

Powys Community Endowment Fund



Funding criteria: community and voluntary organisations

The Powys Community Endowment Fund comprises of three grant programmes, offering support to groups based in Powys for the purpose of education, recreation and leisure.

Details of the programmes are below.

Each has its own specific criteria and geographic area of benefit. You DO NOT need to apply for a specific scheme; our Grants Team will put your application forward to the most relevant fund.

Stanley Bligh Memorial Fund

This fund aims to support educational studies in forestry, agriculture and technical and vocational subjects in the arts or sciences.

Grants available

Grants of £2,000 for groups are available. Examples of previous costs supported include:

- course fees (where other support is not available)
- purchasing equipment
- educational materials
- travel (where it includes a substantial educational benefit to the group and/or community).
- running costs of a specific community education project

Who can apply?

The Fund supports community and voluntary organisations based in Powys. Precedence will be given to groups who are working with residents of Brecknockshire or those who have attended a Brecknockshire Secondary School for a minimum of 2 years.

Former Girls Grammar School, Brecon Fund

This fund aims to support the education of residents of the former County of Brecknockshire in Powys.

Grants available

Grants of £2,000 for groups are available. Examples of previous costs supported include:

- course fees (where other support is not available)
- purchasing equipment
- educational materials
- musical tuition/instruments
- travel (where it includes a substantial educational benefit to the group and/or community)
- running costs of a specific community education project

Who can apply?

The Fund supports community/voluntary organisations based in Brecknockshire.

The Montgomeryshire District Trust Fund

This fund aims to provide facilities for recreation and leisure for the benefit of the inhabitants of Montgomeryshire with the object of improving the conditions of life for those inhabitants.

Grants available

Grants are available up to £2,000 for groups. Examples of previous costs supported include:

- to purchase equipment or materials
- for minor capital works
- for equipment or building alterations

Examples of previous beneficiaries include:

- children/youth groups
- community centres and village halls
- cultural/arts groups
- sports clubs
- recreation/leisure groups

Who can apply?

Applications will be considered from community groups, voluntary organisations and local charities based in Montgomeryshire.

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.
 - If you are a Community Interest Company (CIC) registered in the last 18 months, you are not eligible to apply for this funding. If you do apply within your first 18 months of trading your application will be rejected.
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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. Powys Community Endowment 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 £2,000 per year, your annual income should be at least £4,000.

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.

