

COMMUNITY COUNCIL LIAISON SUB-COMMITTEE – 21ST JANUARY 2004

SUBJECT: NEW OPPORTUNITIES FUND

REPORT BY: CHIEF EXECUTIVE

1. A request has been received for details on the availability of New Opportunities Funds for summer play schemes. Also mentioned was the 'All Wales Fund for Community Account'.
2. The NOF web site was searched for available funding for these schemes. It was noted that funding has been available in the past, but typical awards have been in the region of £100,000 + and have been granted to major organisations i.e. Caerphilly CBC. Currently all funding for these types of scheme have closed. If however in the future, NOF recommences funding of this sort then the Sub-Committee will be notified.
3. It may be that the Members could have been referring to another source of funding as described in the second sentence of point 1 above. This has been taken to mean the 'Awards for All Wales' scheme which is jointly administered by the Community Fund, NOF, and the Heritage Lottery Fund. Awards made from this scheme are up to a maximum of £5,000. Any group applying for this funding would be looked at favorably if they could demonstrate a contribution from their own funds. Information is attached on what Awards for All Wales is, Who can Apply, What Kinds of Activities will attract support, and What Activities will not be supported. Further information and application forms can be found on the following web site www.awardsforall.org.uk.
4. There may also be a possibility that an application could be made to the Community Fund and also attached are details on their funding criteria. Further details can be obtained on www.communtly-fund.org.uk including application details
5. The Policy Unit has access to what is called the 'GRANTFINDER' database. This contains information on a variety of sources of funding including the private sector, Trusts, European Funding etc. A detailed search of this database did not bring up any sources of funding specifically for summer play schemes.
6. If any more information is required or any help is required with applications please feel free to contact John Elliott, Research Officer, Policy Unit, Tredomen, 01443 864415 or e-mail ellioj@caerphilly.gov.uk.