J Erwyn Williams • Ceredigion County Council • Pembrokeshire County Council • Carmarthenshire County Council • Welsh Government • Natural Resources Wales • Community Councils • Elan Valley Trust • Visit Wales
Ownership/ Lease Funding Package	Not Applicable
Value of Community Investment	£387,750.00
Amount and % of grant requested	£3,000.00 @ 0.77%
Value of Levered Funds	<p>£384,750.00 £291,000.00 – RCDF Applied £30,000.00 – Own funds Ceredigion County Council Pembrokeshire County Council Additional external funding to be applied</p>
Economic Benefit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of individuals into training/education – • Number of individuals into volunteering - 360 • Number of individuals into employment • Number of community groups assisted - 8 • Number of social enterprises created - • Number of social enterprises supported - • Number of full time jobs created - • Number of jobs safeguarded - 20 • Public and private leverage funding - £384,750.00
Officer Comments	
Officer Recommendation	Award - £3,000.00
Subject to	All project costs being secured