

Carmarthenshire Fund



Funding criteria: community and voluntary organisations

The Carmarthenshire Fund provides support to the following themes:

- groups and organisations working to tackle poverty and isolation including fuel poverty and rural issues
- projects that work with the older generation to minimise loneliness
- groups and organisations that support the farming industry
- projects that help people with poor mental health to build confidence and resilience to broaden their horizons
- projects that will work to improve and raise the aspirations of disadvantaged children and young people

Grants available

Local community groups, charities and projects can apply for grants of between £500 and £2,000 a year for up to three years.

Who can apply?

Charities, not for profit groups and organisations running projects and activities in and around Carmarthenshire for the benefit of their local community (e.g. after school clubs, young farmers groups, luncheon clubs, memory cafes, befriending services etc.).



How to apply?

Applicants must complete an online application form which can be accessed via our website.

Please note:

- Grants will not be awarded retrospectively i.e. for costs incurred before receipt of our grant offer letter, and the signed terms and conditions have been returned.
- Grants are not available to support fundraising for other groups and charities.
- Grants must be fully spent within one year of receipt of our offer letter.
- The application must show a clear need for financial support, financial hardship or additional support needs.

For more information, visit www.communityfoundationwales.org.uk

Multiple Year Funding

We recognise how important it is for groups to be able to plan for the future and that having secure funding can give you the confidence and reassurance to develop your project over the long-term. The Carmarthenshire Fund now offers groups the opportunity to apply for multi-year funding of up to 3 years but will also continue to offer 1 year project or small capital item funding.

We hope to be able to make at least **one three-year grant per year**. To be considered for a three-year grant please complete the additional section of the application form indicating how you plan to develop your project over the period of funding being applied for. Your application will still be considered for one year funding if you are not successful with a three-year grant.

We also recognise the challenge of finding core funding, especially longer term. Groups can now apply for funding towards core costs for up to 3 years, providing the group can provide accounts for at least the last 12 months and the amount being applied for is less than 50% of your annual turnover. For example, to apply for a grant of £1,000 per year, your annual income should be at least £2,000.

The Wellbeing of Future Generations Act 2015

The Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act is about improving the social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales. It requires organisations in Wales to think about the long-term impact of their decisions, to work better with people, communities and each other, and to prevent persistent problems such as poverty, health inequalities and climate change.

We are keen to encourage organisations to think about not just the community in which they live and work, but also how their work aligns with and complements the services and activities of other groups and organisations both voluntary and statutory.

We would like you to think about how your organisation can work together with others to add value, working in partnership rather than in competition. In your application, please explain your plans for the future as well as for the present, we would like to see how groups are thinking about the long-term impact of their decision making to work with and alongside others.

