

**LLANTWIT FARDRE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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Grants Policy

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1** This policy sets out the process procedure the Llantwit Fardre Community Council follows for awarding small grants. The purpose of the policy is to provide a transparent, fair and accountable framework for distributing council funds to local organisations , voluntary groups, and community initiatives tha contribute to the well being of residents.
- 1.2** Under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Council has the power to incur expenditure which in its opinion is in the interest of and will bring direct benefit to the area or any part of it or all in some of its inhabitants. The direct benefit accruing mist also be appropriate with the expenditure to be incurred. The Council needs to continue to ensure that it has a transparent and fair grant scheme, ensuring that we comply with the 2015 Local Government Transparency Code.
- 1.3** There are further powers to make grants to voluntary organisations e.g. providing recreational facilities under Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provision) Act 1976.

2. SCOPE

- 2.1** This Policy applies to the allocation of grants to Voluntary and Community Sector organisations through the Council's Community Grants Scheme. It does not apply to any other means of financial support from the Council that may be available.
- 2.2** Officers and Members will use the Grant Policy to guide decision making around the Community Grants Scheme. The Council may apply discretion to the policy in exceptional circumstances if it deemed appropriate.

3. POLICY OBJECTIVE

- 3.1** Llantwit Fardre Community Council objectives for a small grant are to
- Support projects that improve the quality of life for people in the community.
 - Encourage community participation and engagement.
 - Strengthen local voluntary and charitable organisations. Align with the **Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015**, ensuring sustainability and long-term benefit.

3.2 Funding will only be provided where it is demonstrated that a defined and positive impact will be made. Organisations must demonstrate an outcome focused approach and that their project /activity will clearly support one or more of the Seven Wellbeing of Future Generation (Wales) Act 2015 goals which are :

- A prosperous Wales
- A resilient Wales
- A healthier Wales
- A more equal Wales
- A Wales of more cohesive communities
- A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language
- A globally responsible Wales.

4. TYPES OF ACTIVITIES SUPPORTED

4.1 Grants may be awarded to support

- Community events and cultural activities.
- Projects that improve local facilities or the environment.
- Educational, recreational, or health initiatives.
- Small-scale capital items (e.g. equipment) that benefit the wider community.

Grants will **not normally** be awarded for:

- Retrospective funding (activities already completed).
- Core organisational running costs (e.g. salaries, rent, utilities).
- Private individuals or profit-making enterprises.

5. APPLICATION PROCESS

5.1 Applications will be considered **[once per year / quarterly / ongoing – specify depending on council policy]**

5.2 Applicants must complete a standard **Grant Application Form**, available from the Council Office or website.

5.3 Supporting documentation may include:

- Constitution or governing document.
- Latest financial accounts or bank statement.
- Safeguarding policies (where relevant).

6. ASSESSMENT & DECISION-MAKING PROCESS FOR SMALL GRANT AWARD PROCESS

- 6.1** All grant application will be assessed against the following:
- Evidence of community benefit
 - Alignment with policy objectives and statutory duties
 - Value for money and sustainability
 - Demonstrated need and inclusivity.
- 6.2** Decisions will be made by Full Council (or a delegated committee) and recorded in the minutes of the said meeting. The Council reserves the right to request further information before reaching a decision.

7. FUNDING LIMITS

- 7.1** The Maximum award per application is £300.00
- 7.2** The grants are a one-off contribution, not ongoing commitments
- 7.3** Organisations may only apply once per financial year

All grants are awarded at the Community Council's discretion. Llantwit Fardre Community Council 's decision is final and there is no right to appeal.

8. REVIEW OF POLICY

This policy will be reviewed every three years or sooner if required by legislative changes of council priorities.