

GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY SECTOR PANEL- 19TH MAY 2004

SUBJECT: APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

REPORT BY: DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE

1. STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE

1.1 The Panel's budget for 2004/2005 is £303,365. The following amounts have been allocated to date:-

	£
CAB *	112,500
Discretionary Rate Relief	152,300
Grants awarded by Panel	160
Grants determined by Officers in consultation with Chairman and Vice Chairman	5320
Trophies, footballs etc	
Total Expenditure	270280

* £95,500 in cash and £17,000 in kind, the latter being premises running costs.

Therefore, the balance available for grants to the voluntary sector is £33,085

The total of amounts requested for applications listed in this report is £4,494. In addition there are a number which do not specify amounts.

2. APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

2.1 The current general criteria for awarding financial assistance are listed below:-

	Annual Award	£
(a)	OAP Association with own building	220
(b)	OAP Association without own building	110
(c)	Junior Sports Club	30 per number of members
(d)	Individuals representing Wales at home	Up to 110
(e)	Individuals representing Wales abroad	Up to 220
(f)	Jazz Bands	55
(g)	Choirs	55
(h)	Scout/cubs/brownies/guides/boys brigade/crusaders	30 per number of members
(i)	St John Ambulance:-	
	Cadets	55 per number of members
	Badgers	30 per number of members
(j)	Boys and Girls Clubs and YMCA's with own premises	420

All other applications for sponsorship and miscellaneous grants are treated on their merits.

A total of eleven new and deferred applications have been received and are appended below for consideration.

2.2 Islwyn Community Credit Union

The Union, which has over 500 members, has paid Business Rates on its premises in Blackwood High Street. No rate relief is available to Credit Unions and a grant of £1,943.60 is requested to cover rates paid. Last year £1,892 was awarded for the same purpose.

2.3 Welsh Giant Vegetable Championship

This annual event will take place in Abertysswg on the 18th September. Unspecified financial support is sought towards the cost of trophies etc. Last year £70 was provided.

2.4 St David's Foundation Hospice Care

St David's Foundation has been providing a "hospice at home service" in this area for 25 years. Several fundraising events are taking place during June and a contribution is requested. The Foundation currently has a Welsh Church Fund approval in respect of its Ystrad Mynach premises.

2.5 Ysgol Gymraeg Cwm Gwyddon, Abercarn

The School is taking 44 children to compete in 9 events at the Urdd National Eisteddfod in Anglesey. The estimated cost of the trip is £1,000 and a grant of £300 is requested.

2.6 Caerphilly Local History Society

The Society is seeking assistance with the cost of hiring a meeting room which has recently increased to £144. In past years £100 has been provided.

2.7 Moriah Baptist Church Banner Group, Risca

This group of 10 adults aims to teach and enhance the skills of banner making which will improve the décor of the interior of the church.

2.8 Trethomas Over 55's Social Club

The Club has 65 members who meet weekly. A grant of £500 is sought towards the cost of coach trips and social occasions. Last year £60 was awarded in respect of the first application.

2.9 Cefn Hengoed Friendship Club

The above is a group of 16 ladies who meet weekly and occasionally have guest speakers. An unspecified grant is requested towards running costs. In past years £30 has been provided.

2.10 Really Cuckoo Company, St Mary's Risca

This Drama Company, formed in 1994, has 12 adult and 25 junior members. The Company aims to develop character, confidence and a sense of community through the media of drama and music. A grant of £1,500 is requested towards the cost of upgrading sound, light and backdrop facilities.

2.11 **The Kids Cookery Club, Penpedairheol**

The above, formed in April 2003, has 20 members and aims to teach children how to cook. A grant of £250 is sought to purchase equipment.

2.12 **Pentwynmawr Ki Aikido Club**

The Club has 10 junior members and receives an annual award of £30 according to the set criteria. However, ten new safety mats are needed which will cost £280. Further consideration is requested.

3. **WELSH CHURCH ACTS FUND**

3.1 At previous meetings of the Panel it was decided that the following criteria would apply when considering applications for assistance from the Welsh Church Fund.

- (i) A grant of no more than £1,500 be given to partly fund projects of £4,500 and over;
- (ii) Smaller projects less than £4,500 be grant aided up to a third of the total cost;
- (iii) All organisation receiving grants produce the necessary financial records to show the expenditure has been incurred;
- (vi) No organisation be allowed to apply in consecutive years.

The Council's annual allocation from the Fund is £46,066. The total of grants awarded so far this year is £9,000 and therefore the balance available is £37,066. Two new applications are appended below. The total of amounts requested in accordance with the agreed criteria is £1,330.

3.2 **Abercarn English Baptist Church**

A grant of £1,000 is requested towards the cost of recent repairs to the central heating system, guttering, downpipes, and vestry kitchen roof.

3.3 **Machen Cricket Club Junior Section**

The junior section has recently repaired and decorated a club room at a cost of £1,200. They now need approximately £1,000 for flooring.

4. **CITIZENS' ADVICE BUREAUX (CAB)**

At the meeting of 2nd July 2003 the Panel resolved that the CAB be granted £95,500 for core funding during 2003/2004. The Panel are asked to consider the level of funding for 2004/2005. Previously a three year level of funding was agreed by Cabinet.

5. **DECISIONS OF OFFICERS**

5.1 The following grants have been awarded in accordance with the agreed criteria:-

2003/2004

Ref	Name of Organisation	Grant Awarded £
196/03	1 st Cwmcarn Brownies	30
197/03	1 st Newbridge Brownies	60
198/03	2 nd Blackwood Boys Brigade	90+90

199/03	1 st Oakdale Guides	60
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2004/2005

Ref	Name of Organisation	Grant Awarded £
03/04	Brithdir 55-65 Club	110
04/04	Gelligaer OAP Association	110
05/04	Markham Senior Citizens	110
06/04	Pandy Park Senior Citizens	110
07/04	Cwmcarn OAP Welfare Association	220
08/04	Maesycwmmmer OAP Association	220
09/04	B.T.M. Junior FC	330
10/04	Pontllanfraith Kickboxing Club	90
11/04	Pentwynmawr Ki Aikido Club	30
12/04	Pontlloftyn Boys & Girls Club	420
13/04	1 st Blackwood Brownies	30
14/04	1 st Trinant Brownies	60
15/04	1 st Newbridge Guides	60
16/04	Jade Phelps, Newbridge – Guiding	110
17/04	Phillip Osborne, Abertyswg – Rugby	220
18/04	Angharad Griffiths, Princetown – Hockey	220
19/04	Carla Parfitt, Risca – Football	220
20/04	Jess Kidley, Caerphilly – Rugby	220
21/04	Gemma Williams, Caerphilly – Rugby	220
22/04	Richard Vaughan, Llanbradach – Badminton	220
23/04	Gilfach OAP Welfare Committee	220
24/04	Llanbradach OAP Welfare Committee	220
25/04	Argoed Senior Citizens Association	110
26/04	Cascade OAP Association	110
27/04	Phillipstown OAP Association	110
28/04	Hengoed Harriers Football Club	60
29/04	Heolddu Gymnastics Club	90

30/04	1 st Oakdale Beaver Scouts	30 + 30
31/04	Amy Day, Caerphilly - Rugby	220
32/04	Hannah Fenn, Newbridge – Girlguiding	220
33/04	Marc Wyatt, Caerphilly - Bowls	220
34/04	Dean Kibble, Oakdale – Fly Fishing	110
35/04	Senghenydd RFC Juniors	240

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