

# FFOS-Y-FRAN INTERMEDIATE FUND 2017/18

## WHAT IS THE FFOS-Y-FRAN INTERMEDIATE FUND?

The Ffos-y-fran Intermediate 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.

## GRANTS

- Grants are for Revenue/Capital costs. **There is no minimum threshold; however the maximum grant request is £5,000.**
- You must start spending the grant immediately
- Only one successful application per 12 month period is permitted with the Intermediate Fund
- Match funding is a requirement of this fund and can be cash or in-kind contributions.

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

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

- Items of equipment
- Building works (internal & external)

## ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

All projects submitted to the Ffos-y-fran Intermediate Fund must support local community projects with an educational, environmental 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 seeking to pay for salaries only will not meet the criteria and therefore will not be considered.

If your project requires other funding to be implemented which will be coming from another fund, this match funding must be in place before you apply to the Ffos-y-fran Intermediate Fund. The panel will require evidence of match funding secured.

Applications must be submitted with any relevant organisational policies such as Health & Safety, Equal Opportunities and Safeguarding (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 bi-annual basis, deadline dates for submission of applications are available by contacting Alison Reddy on 01685 725289 or email: [alison.reddy@merthyr.gov.uk](mailto:alison.reddy@merthyr.gov.uk)

### **HOW ARE SUCCESSFUL APPLICATIONS TO THE FFOS-Y-FRAN INTERMEDIATE FUND MONITORED?**

The MTCBC European & External Funding Team will undertake monitoring visits during the course of the year. These monitoring visits will be undertaken during the project length, both half way through and at the completion date. 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.

### **WHAT HELP IS AVAILABLE TO ASSIST IN PUTTING TOGETHER A FFOS-Y-FRAN INTERMEDIATE FUND 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:**

Ffos-y-fran Grants Benefit Fund Coordinator – [alison.reddy@merthyr.gov.uk](mailto:alison.reddy@merthyr.gov.uk) or 01685 725289