

FFOS Y FRAN COMMUNITY FUND LARGE GRANTS 2013/14



WHAT IS THE FFOS Y FRAN COMMUNITY FUND?

The Ffos Y Fran Community Fund is available to voluntary and community organisations working in the County Borough of Merthyr Tydfil. All applications must support local community projects with an educational, environment or leisure emphasis and be able to demonstrate a lasting legacy in the community.

GRANTS

- ☐ Grants are for Revenue/Capital costs. **The minimum grant is £5,000 and the maximum grant is £500,000.**
- ☐ You should be able to start spending the grant within 6 months of grant offer
- ☐ Only one successful application per 12 month period is permitted with the Fund
- ☐ There is a minimum 50% match funding requirement
 - * Please note applicants will be expected to include some of their own funds as match funding, in addition to other secured funding
- ☐ Planning permission must be obtained prior to submitting any capital grant application (if required)

The grants can include capital and revenue costs. Revenue is spending on day-to-day items to run services, such as:

- ☐ Running costs
- ☐ Training
- ☐ Volunteer expenses
- ☐ Marketing / events
- ☐ Feasibility Studies

Capital is spending on assets that have a life of many years, such as:

- ☐ Items of equipment
- ☐ Building works (internal & external)
- ☐ Purchase of land / property
- ☐ Site preparation

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

All projects submitted to the Ffos Y Fran Community Fund must support local community projects with an educational, environment or leisure emphasis. The project must be based in and benefit the residents of the County Borough of Merthyr Tydfil and meet one or more of the themes within the Merthyr Tydfil Single Integrated Plan:

- ☐ People in Merthyr Tydfil have the opportunity and aspiration to learn and develop their skills to maximise their potential
- ☐ People in Merthyr Tydfil benefit from a strong, sustainable and diverse economy
- ☐ People, who live and work in Merthyr Tydfil are supported to enjoy a healthier and better quality of life
- ☐ People enjoy a vibrant, attractive, safe and sustainable place in which to live, work, play and visit.

An application to only pay for salaries will not meet the criteria and therefore will not be considered.

If your project requires other funding to be implemented, match funding must be in place before you apply to the Ffos Y Fran Large Fund, the panel will require evidence of match funding secured, this can be cash or in-kind contributions.

Applications must be submitted with any relevant organisational policies such as Health & Safety, Equal Opportunities and Child Protection (where applicable). Please refer to the checklist at the end of the application form for further information.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS

Applications are assessed on a six monthly basis, deadline dates for submission of applications are available by contacting the Ffos Y Fran Administrator on 01685 725125

HOW ARE SUCCESSFUL APPLICATIONS TO THE FFOS Y FRAN FUND MONITORED?

The European & External Funding Team will undertake monitoring visits during the course of the year. Applicants will be expected to complete a monitoring form once the project is completed, and to submit copies of invoices, receipts etc to support the expenditure of the grant. These monitoring visits will be undertaken on a quarterly basis and once the project is completed an end of year report will need to be completed. All expenditure needs to be in line with the cost breakdown submitted within the application; any deviations from this must be requested in writing to the Funding Team prior to any expenditure being committed.

WHAT HELP IS AVAILABLE TO ASSIST IN PUTTING TOGETHER A FFOS Y FRAN APPLICATION?

The European & External Funding Team are happy to meet with you and provide advice in terms of discussing project ideas and completing the application form. However, the team will not complete the application for you.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:

Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council European & External Funding Team: 01685 725309/725289

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