

**Mynydd y Betws Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund
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Application reference: MYB-24-01

Project Title	Inclusive Play Equipment for Maesquarre Playground
Applicant	Betws Community Council
Ward	BETWS
Project Description/ Community Benefit	<p>Betws Community Council has 2 playgrounds, unfortunately, there is no specific disabled friendly play equipment in either of the parks. The Community Council has been contacted by parents of children with disabilities and members of the public requesting suitable play equipment. The new equipment will enable all children to play together in the same playground.</p> <p>Over the last year, a lot of the play equipment at Maesquarre park has come to the end of its life and has been removed. It is essential the equipment is replaced as soon as possible to meet the needs of the local community.</p> <p>The park acts as a focal point for the community and provides a meeting area for grandparents, parents, and children. Lots of parents travel to other areas to use park facilities which have a more varied function. Therefore, better facilities locally will ensure less travel and help reduce the village's carbon footprint.</p> <p>Betws Community Council strongly believe that children with different abilities should be able to play in the same playground. Currently there is limited equipment that can achieve this goal within Betws.</p>
Total Project Cost	£15,317 – Net
Eligible Capital	£15,317 Disability playground equipment
Amount and % of grant requested	£12,253 @ 80%
Match funding	£3,064 - own funds secured

Contributing to the themes of the Fund	Health, Recreation, Environment, Education, Energy Efficiency/Sustainability and Culture
Officer Comments	<p>The project contributes to all themes of the fund.</p> <p>Significant community consultation has been undertaken with the community which identified the need to install disability friendly play equipment.</p> <p>Carmarthenshire County Council's Wellbeing Objective 1, Best Start in Life, states '<i>... ensure that children with complex needs and disabilities and their families get the right support to enable them to participate as fully as possible in their communities</i>'.</p>
Economic Benefit/Outputs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of individuals into volunteering - 4 • No of community groups/organisations assisted - 1 • New services available – 1 • New community assets - 1 • Public and private leverage funding - £3,064
Panel Recommendation	Award - £12,253

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Application reference: MYB-24-02

Project Title	Little Acorns
Applicant	Garnant Family Centre
Ward	GARNANT
Project Description/Community Benefit	<p>The project is to provide a new weekly session at the Family Centre to build families confidence in the outside world. Through recreation, education and by increasing knowledge, confidence and skills a family's resilience would be increased.</p> <p>The activities and support provided would be free of charge which prevents barriers to people accessing the services. The families that attend always face several challenges however these challenges have become more difficult as they have less access to professional support due to the pressures on public services. Many families are still struggling with the aftermath of the pandemic and the cost-of-living crisis and the centre is coming across an increase in mental health issues such as depression and anxiety.</p> <p>The Centre is based in is a former council house in the middle of a large estate of social housing. The Centre has a second site which is a short distance from the main centre, with a</p>

	<p>Community Garden and Ecolodge which provides an indoor room with a kitchen as well as a covered outside area.</p> <p>The Family Centre has a yard measuring 27ft by 39ft, which has been covered in playground tarmac for over 12 years, it is now covered with moss, has plants growing through it and is in a poor state of repair. There is also an dilapidated shed.</p> <p>The grant funding is to remove the tarmac, clear the shed and to provide a new playground surface. The improvements will provide a safe outdoor area for the children and families.</p>
<p>Total Project Cost</p> <p>Eligible Capital</p> <p>Amount and % of grant requested</p> <p>Match funding</p>	<p>£11,618 – Gross</p> <p>£11,618 Playground Tarmac</p> <p>£9,294 @ 80%</p> <p>£2,324 - own funds secured</p>
<p>Contributing to the themes of the Fund</p>	<p>Recreation, Education & Health</p>
<p>Officer Comments</p>	<p>The Family Centre provides essential services within the community. This project will enable additional outdoor sessions, transforming an unusable space into a safe outdoor area for children and their families.</p> <p>Good evidence of need provided, and the group has a successful track record of project delivery, with significant benefits to the community.</p> <p>Consultation evidence has been provided, also contributes to more than one theme of the fund.</p>
<p>Economic Benefit/Outputs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No of community groups/organisations assisted - 1 • New services available – 1 • Environmental Improvement Schemes - 1 • Public and private leverage funding - £2,324
<p>Panel Recommendation</p>	<p>Award - £9,294</p>

Application reference: MYB-24-03

Project Title	Youth & Heritage Project
Applicant	Ammanford Town Silver Band
Ward	AMMANFORD
Project Description/ Community Benefit	<p>The band wishes to increase the membership of the Junior band through the purchase of a new suite of brass instruments and mute accessories for children. Brass bands in general across the UK have declined significantly since the pandemic, in particular the membership of young people has dropped. They provide free tuition and instruments to children in the area – this removes the significant financial obstacle involved around learning a new musical instrument, they feel very strongly about being inclusive to all.</p> <p>They are also keen to re-introduce much of the heritage and history back into the recently refurbished self-funded band room, by a visual design and display onto the walls using recently scanned and digitised photographs, many dating back almost 100 years.</p> <p>Also, some minor improvements including a large wall mounted logo/sign and window blinds and new chairs for the Junior band planned growth.</p> <p>The Senior band is very fortunate to have a full complement of players and instruments which was supported by the Mynydd y Betws Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund many years ago.</p> <p>The organisation can only be sustained by attracting new interested youngsters into the pastime and removing as many obstacles as possible to the players and families.</p>
Total Project Cost	£13,343
Eligible Capital	£13,343
Amount and % of grant requested.	Instruments & equipment £10,674 @ 80%
Match funding	£2,669 - own funds secured
Contributing to the themes of the Fund	Culture
Officer Comments	<p>Increasing the Junior membership of the band will sustain the organisation which provides an excellent provision to the local and wider community, covering a wide geographical area.</p> <p>Evidence of good governance and successful track record of project delivery with a very strong management group.</p>

	Due to the decrease of brass bands, it is essential to encourage youngsters to play and increase membership, the application has provided significant evidence of need and support for this project.
Economic Benefit/Outputs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of individuals into volunteering - 3 • No of community groups/organisations assisted -1 • New community assets – 10 • Physical Improvements - 1 • Public and private leverage funding - £2,669
Panel Recommendation	Award - £10,674

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Application reference: MYB-24-04

Project Title	Ammanford AFC Water and Sewerage
Applicant	Ammanford AFC
Ward	AMMANFORD
Project Description/Community Benefit	<p>The club installed the cabin in 2018, with it being refurbished in 2019. In the past 5 years the club has explored the best avenue to obtain water/sewerage and despite initially looking into a closer route, this has been impossible as the current water/sewerage line runs under the train line and is unable to accommodate any additional loads. The club has attempted to seek permission; however, this has not been possible. This issue has cost the club thousands already in legal costs.</p> <p>Permission has finally been agreed for the installation of a water and sewerage line from a cabin at the home ground, to the mains on Penybank Road. The work will require a 170m dig (110m of grass, 60m of tarmac), with the installation of a 50mm water pipe, including a pumping station, as well as a 150mm sewerage pipe. Contractors will complete the dig and installation, with Welsh Water completing the connection to the mains.</p> <p>Through obtaining an independent water/sewerage line to Penybank Road, this would ensure no conflict of interest and independence to improve the facilities to the best of the club's ability.</p> <p>The Jac Lewis Foundation are unable to use the facility in winter months due to the lack of suitable toilets. Since its creation, the JLF has provided free counselling services to over 4,000 clients.</p>

	<p>The lack of water also means that training of other mental health counsellors is unable to take place at the venue, meaning much needed services are not offered in the Ammanford area at the moment.</p> <p>The Jac Lewis Foundation will be able to engage with additional referrals for the service by enabling them to use the facility throughout the year.</p>
<p>Total Project Cost</p> <p>Eligible Capital</p> <p>Amount and % of grant requested</p> <p>Match funding</p>	<p>£22,283 - Gross</p> <p>£22,283 Essential services connection</p> <p>£15,000 @ 67.3%</p> <p>£7,283 - own fund secured</p>
<p>Contributing to the themes of the Fund</p>	<p>Health and Recreation</p>
<p>Officer Comments</p>	<p>A much-needed provision, especially for the Jac Lewis Foundation. They provide free counselling services to those in need and with continued increased referrals being able to provide essential support throughout the year will make a tremendous difference.</p> <p>Significant support has been provided, and the long-awaited service connections will provide a great impact to the community with the facility being able to meet increased demand.</p> <p>Strong evidence of need along with community consultation has been provided with the application, contributing to more than one theme of the fund.</p>
<p>Economic Benefit/Outputs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of individuals into volunteering - 5 • No of community groups/organisations assisted - 1 • Number of jobs safeguarded - 3 • New services available - 2 • Public and private leverage funding - £7,283
<p>Panel Recommendation</p>	<p>Award - £15,000</p>

Application reference: MYB-24-06

Project Title	External Refurbishment
Applicant	Moriah Presbyterian Church of Wales, Brynaman
Ward	CWARTER BACH
Project Description/ Community Benefit	<p>This is an external refurbishment programme to improve access into the building as there are currently health and safety issues which are major barriers to accessibility. There are numerous complaints as the surface has become uneven because of heavy rains washing away the finer surface. This currently limits the use of the facility and inhibits growth.</p> <p>Evening weekly sessions in the winter have had to be cancelled, also it has not been safe to hold the winter youth club as outdoor lighting must be improved. Meetings were arranged following the various covid lockdowns and they improved the wellbeing of those attending. Many people benefitted greatly and there is an urgency to re-start.</p> <p>Family services attract a very good number of young families. This is the only chapel in the village which has this popular arrangement but it is now impossible to use pushchairs and the elderly need assistance in walking safely.</p> <p>There is also a green area, they wish to provide a seating area for visitors to the cemetery and also improve the aesthetics with planters. Many former members no longer live in the village but return regularly with flowers and sprucing up the area will make their visit far more pleasant.</p> <p>This area will be used for children's activities in the summer, plans to arrange BBQs. Due to the proximity to Ysgol Brynaman the school is allowed use of the building and a letter from the headteacher outlines the details.</p> <p>The chapel is an ideal venue for local concerts and with a smaller capacity than Brynaman Public Hall which seats over 800 people, a smaller venue is often required. Letters of support are included from Côr Meibion Dyffryn Aman and Lleisiau'r Cwm. Cymdeithasau Capeli Brynaman are also supporting as it is an ideal venue for their cultural events.</p>
Total Project Cost	£19,654 – Gross
Eligible Capital	£19,654 External refurbishment/composite benches/painting & solar lighting
Amount and % of grant requested	£14,000 @ 71.2%
Match funding	£5,654

	£2,654 – own funds secured £3,000 – Welsh Church Fund – to be secured
Contributing to the themes of the Fund	Recreation, Education, Health, Environment, Energy Efficiency/Sustainability and Culture
Officer Comments	<p>The facility attracts a very good number of young families, which has been evidenced within the application and letters of support provided.</p> <p>Completing the external refurbishment is essential to the users of the facility, which will increase the services and activities, also the number of users, due to the physical improvements of the project, especially in the winter months.</p> <p>Strong support for the project has been provided, also contributes to all themes of the fund.</p>
Economic Benefit/Outputs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of individuals into volunteering - 12 • No of community groups/organisations assisted - 1 • New services available - 3 • New community assets - 4 • Public and private leverage funding - £5,654
Panel Recommendation	Award - £14,000 Subject to – match funding

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Application reference: MYB-24-08

Project Title	Centre Refurbishment
Applicant	The Black Mountain Centre
Ward	CWARTER BACH
Project Description/ Community Benefit	<p>The Black Mountain Centre is situated at the foot of the Black Mountain and is ideally placed to provide information to tourists visiting Carmarthenshire. The Centre has a tourist information area; this however needs to be upgraded to improve the professional look of the Centre and area.</p> <p>At present, the information point is not visible to customers and does not fulfil its purpose. This project will allow to upgrade the facilities at the Centre giving a better, and safer experience for visitors and tourists, which will include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bespoke display / storage cupboards - £800 • Café tables & Chairs - £10,649.53 • Painting throughout - £7,355 • Restroom refurbishment - £4,789.97

	<p>The Centre plays a key role in community life for residents of Brynaman and surrounding area therefore it is imperative they continue to offer a first-class service.</p> <p>As well as playing a key role in community life the Centre offers a wealth of facilities for visitors and business customers throughout the year including: Tourist Information, home-cooked food, free WiFi, interesting Heritage displays, Gallery, and Conference rooms. The Centre has everything to offer at the heart of Carmarthenshire. All these income generating facilities assist the Centre to achieve sustainability and any profit made is gift aided back into community activities.</p> <p>This project will create a more welcoming / safer environment and by improving the facilities this will increase business and profitability to work towards a more sustainable future.</p>
<p>Total Project Cost</p> <p>Eligible Capital</p> <p>Amount and % of grant requested</p> <p>Match funding</p>	<p>£23,594.50 – Net</p> <p>£23,594.50 Refurbishments costs</p> <p>£15,000 @ 63.6%</p> <p>£8,594.50 - own funds secured</p>
<p>Contributing to the themes of the Fund</p>	<p>Recreation, Education, Health, Environment/Energy Efficiency, Sustainability and Culture</p>
<p>Officer Comments</p>	<p>An excellent provision within Brynamman, the hub of the community, providing essential services to all, contributing to all themes of the fund.</p> <p>Significant community benefit to many target groups, with satisfactory evidence of need, with ongoing community consultation undertaken on a regular basis.</p> <p>Evidence of good governance and successful track record of project delivery, strong management group, evidence of financial sustainability in place.</p>
<p>Economic Benefit/Outputs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of individuals into volunteering - 2 • No of community groups/organisations assisted - 1 • Number of jobs safeguarded - 12 • Physical Improvements - 3 • Environmental Improvement Schemes - 1 • Public and private leverage funding - £8,594.50
<p>Panel Recommendation</p>	<p>Award - £15,000</p>

Application reference: MYB-24-09

Project Title	Tycroes Rugby Floodlights
Applicant	Clwb Rygbi Tycroes RFC Ltd
Ward	TYCROES
Project Description/ Community Benefit	<p>Tycroes RFC are in their 114th year, a community rugby club run entirely by volunteers and an integral part of the village for so much more than rugby. The RFC is a community hub for residents, offering many volunteering roles for people to participate other than playing of sport and also host many local community organisations at the club.</p> <p>They currently run 2 adult men's teams and 6 junior teams (over 90 junior players are registered), and next year for the 1st time in several years they have a women's team. Currently there are up to 30 ladies training every week. The ladies' team has its 1st friendly fixture starting on 1st June 2024.</p> <p>They have 2 full size pitches but no working floodlights making it impossible to provide adequate sport training facilities for the huge growing participation numbers. They need to provide training provision for all sections of the club including the new ladies team.</p> <p>The RFC need to have training lights installed that conform to the safety standards laid down by the WRU, this will ensure all using the facility are able to train in safety.</p>
Total Project Cost	£63,779 – Net
Eligible Capital	£63,779
Amount and % of grant requested	New floodlights, groundworks, installation £15,000 @ 23.5%
Match funding	£48,779 Sport Wales – decision imminent
Contributing to the themes of the Fund	Recreation, Health and Culture
Officer Comments	<p>Good community benefit, contributing to more than one theme of the fund.</p> <p>The application has provided evidence of need with strong community consultation and evidencing the increased registered players.</p> <p>Evidence of good governance and successful track record of project delivery, fully supported by Sport Wales and WRU.</p>
Economic Benefit/Outputs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of individuals into volunteering - 8 • No of community groups/organisations assisted - 1

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New services available - 1 • New community assets – 1 • Physical Improvements – 1 • Environmental Improvement Scheme - 1 • Public and private leverage funding - £48,779
Panel Recommendation	Award - £15,000

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Application reference: MYB-24-10

Project Title	Re-surfacing Tennis Court
Applicant	Llandybie Community Council
Ward	LLANDYBIE
Project Description/ Community Benefit	<p>In its drive to encourage a healthier lifestyle and more community engagement Llandybie Community Council hopes to maximise usage at the tennis courts by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investing financially into the long-term security of park tennis courts, resurfacing, repainting, and repairing existing facilities for local people to enjoy. • Creating local opportunities to get involved in tennis through affordable and free tennis products, programmes and activities run by local coaches, promoting general play to open tennis in the Ward and in-conjunction Ammanford and Llandeilo. <p>Insight shows that people often feel park tennis courts are poorly maintained and that they do not know how to book and pay for the courts.</p> <p>The Community Council (lease holders of the Tennis Courts) are working with Llandybie Tennis Club to rejuvenate tennis in the village in conjunction with the new Coaching Business called Ace Coaching and the backing of Tennis Wales as part of a regional drive within Llandybie, Ammanford and Llandeilo to encourage more participation sport among young people. The club will further look to promote men and women’s tennis of all ages as a community and wellbeing hub.</p> <p>The tennis court needs a new playing surface to maintain the standard needed to retain its membership of the Tennis League and Tennis Wales and as a safe playing surface for people of all ages on non-club nights and match plays.</p>
Total Project Cost	£50,659 – Net
Eligible Capital	£50,659

Amount and % of grant requested	Re-surfacing of tennis court £15,000 @ 29.6%
Match funding	£30,659 £20,000 – Tennis Wales – to be secured £10,659 – own funds secured
Contributing to the themes of the Fund	Health, Recreation, Environment, Education, Energy Efficiency/Sustainability and Culture
Officer Comments	Contributions to more than one theme and good community benefit, also robust evidence of financial sustainability in place. Sufficient community consultation and evidence of need provided by the letters of support received, especially engaging with the local school, encouraging youngsters to participate. Fully supported by Tennis Wales, providing Ace Coaching to rejuvenate tennis within the community.
Economic Benefit/Outputs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of individuals into volunteering - 30 • No of community groups/organisations assisted - 1 • New services available - 1 • New community assets – 1 • Physical Improvements - 1 • Public and private leverage funding - £30,659
Panel Recommendation	Award - £15,000 Subject to – securing match funding

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Application reference: MYB-24-12

Project Title	Safety & Football Stop Netting
Applicant	Cwmamman United AFC
Ward	Glanamman
Project Description/Community Benefit	<p>This project is to erect high safety and football stop netting behind both the goals on both pitches at the bank end of the ground. This will prevent footballs from the grounds being kicked into the steep banking and the dense shrubbery behind the goals which happens several times every match.</p> <p>This will deliver several benefits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure improved safety of the adults or children that will regularly go looking for the ball in the high uneven, thick foliage etc.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This can be a particular benefit during evening floodlit matches or evening training as the danger and difficulty increases in the dark bank areas behind the goals. • Protect the approx. 100 trees behind the goals planted earlier in the year as part of the Grenig Park sustainability programme. Their tree planting partners advised them not to attempt to clear any areas. • Improve the quality of the matches through reduced stoppages increasing the enjoyment and wellbeing of participants. • Deliver long term financial benefit through reduced or lost footballs not needing replacement.
Total Project Cost Eligible Capital Amount and % of grant requested Match funding	<p style="text-align: center;">£2,491 – Net</p> <p style="text-align: center;">£2,491 Materials, equipment & Installation</p> <p style="text-align: center;">£2,242 @ 90%</p> <p style="text-align: center;">£249.00 - own funds secured</p>
Contributing to the themes of the Fund	Recreation, Health and Environment
Officer Comments	<p>Contributes to more than one theme, satisfactory evidence of need with sufficient community consultation provided.</p> <p>Evidence of good governance and successful track record of project delivery with a strong management group.</p> <p>A small amount of funded requested which will have a significant safety impact.</p>
Economic Benefit/Outputs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of individuals into volunteering - 3 • No of community groups/organisations assisted - 1 • New services available - 1 • Physical Improvements – 2 • New community assets - 1 • Public and private leverage funding - £249
Panel Recommendation	Award - £2,242

Application reference: MYB-24-13

Project Title	Community Hall Enhancement
Applicant	Cwmamman Town Council
Ward	GARNANT
Project Description/ Community Benefit	<p>Cwmaman Town Council seeks funding to enhance Neuadd y Bannau, transforming it from a former workshop into a versatile community hall. This project aims to create a safe, accessible, and functional space for various local groups, including girl guiding groups, youth clubs, the local choir and the gardening club.</p> <p>Key elements of the project include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electrical Upgrades: Resolve existing electrical issues to ensure safety and compliance with regulations. • New Flooring: Install safe, durable flooring throughout the hall. • Bathroom Enhancements: Treat dry rot, plaster walls, and install a new sink unit to make the bathroom compliant with disability standards. • Internal and External Redecoration: Refresh and redecorate both the interior and exterior of the building to create a welcoming environment. <p>The grant will enable them to complete Phase 1 of the project ensuring the building is ready for community use and can support a wide range of activities.</p>
Total Project Cost	£14,980 – Net
Eligible Capital	£14,980
Amount and % of grant requested	New flooring, electrical work, internal & external painting £11,984 @ 80%
Match funding	£2,996 - own funds secured
Contributing to the themes of the Fund	Recreation, Education and Energy Efficiency
Officer Comments	<p>Contributes to more than one theme, with considerable community benefit to a wider geographical area and several target groups.</p> <p>Good evidence of need provided which doesn't duplicate existing facilities in the locality.</p> <p>Evidence of good governance and successful track record of project delivery.</p>

<p>Economic Benefit/Outputs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No of community groups/organisations assisted - 1 • New services available - 1 • New community assets – 1 • Physical Improvements - 1 • Public and private leverage funding - £2,996
<p>Panel Recommendation</p>	<p>Award - £11,984</p>