

Principality Building Society Retrofit for the Future Fund

Funding Criteria: Community and Voluntary Organisations



The Principality Building Society Retrofit for the Future Fund is a Wales wide fund set up in partnership with Principality Building Society with the aim of improving the environment in Wales.

This fund will support organisations across Wales to improve their energy efficiency by retrofitting buildings or purchasing equipment that will make a **community access** building more environmentally friendly and/or environmentally efficient.

We will prioritise organisations and projects that are increasing accessibility to those who are underserved or vulnerable. This includes projects supporting individuals from protected characteristic backgrounds 2010 Equalities Act and individuals from the most deprived communities in Wales. We expect to see an energy survey that shows the building is both suitable for the upgrade and likely to see energy saving benefits as well as having a positive environmental impact due to the installation of this upgrade.

We require all applicants to have an energy efficiency survey completed by a reputable external organisation, demonstrating the building's suitability for the proposed upgrades and the potential for energy savings.

Please note: an EPC Certificate is not an energy efficiency survey.

Examples of environmental upgrades we will consider:

- solar panels or heat pumps,
- insulation
- energy efficient lighting
- battery storage

Grants available

Large grants of up to £25,000 for 1 year.

We would expect applications to be able to show how the project would impact the environment and where possible, any expected annual energy savings the instalment would bring.

Who can apply?

We will not consider applications from organisations with an income of over £500,000 unless a case can be made for exceptional one-off circumstances. E.g. A Capital grant pushed income over the income level for 1 year only. We would encourage and welcome a conversation before applying.

Geographical area funded: Wales and branches of Principality on the Welsh/English border.

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

If you are an organisation based in Chester, Oswestry, Hereford or Shrewsbury, please book a call with a Grants Officer, so we can determine whether your location is eligible for funding. You must be one of the following:

- Constituted Groups
- Registered Charities & Charitable Incorporated Organisations
- Companies Limited by Guarantee
- Community Interest Companies
- Social Enterprises

How to apply?

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

Please note:

- Throughout January 2026 there is a commitment to work with Principality Building Society and Community Foundation Wales to produce marketing and communications celebrating the awarded Organisations/Groups.
- 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.
- The of grant must be 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.

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.

