



FFOS-Y-FRAN COMMUNITY FUND LARGE GRANTS 2022/2023

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 12 months of grant offer
- ☐ Only one successful application per 12 month period is permitted with the Fund
- ☐ Applicants are eligible to apply to all Ffos-y-fran grant schemes including the small, intermediate and large pots in the same year but not for the same project.
- ☐ 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 Focus on the Future, Wellbeing in our Community Plan:

- Best Start to Life - Children and young people get the best start to life and are equipped with the skills they need to be successful learners and confident individuals
- Working Life - People feel supported to develop the skills required to meet the needs of businesses, with a developing, safe infrastructure which makes Merthyr Tydfil an attractive destination
- Environmental Wellbeing - Communities protect, enhance and promote our environment and countryside
- Living Well - People are empowered to live independently within their communities, where they are safe and enjoy good physical and mental health

An application to 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 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 six monthly basis, deadline dates for submission of applications are available by contacting the Ffos-y-fran Grants Benefit Fund Administrator on 07563 398667 or email Cheryl.jones@merthyr.gov.uk.

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

The 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, bank statements etc. to support the expenditure of the grant. 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 External Funding Team is 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 External Funding Team on 07563398667 or email:
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