



FULL COUNCIL - INFORMATION REPORT

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Exempt/Non Exempt	Non Exempt
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To: Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen

Ffos-y-Fran Intermediate Grant Scheme

1.0 SUMMARY OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To update Council on the allocation of the Ffos-y-Fran Intermediate Grant Scheme funds following the Grants Panel held in October 2015.

2.0 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 2.1 In April 2012 Council approved the proposal that an Intermediate Fund be created. An annual sum of £50,000 is allocated to the fund with decisions on the allocation delegated to the Leader of the Council, the Leader of the Opposition and the Chief Finance Officer.
- 2.2 The Ffos y Fran Panel agreed that a 6 monthly report be provided to Miller Argent Limited to advise on the spend outlining all of the organisations supported during the period and Miller Argent Limited, if considered appropriate, can recommend to the Ffos y Fran Panel the discontinuation of future support to certain organisations.

3.0 EVALUATION OF APPLICATIONS

- 3.1 Fourteen applications received were considered by the Panel on 2nd October 2015 with the following twelve recommended for support as satisfying all the evaluation criteria:

3.1.1 ELITE Paper Solution

Project – ELITE Paper Solutions

Description – To support with costs towards the development of the new scanning service

Project cost - £13,788

Required from Ffos y Fran - £5,000

3.1.2 Forsythia Youth Project

Project – Gurnos Zebras

Description – To contribute to the overall cost of sealing the underpass and installing a zebra crossing

Project cost - £4,612.50

Required from Ffos y Fran - £4,612.50

3.1.3 Hope Church Merthyr Tydfil

Project – Hope Church Merthyr Tydfil

Description – Building repairs and drop-in items

Project cost - £11,713

Required from Ffos y Fran - £5000

3.1.4 Merthyr Aloud World Music Choir

Project – Merthyr Aloud World Music Choir

Description – To support with the annual costs of room and tutor hire

Project cost - £3,135

Required from Ffos y Fran - £1,380

3.1.5 Merthyr Eyclights

Project – Merthyr Eyclights

Description – To support with the annual costs of minibus hire

Project cost - £3,500

Required from Ffos y Fran - £3,500

3.1.6 Pontsticill Community Group

Project – Pontsticill Community Group

Description – To acquire the toilet block in the village, refurbish them and bring them back into use

Project cost - £6,500

Required from Ffos y Fran - £5,000

3.1.7 St Johns Ambulance Aberfan and Merthyr Vale Division

Project – St Johns Ambulance Aberfan and Merthyr Vale Division

Description – Building Renovations

Project cost - £7,500

Required from Ffos y Fran - £5000

3.1.8 St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church

Project – St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church

Description – Repair works

Project cost - £

Required from Ffos y Fran - £5,000

Payment will not be processed until quotes have been received and match funding has been agreed.

3.1.9 Stephens and George Centenary Charitable Trust

Project – Spread the Word Literature Festival 2016

Description – To support with running costs for the event including, authors and poets and stalls for the festival

Project cost - £17,400

Required from Ffos y Fran - £4,900.00

3.1.10 Treharris Youth RFC

Project – Treharris Youth RFC

Description – To support with costs towards developing a new youth team for 16 year olds.

Project cost - £4,502.40

Required from Ffos y Fran - £4,502.40

The panel agreed to fund £2502.40 and to not support the costs for the volunteer coach uniforms.

3.1.11 Merthyr Tydfil Global Village

Project – Merthyr Tydfil Global Village Festival 2016

Description – To support with the running costs of the festival including the marquee and workshops

Project cost - £18,000

Required from Ffos y Fran - £5,000

3.1.12 West End Bowls Club

Project – Merthyr West End Bowls Club

Description – Improving access to the club and surrounding for people with disability and/or parents with pushchairs

Project cost - £3,250

Required from Ffos y Fran - £3,000

3.2 The two applications not recommended for support are as follows:

3.2.1 VIVA! Wales

Project – Viva! Wales

Description – Funding towards the purchase of a minibus

Project Cost - £24,000

Require from Ffos y Fran - £5000

Project was declined as Viva! Wales is based in RCT and it was difficult to see the benefit that this project would have for Merthyr Tydfil.

3.2.2 Trelewis Community Arts

Project – Trelewis Community Arts

Description – Funding towards the purchase of art materials and the hire of halls and tutors for the Trelewis Community Arts Group

Project Cost - £2,700

Required from Ffos y Fran - £2700

Project was signposted to the Small Fund for support.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are no financial implications for the Authority with these schemes.

5.0 SINGLE INTEGRATED PLAN AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT SUMMARY

5.1 The Single Integrated Plan and Sustainability Impact Assessment has been completed and the proposals positively impact on the Corporate Plan and Single Integrated Plan, including people, who live in Merthyr Tydfil are supported to enjoy a healthier and better quality of life and also people enjoy a vibrant, attractive, safe and sustainable place in which to live, work, play and visit. No negative impacts have been identified.

6.0 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 6.1 An Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) form has been prepared for the purpose of this report. It has been found that a full assessment is not required at this time. The form can be accessed on the Council's website/intranet via the 'Equality Impact Assessment' link.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS		
Title of Document(s)	Document(s) Date	Document Location
Ffos y Fran Grant applications	Various	Community Regeneration
Does the report contain any issue that may impact the Council's Constitution?		No

Consultation has been undertaken with the Corporate Management Team in respect of each proposal(s) and recommendation(s) set out in this report.