

POLICY AND RESOURCES CABINET BOARD

15th JANUARY 2015

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES

SECTION A – MATTERS FOR DECISION WARDS AFFECTED - ALL

MISCELLANEOUS GRANTS APPLICATIONS

Existing Policy Statement

- a) Each application will be considered on its merits.
- b) The Committee will only approve applications for financial assistance from voluntary or charitable organisations which are manifestly committed to voluntary endeavours of a local nature. This will not preclude the consideration of applications where the disposal of funds is outside the area but still provides significant benefits for the people from the Neath Port Talbot area.
- c) No applications will be considered from religious bodies except relating to church halls and other premises where there is significant community use of the property for non-religious activities.
- d) No applications will be considered from other public funded bodies such as community councils, hospital trusts, etc. or where the benefit may be in lieu of their contributions such as appeals for hospital equipment.
- e) Applications from individuals may be considered where both the person and the community derive a benefit.
- f) No grants will be made to any individual or organisation whose prime purpose is to distribute their funds to other charitable bodies.

Budget for 2014/15

The following grants are included and have been approved within this budget:-

	Budget 2014/15 £
Citizen Advice Bureau	82,680
Neath Port Talbot Council for Voluntary Service	45,494
Racial Equality Council	15,900
Maintenance of Mechanics Institute (in lieu of grant aid to Antiquarians & Archives)	14,037
West Glamorgan Association for the Blind	2,100
One-off grants	949
Total	<u>161,160</u>

Cyd Cymru – Wales Together

Cyd Cymru – Wales Together is a collective energy switching project. It was set up by the Welsh Government to enable Councils to assist households in their area to switch to a cheaper energy tariff. The City of Cardiff Council is the lead authority for this project.

For every resident that switches with Cyd Cymru – Wales Together money is paid into a Community Fund and distributed to Local Authorities based on the number of switchers within its area. This can then be donated to a local charity of the Council's choice or spent on local initiatives that support and benefit communities on fuel poverty alleviation .

The Council has received a cheque from Cardiff City Council in the sum of £555.62.

Members are requested to decide on where they would wish the money to be spent.

New Application

Please see attached Appendix 1.

Recommendations

It is recommended that Members:

- Decide on where they would wish the money to be spent in respect of the Cyd Cymru – Wales Together money received from Cardiff City Council.
- Decide on the application set out in Appendix 1.

Reason for Proposed Decision

To decide where the Cyd Cymru – Wales Together money is spent.
To decide on the funding application.

List of Background Papers

Letter from Cardiff City Council.
Letter of application.

Appendix

Appendix 1 –Miscellaneous Grant Application.

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COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

MISCELLANEOUS GRANTS APPLICATIONS

(a) **Implementation of Decision**

The decision is proposed for implementation after the 3 day call-in period.

(b) **Sustainability Appraisal**

Community Plan Impacts:

Economic Prosperity	Positive
Education and Lifelong Learning	Positive
Better Health and Well Being	Positive
Environment and Transport	Positive
Crime and Disorder	Positive

Other Impacts:

Welsh Language	No impact
Sustainable Development	Neutral
Equalities	Positive
Social Inclusion	Positive

(c) **Consultation**

There has been no requirement under the Constitution for external consultation on this item.

APPENDIX 1

MISCELLANEOUS GRANT APPLICATIONS

Applicant	Purpose	Amount Request/ Cost of "Project"	Previous Support	Comments
Margam Youth Centre Margam	Lease of Changing Room/Pavilion and Playing Field at Groeswen, Margam for 25 years with 5 year reviews	£1,350 p.a.	None	Provide grant to fully cover rent for initial 5 year period in line with rent review period.