

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET

30th November 2022

Report of the Chief Finance Officer

Huw Jones

Matter for: Decision

Wards Affected: All Wards

Report Title - Third Sector Grant Funding – Award of Grants for 2023/24

Purpose of Report

1. To present Members with the outcome of the third sector grant applications for 2023/24 and to seek approval on the award of grants to those organisations recommended for funding in next financial year as set out in Appendix 1 and Appendix 3.

Executive Summary

2. Assessments were undertaken for a total of 64 applications received this year as set out in the attached Appendices.
3. The applications were assessed by the Third Sector Grants Group, whose membership is made up of Directorate representatives already involved in the grant funding process and are responsible for the administration of the Scheme.
4. Appendix 2 contains those organisations not recommended for funding.
5. Appendix 3 contains the 4 Strategic Partners their proposed grant amount for 2023/24.

Background

6. The application process for 2023/24 grant funding opened on 8th August 2022 and closed on 14th October 2022.

7. Grants awarded under the Scheme are for 12 months or for a maximum of three years.
8. The grants which have been provided for three years are to partners the Council has previously identified as Strategic Partners.

Monitoring Arrangements

9. All single year grant recipients for 2023/24 are required to submit evidence of outcomes and performance achieved by end of January 2024.
10. The 3 year grant recipients are required to submit evidence of outcomes and performance every 6 months.

Assessment of Grant Applications for 2023/24

11. Those applications that are recommended for approval in Appendix 1 and 3 have satisfied some or all of the criteria contained within Principle 1 of the revised Scheme.
12. The value of applications was significantly higher than the approved budget. Where organisations have previously received monies an uplift of approximately 5% has been given. New applicants have been awarded an allocation of the third sector grant budget, which may be a lower amount than requested which may result in scaled back activities.

Financial Appraisal

13. Cabinet have previously approved a funding allocation of £586,000 for the third sector grant scheme in 2023/24. The total value of successful applications as set out in Appendix 1.
14. All grants payable are subject to successful delivery of outcomes as set out in the application forms / final grant offer letters and agreed by the Council with each applicant.

Integrated Impact Assessment

15. An Equality Impact Assessment was completed as part of the initial development of the Grant Scheme in 2016 and a further Integrated Impact Assessment was completed as part of the changes to the

Scheme in 2018. The Scheme was reviewed further in July 2022 with only minor amendments made.

16. All applications have been considered in alignment with the current Scheme and therefore no further assessment is required.

Valleys Communities Impact:

17. Some of the applications will be delivering projects to support valley communities.

Workforce Impact

18. There is no workforce impact.

Legal Impact

19. All successful grant recipients will be required to sign a Grant Agreement.

Risk Management

20. The successful grant recipients will assist the Council to provide important services within the County Borough or specific areas.

Consultation

21. There is no requirement for external consultation on this item.

Recommendations

22. It is recommended that Members
 - Approve the award of Grants to the Third Sector organisations as set out in Appendix 1 of this report.
 - Confirm that grants not be awarded for the applications set out in Appendix 2 of this report.
 - Confirm the amount of grant payable to each Strategic Partner as set out in Appendix 3

Reason for Proposed Decision

23. To approve grants to third sector organisations in line with the Council's Scheme.

Implementation of Decision

24. The decision is proposed for implementation after the three day call in period.

Appendices

25. Appendix 1 – Third Sector Applications 2023/24 – Applications recommended for approval
26. Appendix 2 - Third Sector Applications 2023/24 - Applications not recommended for approval
27. Appendix 3 – Grant proposed to Third Sector Strategic Partners for 2023/24

List of Background Papers

28. Neath Port Talbot Third Sector Grant Funding Scheme.

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Third Sector Applications 2023/24 – Applications recommended for approval. (* table also shows current year recipients)					
Ref	Organisation	Grant awarded 2022/23	Funding applied for 2023/24	Amount of Grant Proposed	Overview of Outcomes to be delivered
1	Afan Arts	£5,200	£5,700	£5,500	Increase capacity at Youth Arts Group, named as Port Talbot Youth Theatre. Pilot previously funding via 3rd Sector Grant. The grant support allows the group to run with no fees, weekly sessions aim to increase confidence, communication skills and self-expression as well as teach performance skills. Due to demand, from April 2023 we wish to expand and double the beneficiaries, providing activities, 40 weeks a year, therefore serving up to 60 young people every week.
2	Afan Community Fitness Suite	N/A	£10,000	£5,000	Support to partly cover cost of member of staff and contribute towards energy bills to continue to deliver a first class fitness and recreational centre in the heart of the valley, also continue to provide over 50s sessions. Help towards our energy bills will help us to keep open whilst we continue to work through our energy survey.
3	Amman Valley Trotting Club Ltd	N/A	£17,039	£8,500	Applying for support for the salary of kitchen cook over a six month period. This post is key to the operation of the community cafe. The retention of this post is important in that it forms and will form an essential service to vulnerable members of the community throughout the year in times of the rising cost of living by providing affordable meals to the local community and to visitors to events at the site.
4	Bulldogs Boxing & Community Activities	N/A	£75,000	£10,000	Funding would enable continuation of support to the local community via funded projects by ensuring core staff and operational costs are covered. We will be able to cover our costs including our CEO and finance officer salaries, printing costs, rent payments, cleaning materials, phone/internet and our database. Currently working with 9 schools where we offer small groups the chance to learn different qualifications that develops their personal development through fitness. 2 staff members who are Veterans themselves to support new referrals in. Running Wellbeing Workshops and Walks every week, supporting our beneficiaries with their mental health, social isolation and activity levels.

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5	Calan DVS	£34,330	£32,535	£32,535	Calan DVS would like to employ a Money Coach to support our services users across Neath Port Talbot to improve their financial health by managing their money effectively. The Money Coach will utilise a self-help principle to work with service users to facilitate change and enable them to make informed choices. All support will be delivered within our refuges, in Calan DVS' community offices or other local venues suitable to the needs and preferences of our service users.
6	Call of the Wild	N/A	£9,984	£5,000	Funding would enable us to employ one person on a part time basis for two years and that would mean our fundraising efforts would substantially increase. That employee would be able to concentrate wholly on finding grant funding sources, preparing more applications, attending training courses and managing project delivery which includes gathering and collating essential feedback and data from those taking part in our programme. This will help our trust to grow and become more sustainable. With a boost to our core funding, we could continue to improve on our 47% success rate for grant applications, which would mean even more children could benefit from our work.
7	Canolfan Maerdy	£28,509	£96,607	£30,000	Management of all services and financial management of all assets, grants and obligations. Employment in part and whole of Centre Manager, Finance officer, and Childcare manager. Resources and supplies costs associated with the delivery of these core service posts. Training costs for staff and volunteers to ensure compliance with regulatory and best practice requirements. Governance costs to ensure regulatory compliance and best practice.

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8	Clyne and Melincourt Community Council	N/A	£1,000	£1,000	Provide a weekly 3hr play session at Clyne Community Hall for the children of Clyne and Melincourt aged up to 12 years. The sessions are delivered by Building Blocks of Resolven but they will use Clyne Community Hall as a wet weather provision but weather permitting in the Spring and Lighter months to encourage organised play in our recently refurbished Bryn Golwg park.
9	Community Ventures Port Talbot CIC	N/A	£30,000	£15,000	Funding would enable us to deliver one six-month community regeneration project supporting approximately 20 long-term unemployed people to make significant, lasting changes in their lives and find employment through a programme of skills development, qualification achievement, wellbeing improvement and employment support. Utilising seven years of experience and the expert construction knowledge of our Head of Operations, we will first find an old, disused property in a disadvantaged community in NPT and purchase it as our next project site. Our Engagement and Wellbeing Officer will then work with our referral partner organisations to reach the local people most in need of our support and invite them to take part in our project.
10	Cwmafan Community Engagement Centre CIC	N/A	£29,298	£20,000	The funding will ensure that the centre will remain open as a warm clean user friendly building for user groups and others in the community who wish to use the centre. At present the centre is used for 60hours activities per week. The Activities include Parent and Toddler Group. Senior Citizens Women Institute Busy bees quilting and patchwork. craft sewing Card making, exercise classes, karate sessions and tai-chi.
11	Cwmavon Hornets	N/A	£850	£850	Purchase of kits for children and adults to attend sporting competitions.

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12	Drive Wales	N/A	£5,400	£5,000	Supporting individuals to set up a new community hub in NPT. The project is in two stages: Stage 1: Bringing people together for a specialised disco to re-establish and build new friendships in a safe environment (funding secured from First Choice Housing Association) We are asking funding for Stage 2: Developing a place-based model for a community hub that is accessible to people with complex support needs. We will engage freelance specialists to deliver 6 sessions in four different areas of activity (total 24 sessions) including arts/cultural activities, fitness activities, outdoor and community action.
13	FAN Community Alliance	£10,000	£20,000	£11,000	The funding will go towards the general running and maintenance of the Friends And Neighbours Centre as well as F.A.N's day-to-day operations, and deliver a strong, engaged community of all ages. It will enable us to utilise unrestricted funds and remain adaptable to future challenges.
14	Gwynfi Miner Community Hall	£5,000	£25,000	£5,250	The grant will be used to contribute to the Gwynfi Miners Community Hall Core costs that will include paying for staff, utilities, governance costs, staff training and staff development. This then allows the GMCH and our many partners to concentrate on delivering high quality projects, services and activities and ensures we can continue to play a fundamental role in addressing the communities unmet needs and inequalities.
15	Keds Gym	N/A	£3,000	£1,500	Continue to deliver classes and keep the gym running by covering some overheads such as rent and hall hire for competitions. This will also allow us to pay our staff and give us that chance to continue to grow, help continue to support disability people and general public stay active and improve they wellbeing. We also the only gym with a Paralympic powerlifting coach and equipment and run the only disability strength comp in the UK called the iawa British disability championships and it's in its 3rd year as well as this we run the iawa Welsh open which has lifters all over the UK.

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16	Margam Village Minis	N/A	£1,000	£1,000	The funding will ensure that the operation of the 3 facility areas can continue this year while we move forward with our development plans to provide more for the community and reduce utility bills long term. We can cover this years running costs and ensure that: The facilities are split in reality into 3 areas, field and football pitch, the MUGA, car park and defib machine.
17	Me, Myself & I	£5,000	£24,658	£5,250	The funding will support the salary costs for frontline staff who deliver the Friendship sessions, it will also offer a subsidised scheme for the individual to access services at a reduced cost.
18	Neath Great Western Railway Returned Staff Club	N/A	£1,000	£1,000	Support retired individuals to remain socially active by running day trips and organising other activities.
19	Neuadd Cwmllynfell Hall	£9,750	£15,000	£10,500	The Centre offers employment opportunities and important volunteering roles for people to gain confidence and to develop skills in a work environment. While most activities will be focused on adults, the centre does and will continue to provide opportunities for young people. The youth club offers a range of sport, recreational and cultural activities for young people and some have learned food preparation skills by volunteering at the community café. The home delivery meal service will continue while coronavirus remains a threat to vulnerable local people.
20	New Pathways Family Friendly Therapeutic Centre of Excellence	N/A	£26,168	£15,000	Hybrid delivery of remote and face to face counselling services according to the needs of the client group. Counsellors will provide recognised therapeutic interventions to help individuals affected by sexual violence overcome the effects of trauma, reduce negative coping mechanisms and regain a normal life. This application will fund the therapeutic and recovery aspect of the service where we are experiencing a large need in the NPT areas and have significant waiting lists.

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21	NPT BME Community Assoc.	£25,039	£24,252	£24,000	Continue to fund developmental support from the shared Council Community Cohesion Officer post (2 days per week) which is vitally important in planning and delivering the key projects of the Association, without which the Association may not be able to fulfil its key objectives going forward. Continue to fund administrative support from Neath Port Talbot CVS including arranging and providing secretariat for meetings of the Trustee Board and the wider Association, and active support with governance requirements.
22	NPT Mind Association	£14,978	£22,567	£16,000	Applying for a part-time (i.e. 21 hours per week) Training Lead to provide much needed and free training on topics related to mental health across Neath Port Talbot. Funding for this role is critically important due to an increase in the scale and severity of mental health problems over recent years and because there is a corresponding appetite from statutory, third and private sector services to better understand mental health.
23	NYAS Cymru	N/A	£94,965	£30,000	We are seeking a multi-year grant to help support the delivery of a pilot project 'Side by Side', our flagship mentoring programme for young people leaving care which currently operates in England. We wish to deliver this project over a 2 year period in Neath Port Talbot to support young people 16 – 19 years old leaving care. The programme will pair young people, who are leaving the care of their local authority, with a volunteer mentor from their local community, matched on life experience and personal interests
24	Pontardawe Heritage & Visitor Centre	N/A	£5,000	£2,500	Our fixed and temporary exhibitions allow for quiet contemplation or robust discussion and usually give the visitor information they didn't have prior to visiting, in addition the funding will help us pay for the running costs that will be incurred by staying open for these groups.
25	Port Talbot Stroke Club	£500	£500	£500	Supporting the cost of fortnightly meetings for those who are recovering from a stroke, allowing them to be socially active and providing carers with respite.

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26	Small Woods (Coed Lleol - Wellbeing the Woodland Way)	N/A	£70,430	£25,000	Focus on positive engagement with and use of green spaces and woodlands across NPT through a range of nature-based activities that will benefit local people's physical and mental health as well as their general wellbeing. A number of sites used will be those owned and managed by NPT CBC such as Craig Gwladus Country Park, Gnoll Country Park and Margam Park; Specifically, we will provide a programme of woodland wellbeing activities across Neath Port Talbot Local Authority areas. This will include one-off taster / engagement activities, short 6-week programmes for specific groups of participants (where needs have been identified through our wide links across the County), routes into volunteering and on-going drop-in monthly sessions.
27	The Community Impact Initiative CIC	£5,000	£20,000	£5,250	Enable us to deliver one six-month community regeneration project in the NPT county borough, supporting approximately 20 long-term unemployed people to find employment through a programme of skills development, qualification achievement, wellbeing improvement and employment support. We will first find an old, disused property in a disadvantaged community in NPT and purchase it as our next project site. Over the next six months, participants will then receive the following support with skill development and qualification achievement. The property is then sold as green and affordable housing for the local community and all the profits are reinvested into the next project, continuing the cycle of community growth.
28	The Friends of Gnoll Park	N/A	£960	£900	The Friends of Gnoll Park work within the boundary of Gnoll Country Park, in Neath. Looking to contract a self-employed volunteer coordinator to work alongside us and assist in building the capacity of the group. They would be contracted to lead at least 6 volunteer activities which require use of tools and greater woodland / site management skills, provide on-site training to members of the committee in safe use of tools and management of volunteers. Assist in development of project ideas and costing, to inform further grant submissions.

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29	The Mullany Fund	£5,000	£7,353	£5,000	Funding will support continued delivery of our e-Mentoring project in NPT, for one year, with a view to improving social mobility prospects of young people who live there. This will be achieved through the following approaches, and will include support around STEM subjects, including engineering. The project would deliver activity sessions during school terms, in the following 4 areas, corresponding to the 4 project outcomes: Aspiration & Inspiration, Knowledge, Skills, Attainment
30	The Friends of Neath Abbey Iron Company (FNAIC)	N/A	£9,514	£5,000	In the long term the proposed consolidation works together with an ongoing programme of inspection, vegetation clearance and consolidation could make the site suitable for public access. This is repeated by Cadw's vegetation management plan for the site which stipulates spraying vegetation with herbicide to control it. Due to structural deterioration our previous method of an aged volunteer climbing onto the furnaces is untenable, so we are applying for grant funding so that a qualified contractor can apply herbicide to the structures using a mobile elevating work platform.
31	The Pontardawe Arena	N/A	£25,850	£10,000	Applying for funding to pay for two practitioner days to support those volunteers. We have started a partnership with the Pantry food bank and work with about 120 children a week. We would like to provide more of those people with food over the next few years, and teach many more about low-cost, sustainable food production.
32	Thrive Women's Aid	£15,000	£15,000	£15,000	The funding will allow Thrive Women's Aid to continue to employ a full time Family Support Officer within its Community and Outreach Service and focused on meeting the needs of women in crisis. The Family Support Officer will identify and address the immediate support needs of individuals and their families who are escaping domestic abuse.

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33	Ty Banc Canal Group	N/A	£25,000	£10,000	Utilising the funding to ensure appropriate tools, equipment and supplies can be provided to the Waterways Recover Group. The WRG will require accommodation, transport and services. The skills learned from the WRG will then be applied to more training for our volunteers. By training local community volunteers in this management, we believe we will reduce the strain on NPTCBC staff and give the local community a sense of ownership in their green spaces. Core funding to the group will ensure we are in a position to build the number of active volunteers in our group beyond the numbers we were seeing before the pandemic.
34	Y Lolfa GCG	£1,500	£1,600	£1,575	The Third Sector Grant will be used to cover the core costs of broadband for the public computers, insurance, and audit costs, which are not covered by the other grants.
35	YMCA Port Talbot	N/A	£11,700	£5,700	We propose delivering a program of activities twice a month (22 pa) which include indoor and outdoor climbing, kayaking and water-sports, map reading, first aid, cookery, bush craft, plant identification, den building, art and music as well as wellbeing. As well as being a club in its own right running for two hours fortnightly we also want our clients to sign up for our main 12 weeks Challenge programs. We also propose running a Sunday Paths Project which is where we take a group of about 20 people from all backgrounds and ages and help them design and develop their own walk through our community.
36	Young Men's Christian Association	N/A	£47,411	£30,000	Utilise funding for staff salaries and fixed costs so that we can offer regular Tea talks events - providing a coffee shop environment where people are safe to talk about their mental health and gain access to additional support if required. Holding an OQS group for young people to come into the same environment and allow them to explore their identity with structured conversations around LGBTQ+ themes. In addition, weekly friendship circle group where older people can meet and socialise away from the home. Introducing a "Food Bank" style "Baby Bank" which provides free baby consumables for struggling families.

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37	Ystalyfera Development Trust	32,896	40,000	35,000	Funding will be used to assist with the core funding of the organisation to deliver activities from the centre. The Trust runs various activities at the centre which promotes social and digital inclusion. Running of activities such as computers classes, drop-in sessions and one-off courses, art and craft groups and PC's with internet access for members of the public to use. Hosting numerous coffee mornings/film shows and other events in order for people have somewhere to go and help reduce part of the energy bills at home. The centre is also planning to become a warm hub this winter to help people who are struggling to pay their heating bills.
	Total		£1,043,992	£585,310	

Appendix 2

Third Sector New Applications 2023/24 - Applications not recommended for approval			
Ref	Organisation	Amount applied for 2023/24	Activity
1	334 Neath Royal Air Force Air Cadets	£5,250	Purchase of S.T.E.M equipment - Raspberry PI Kits - to provide valuable like skills which can be taken forward when looking for work. Support the development of S.T.E.M skills amongst female cadets, support mental and physical wellbeing for all.
2	Afan Lido Ladies & Girls F.C.	£1,000	Purchase of coaching and first aid awards, football kits and equipment.
3	Age Connects Neath Port Talbot	£21,280	Deliver and maintain a programme of outreach hubs and associated community volunteering activities hosted in principal community locations within Neath Port Talbot Outreach hub activities and services will aim to maintain and improve the confidence, self-esteem, choice/control, independence and physical/emotional wellbeing of some of the most isolated and marginalised older people in the Borough.
4	BAME Mental Health Support	£34,800	Delivery of Weekly Awareness Sessions - To deliver weekly single door drop-in session ensuring every enquiry is dealt with or signposted to relevant agencies to support. Dedicated Multilingual support, deliver a series of health awareness sessions including Mental Health first aid training to elderly community members in Neath. Engage Local Health Boards and to help reduce waiting times through the referral system we have in place.
5	Caewern & Bryncoch South Together Group	£7,083	Provide a monthly community cinema not only to the Residents of Caewern, but neighbouring communities of Cimla, Skewen and Briton Ferry. Provide activity days, fun days, coach trips to families to whom such activities would be out of reach. Provide a Clothes bank/swap for community members in need and a parent and toddler group for families of children with additional needs.
6	Care and Repair Western Bay	£20,000	Provide Casework, technical and quick housing adaptation and repair solutions to enable independent living and improve well-being with a focus on working in both community and hospital settings to promote prevention and timely and efficient hospital discharge for older people medically fit for discharge with housing related problems. The Casework Service will complete: A Healthy Homes Check of property condition and carry out an environmental risk assessment in and around the home to identify potential hazards. A Falls Risk Assessment

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Ref	Organisation	Amount applied for 2023/24	Activity
			(FRAT) using a standard assessment framework a Trusted Assessor Assessment that would identify the need for small scale aids and adaptations.
7	Empower Inspire CIC	£11,600	Funding to start a Community Group 'Sunflower Café' – an informal community café for carers, families and individuals currently living with Dementia within the Neath Port Talbot area as there aren't any informal support services available within this area. We are delivery partners for the Alzheimer's Society 'Singing for the Brain' initiative. The funding would be used to create and establish these two groups for one year - covering costs of room hire / facilitators fees / transport / refreshments / resources
8	Hafan Cymru	£40,901	This project will provide a CYP Wellbeing Support Worker for 3 years, who will support CYP (aged 5-18), who are experiencing escalating mental health/emotional challenges, because of household domestic violence/abuse (DA).
9	Melin Community Trust	£3,000	Upgrade old systems including the fire and intruder alarm system.
10	MMI Trading with Care	£36,000	For continued support and is essential to the core costs of the building. The core funding is important to the Hub as it provides the much-needed cash injection to keep the building open to the community.
11	Neath Boys and Girls Club	£15,000	The funding will help to bring Neath Boys and Girls Club back into use. It will give us the time and breathing space to draw in additional funding to carry out the renovations required on the building without the worry that comes with continuous community fundraising to making sure the bills are paid. The club's electricity contract has expired and we do not yet know how much of an increase we will see to the bills or how much higher it will go once work begins - the grant will ensure that this is covered. With a £5000 annual insurance fee until the club is improved and in use, but an eligibility requirement of most funders, this grant will ensure that next year's insurance remains in place even if funding has not yet been secure. The grant will also allow us to take the next steps in our phased plan by funding the quantity surveyor and architecture fees and in doing so providing match funding for further applications.

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Ref	Organisation	Amount applied for 2023/24	Activity
12	Physical Empowerment CIC	£15,500	Run courses for women who have lived through domestic abuse. Courses focus on using self-defence (emotional, mental and physical) as a trauma rehabilitation and confidence building tool. Peer mentoring is a key part of Physical Empowerment and the eventual aim is to develop a fully self-sustainable network in the local community. We believe in long-term intervention and are in the process of renovating a room at the Taibach Community Centre which will become our permanent community training space. This community training room will have multiple uses and provide a safe space for women in the community where they can meet, train, talk and plan.
13	Pontardawe Bowls Club	Amount Unknown	This could enable more significant fund-raising activities and wider grant applications to be made to provide an enhanced range of community accessible facilities. These include developing wider participation, start both a Women's and Junior Teams next Spring. Clubhouse Uplift/Development.
14	Port Talbot Town Sports Education Trust - Steelmen in the Community	£1,000	The kitchen area of the club to create a community kitchen to enable and empower change within the local community. The refurbished kitchen will be used to establish as food share cafe weekly where members of the community can gather share free food and breakdown the many barriers faced by individuals within the of the community including social and economic hardship and Isolation leading to poor health and mental wellbeing.
15	Seven Arches Landscape and Wildlife Group	£28,000	The group has been granted a license by NPTC to manage a section of river valley area between Cymmer & Gwynfi. In the immediate future the group is or will be actively involved in the following activities, all of which are being conducted through local community volunteering. Removing Himalayan Balsam and treating Japanese knotweed Removal of trees & undergrowth structurally impinging on historic drift mines / levels, structural river walls, Gelli Tunnel and Seven Arches Viaduct. Planting events - bulbs in urban areas bordering the site. Workshops to create and install bird and bat boxes (>100). Establish a woodcraft skills / woodland school, focusing on connecting with local youth groups, schools and disadvantaged adults.
16	Tai Tarian	£155,000	Create 15 Sustainable Food Source areas & 10 Rain Garden areas across the 430 acres that we manage in Neath Port Talbot to allow our communities access to orchard grown fresh produce supporting healthy growth and development for our younger members of society and vital nutrition to all members of the public.

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Ref	Organisation	Amount applied for 2023/24	Activity
17	Taibach Community Support	£1,000	Application withdrawn as the funding was required to support Christmas activities.
18	Tawe Bikes	£17,500	Deliver a three year program of free cycle hire to residents of Neath Port Talbot, creating two part- time employment positions. Cycle technician - 8 hours per week Operations and business development officer. - 8 hours per week. The proposal is to offer a min of 10 cycles each day (max 10 hours) free of charge to the residents of NPTCBC.
19	The Draco Project CIC	£25,857	Support local children to access activities that they otherwise wouldn't be able to do and remove barriers such as income. We provide a huge range of youth led activities for children to participate in locally. We plan to be able to facilitate a place where children of all ages can attend for free. We plan to give the children a chance to gain experience in taster sessions that we can either run ourselves or book third party bodies to pass on their experiences. We run activities that both give life skills and enrich the children's wellbeing.
20	The Draco Project CIC	£43,408	Run woodland nature sessions within a woodland in Bryncoch. Activities are generalised around wellbeing in the woodland for all age groups to promote confidence and self-esteem, allowing time within nature, hold forest bathing sessions, bush craft sessions, nature art sessions, ecology, and forest school, cooking over the fire, woodland management and many more.
21	The Prince's Trust	£59,813	Two applications were submitted – one application for one year and the second application requested two years funding. Princes Trust Achieve is a flexible learning programme for 11-19-year-olds providing them with the opportunities they need to discover new interests, build skills for life, and learn about the world of work – improving their chances of stepping into sustainable employment when the time's right. Delivered by schools and PT, it helps YP who may be struggling with mainstream education or who may have been excluded. Fully supported with a blend of youth-led interactive resources and mentoring support, we support advisors (e.g., teachers) to create pathways for YP to uncover their potential with the option to work towards accredited qualifications.
22	The Prince's Trust	£59,813	
23	The Steel Town Solitaires	£10,000	Purchase of instruments for the members to be able to play and learn, plus the purchase of uniforms to be able to enter competitions.
	Total	£612,806	

Appendix 3

Grant Award to Third Party Strategic Partner Organisations 2023/24	2023/24 Year 1	2024/25 Year 2	2025/26 Year 3
1. DANSA Transport	£37,000	£40,009	£40,009
2. DOVE Workshops	£40,000	£51,718	£51,718
3. Glynneath Training Centre	£48,000	£50,726	£52,713
4. NPT CVS - Core Funding Contribution	£50,000	£57,972	£63,759
Total	£175,000	£200,425	£208,199