



Bridgend Resilient Communities

Welcome

Yiota Haralambos Reach Programme Manager





Community Feasibility Fund



Communities & Place

Our programme is funded by the UK Government Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) for Communities and Place until March 2025. We provide support for Bridgend's communities to undertake local resilience planning, focusing on Health, Climate and Economy.

Overall aim to develop Bridgend's Communities into thriving places to Live, Visit and Work.











Bridgend Resilient Communities





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Mark Blackmore Resilient Communities Co-Ordinator









Community Feasibility Fund





A Feasibility Study researches and gathers relevant information needed to consider whether a project idea will work.

- Conduct consultation and market research
- Provide an indication of total project costs
- Identify challenges
- Provide an options appraisal
- Assess sustainability
- Consider legal and planning implications
- Produce a project plan
- Provide details of other funders









Community Feasibility Fund



The benefits of a Feasibility Study

- Consideration of the pros and cons of the project before a significant amount of time and money is invested
- lt will provide a number of ways the project could be sustainable
- The potential for the project could be expanded in the future
- Can be used to add to funding applications, to show the project has been thoroughly researched and considered and how it will benefit the local community.

Examples

- Feasibility studies for the development potential of community buildings, large scale capital works.
- Option appraisals for large scale green spaces
- Innovative community-serving project ideas i.e. renewable energy studies









Community Feasibility Fund Example



Porthcawl Veterans Hub Caroline Jones









Bridgend Resilient Communities



Rachel Morton Resilient Communities Co-Ordinator









Community Feasibility Fund



Funding Support Available

- Feasibility Studies
- 100% of eligible project costs
- Feasibility projects minimum fund of £2,000 and maximum is £35,000
- Allocated on a first come, first serve basis
- Open to community groups, voluntary organisations, charities, Community / Town Councils, networks, Third Sector organisations and Public Sector.

Application Process – Conceive & Commission Approach

- EOI
- Eligibility Check
- **Full application**
- Grant approval panel
- BCBC tender exercise to procure services











Community Feasibility Fund





Visit <u>www.bridgendreach.org.uk</u> Email <u>reach@bridgend.gov.uk</u>

Call 01656 815080









Resilient Communities - Links



Description	Link
Community Feasibility Fund	www.bridgendreach.org.uk/community-feasibility-fund/
Porthcawl Veteran's Hub	www.facebook.com/groups/355241958397754
Reach Website	www.bridgendreach.org.uk
Reach Email	reach@bridgend.gov.uk
Reach Social Media	Linked In www.linkedin.com/in/bridgend-reach-a0454029b/ Facebook www.facebook.com/BridgendReach Instagram https://www.instagram.com/bridgendReach X www.twitter.com/BridgendReach
Reach Toolkits & Fact Sheets	www.bridgendreach.org.uk/toolkitsforms/
Shared Prosperity Fund Prospectus	www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-shared-prosperity-fund-prospectus/uk-shared-prosperity-fund-prospectus











Community Asset Transfer Guy Smith





WHAT IS COMMUNITY ASSET TRANSFER (CAT)?

An established mechanism used to enable the community ownership and management of publicly owned land and buildings and the provision of services.





CARENEGIE HOUSE



Old Public Library transformed into an Arts Centre by Bridgend Town Council.





CAT ASSET GROUPS

Priority 1	 Sports Pavilions Playing Fields (excluding school playing fields) and Bowling Greens Community Centres
Priority 2	 Playgrounds / Play Areas Free Car Parks Allotments
Priority 3	Miscellaneous Assets





FOUR STAGE CAT PROCESS

- 1. Expression of Interest
- 2. Development of Business Case (Business Plan/5 Year Financial Forecast)
- 3. Formal Assessment of Business Plan / Forecast
- 4. Completion of the Transfer





STAGE 1 – EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

Community Asset Transfer – Stage 1 Expression of Interest

Before submitting an application applicants are encouraged to discuss their options suitability and the scope of community asset transfer with the CAT Officer. These informal discussions will help to prepare for the process of making a formal application for transfer.

The Council recognises that developing the business case and preparing an application for community asset transfer can be both time consuming and resource intensive for applicants. Stage 1 of the application process has therefore been designed to assess whether any potential application with meet the Council's stability criteria. The Council will not be able to process the application unless all the information relevant to the asset transfer is received. It is simple to complete and should avoid spending time and valuable resources on an application that is unlikely to be approved. Applicants that meet the Council's suitability criteria will be invited to complete a more detailed Stage 2 application.

Please provide details of the control of the c	e organisation making the appl	ication
Name of Organisation:		
Address of Organisation:		
Applicant Name:		
Position:		
Telephone Number:		
Email Address		
Date:		
2. Type of organisation		
What type of organisation are you e.g. registered charity?	Give charity number	
Do you have a <u>formal</u> constitution, governance document or set of rules?	Give company registration numb	per
What is the structure and	d purpose of your voluntary of	or community organisation?
How many people are	Management Committee	

Full Time Employees

- Community Group Details
- Asset Data (Current and Future Use)
- Development Plans
- BCBC Corporate Priorities





STAGE 1 – EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

CAT Steering Group Considerations

- Is the Asset available for CAT (Ownership/Operational Requirements)
- Is the Community Group a current use of the asset?
- What do we know about the Community Group and the Asset?
- Should the Application be Fast Tracked or Standard CAT?





BUSINESS DIAGNOSTIC ASSESSMENT (BDA)

Support & Guidance

Business adviser appointed under CAT Business Support Contract (Cwmpas)

Due Diligence

- Legal Status (Limited Liability)
- Capacity & Capabilities of Community Group
- Financial Performance & Reporting
- Policies & Procedures
- Recommendations for Additional Support





STAGE 2 – BUSINESS CASE

Data Provided

- Running Costs (Utilities, Building Maintenance, Insurance, Rates)
- Building Condition surveys (including asbestos and structural)
- Pitch & Drainage surveys

Support & Guidance

Business adviser appointed under CAT Business Support Contract (Cwmpas)

Requirements

5-Year Financial Forecast (Fast Track CATs) or Business Plan (Complex CATs)



STAGE 3 – ASSESSMENT OF BUSINESS CASE

Finance Department Initial Review

- Business Plan / financial Forecasts Assessed
- Initial feedback provided to Community Group

CAT Steering Group Considerations

- Ongoing liabilities (Revenue & Capital) are known to Group?
- Is the project financially sustainable?





STAGE 4 – COMPLETION OF TRANSFER

- Resolve Land & Site Issues
- Agree Heads of Terms
- Agree Lease
- Resolve Compliance Issues
- Issue Compliance Certificates
- Arrange Insurance
- Sign Lease
- Issue Keys







FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Funding Opportunities



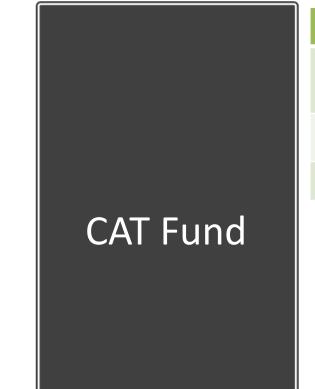
BCBC Sources:

- £1M CAT Fund
- Town & Community Council Capital Grant Scheme
- Bridgend Sports Club Support Fund

External Sources:

- Community Facilities Programme
- National Lottery Community Fund (People and Places)
- Sports Wales & Governing Bodies
- Community Ownership Fund





Maximum Funding	Purpose of Funding
Not Specified (Subject to Business Case)	Building Refurbishment/New Build
£25,000 (per playing surface)	Pitch/Drainage Improvements
£10,000	Pitch Maintenance Equipment







OTHER SUPPORT

CAT Business Support Contract

- Legal Status (Company Limited by Guarantee / CIO)
- Business Plans/Funding Strategies
- Development Plan
- Building Surveys
- Pitch & Drainage Surveys
- Specialist Advice (e.g. VAT)



Community Asset Transfer - Links



Description	Link
BCBC Community Asset Transfer	www.bridgend.gov.uk/business/community-asset-transfer
Carnegie House	www.visitbridgend.co.uk/attractions/CarnegieHouseArtsCentre
Contact Email	Guy.smith@bridgend.gov.uk
Understanding Community Asset Transfer - Guidance	www.mycommunity.org.uk/understanding-community-asset-transfer
Other Useful Funders	www.bridgend.gov.uk/business/funding-and-grants/ www.gov.wales/community-facilities-programme www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/ www.sport.wales/ www.faw.cymru/cff/ www.faw.cymru/cff/ www.gov.uk/government/publications/community-ownership-fund-prospectus













BAVO Alison Mawby















Our Mission Statement:

BAVO's purpose is to support, encourage and promote the development of a sustainable and flourishing voluntary and community sector in Bridgend County Borough, that is effective and efficient, informed and influential and delivers positive outcomes for local people.









Bridgend Association of Voluntary Organisations Cymdeithas Sefydliadau Qwirloddol Pen-y-bont ar Ogwr

Our main areas of work are:

- Advice supporting groups with information, networking, peer support, training, events and funding.
- Volunteering supporting volunteers and volunteer organisations.
- Wellbeing supporting people to improve their health and wellbeing through our Navigator service
- Collaboration working together, building connections with like-minded groups and public sector/service partners to add value, invest and support sustainable preventative community-led services and activities







Who we support:

Our Development Team supports notfor-profit organisations working across Bridgend County. This includes:

- Registered Charities
- Unregistered constituted groups
- Charitable Incorporated Companies (CICs)
- Companies Limited by Guarantee

These could be from a range of areas such as:

- Sport Clubs
- Churches
- Community Venues
- Charities providing services
- Small unregistered charities offering engagement activities in their local community









Development Team Support

We help groups through:



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Good
Governance whether when
setting up
initially or
when you
need help in
changing
what you do
or reporting
etc.

Finding
funding We can help
you find
funding
opportunities
and support
with
completing
your
application

Providing prompt and appropriate response to enquiries for support

Pointing you in the right direction (sign-posting) if we are unable to help you







"In a nutshell"
....if you're a
community
group or
charity, or
wanting to start
one, we can
help!

- Are you a looking for funding?
- Do you need more volunteers?
- Do you want to meet like minded groups?
- Do you need help sorting a problem?
- Starting up and managing a voluntary/community group;
- Charity/CIO registration;
- Funding and fundraising support;
- Networking opportunities;
- Volunteering and recruitment
- Governance issues
- Policy templates
- Training Opportunities, and more ...







BAVO Membership



Our membership is FREE if you are a not for profit operating or providing services within Bridgend County



Just fill in our simple application form



And attach a copy of your governing document: Constitution, Mems & arts, Articles of Association









Bridgend Association of Voluntary Organisations Cymdeithas Sefydliadau Gwirfoddol Pen-y-bont ar Ogwr



112 - 113 Commercial Street Maesteg Bridgend CF34 9DL

Tel: 01656 810400 Email: bavo@bavo.org.uk www,bavo.org.uk

Registered Charity No :1146543 Registered Company No: 07691764



BAVO - Links



Description	Link
BAVO Website	www.BAVO.org.uk
Contact Email	bavo@bavo.org.uk















Multiply Project Adam Johnson



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Multiply



- UK Government Funded
- UK Wide Numeracy skills programme
- £3.9million
- Ends in March 2025









Multiply



- Numeracy skills programme for unemployed and employed people
- Offering soft numeracy skills (non-accredited), ESW Application of Number qualifications from Entry Level 1 up to Level 2, and Maths GCSEs
- Delivered across Bridgend County Borough with both internal (BCBC) and external delivery partners
- Can be active on Multiply and other projects at the same time
- Eligibility:
 - Age 19+
 - Can work with people who hold an L2 numeracy or Maths GCSE, grade A-C
 - Resident of Bridgend











Multiply will be delivered by 7 delivery partners, managed by the Multiply Programme Team

- Employability Bridgend
- Confidence building and first steps towards a qualification
- Prison leavers
- Hardest to reach
- EB Hubs & Community venues











NET 2 Team – Employability Bridgend

- NET ESF Funded project, ended in March
- Employment focussed support for employed people
- NET 2 is Multiply funded in-work support project
- Links numeracy to in-work support
- E.g. Need to earn more money, worried about household bills
- Using numeracy to support employed people overcome their barriers











Adult Community Learning

- Confidence building and first steps towards a qualification
- Courses for parents wanting to increase their numeracy skills in order to help their children
- Community Settings & Schools

Early Years & Childcare

- Courses for parents wanting to increase their numeracy skills in order to help their children
- Schools











Social Services & Wellbeing

- 19 or over who are leaving, or have just left the care system
- Community settings

Bridgend College

- GCSE's / ESW App of Number
- Course to enable people to apply for jobs
- Vocationally focussed courses
- Flexible / 121 tuition / online











<u>CAB</u>

- Money Management Programme
- Courses designed to help people use numeracy to manage their money.

Targets

- People participating in Maths courses and qualifications 800
- People achieving Maths qualifications 316









Multiply



To refer to Multiply, please contact:

employability@bridgend.gov.uk

or

01656 815317

Multiply Programme Co-Ordinator – adam.johnson@bridgend.gov.uk
Contracts Support Officer – laura.donaldson@bridgend.gov.uk
Engagement & Progression Officer – natalie.fowler@bridgend.gov.uk









Multiply - Links



Description	Link
Multiply Bridgend	www.bridgend.gov.uk/residents/benefits-and-support/employability- bridgend/multiply
Contact Emails	employability@bridgend.gov.uk adam.johnson@bridgend.gov.uk laura.donaldson@bridgend.gov.uk natalie.fowler@bridgend.gov.uk
Department for Education	https://find-employer-schemes.education.gov.uk/schemes/multiply











Employability Bridgend Maxine Barrett











- 16+
- Economically inactive, short and long term unemployed
- In-work support including training, financial literacy and wellbeing
- Living in Bridgend County Borough











How the Process Works

Referrals to Employability Bridgend are made using our Expression of Interest (EOI) Form

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Triage

All referrals are assessed by the Employability Bridgend Triage team

- Referral organisation or self-referral?
- Needs identified?
- Current status?
- Support requested?

Allocated to the support that best meets each person's individual needs

- Internally with Employability Bridgend
- Externally to other support provision













What do we do?

- Mentoring
- Training
- Volunteering
- Employability skills
- Finding employment

















Mentoring

- One to one support
- Working at a time and place that suits the customer
- Community-based activities and events
- Mental and physical wellbeing















Training

- Support to develop skills.
- Accredited, non-accredited and vocational training.
- Digital skills
- Life skills
- Fully funded















Volunteering

- Finding placements
- Support during placements
- CV building
- Developing skills and confidence















Employability Skills

- CVs
- Applications
- Interview preparation













Finding employment

- **Employer Liaison Officers**
- Local employers and opportunities
- Jobs fairs
- Jobs board emails
- CV matching























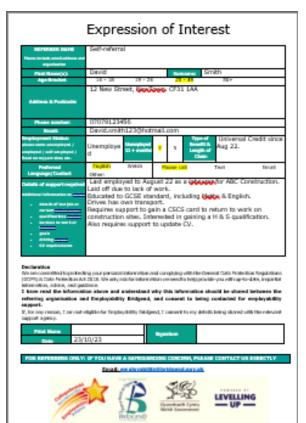








Referring to Employability Bridgend



Electronic Expression of Interest forms can be found on the Employability Bridgend Webpages on the BCBC website.

https://www.bridgend.gov.uk/resident s/benefits-and-support/employabilitybridgend/support/













Thank you

For further information, or to refer, please contact:

employability@bridgend.gov.uk

or

01656 815317









Employability Bridgend - Links















Welsh Church Act Fund Kate Atkin





You can apply if:

- Your organisation is a Church, Chapel, Place of Public Worship, constituted community group or charity
- You have a bank account set up in your organisations name
- Your organisation works in the County Borough areas of Bridgend, Rhondda Cynon Taf or Merthyr and is providing activities that have long term direct benefit to residents and communities within these areas
- The facilities/ activities provided by your organisation are available to members of the public at large.





You cannot apply if your organisation:

- Has an alcohol licence or profit/benefit from the sale of alcohol
- Is operating from a residential address
- Is a statutory body including town and community councils





The Welsh Church Act Fund provides support for **capital** expenditure such as:

Refurbishment of a community buildings or places of worship; Purchase of capital equipment; Other purposes beneficial to the wider community.

There are no set bidding rounds and fully developed applications can be submitted at any time.





Category	The Fund Can Contribute	Your Contribution
Standard - Small	100% towards the total eligible project cost up to a maximum grant of £2,000	0%
Standard - Medium	Up to 90% towards the total eligible project cost up to a maximum grant of £10,000	A minimum of 10%
Significant - Large	Up to 80% towards the total eligible project cost up to a maximum grant of £50,000	A minimum of 20%





Contact Details

Enterprise Team

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Email: regeneration@rctcbc.gov.uk

Website: www.rctcbc.gov.uk

BCBC contact:

Tel: 01656 815321

Email: regenerationfunding@bridgend.gov.uk







Welsh Church Act Fund - Links





Please note – CICs are eligible to apply for this fund. Please contact regeneration@rctcbc.gov.uk to apply.



Webpage









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Thank you!
Yiota Haralambos



