

Noder: Rydym yn derbyn deunydd cais yn y Gymraeg neu'r Saesneg. Mae deunydd cais ar gael yn y Gymraeg, cysylltwch â ni os ydych am gopi.

Please note: We accept application materials in English or Welsh. Application materials are available in Welsh, if you require a copy please contact us.

Coalfields Regeneration Trust

Coalfields Regeneration Trust (CRT) was established in 1999 and is the only organisation dedicated to building prosperity and opportunity in former coal mining communities across the UK, representing over 5.5 million people. We are proud of our track record over the last 26 years and have delivered targeted programmes that have addressed many of the huge challenges caused by the closure of the coal industry. We are dedicated to supporting and improving the quality of life for the people living in former mining communities.

Community buildings and community spaces play an important role in bringing people together for health, social, wellbeing, education and recreation purposes. CRT recognises the vital role of community facilities in strengthening our social fabric and building opportunities for our coalfield communities. Having welcoming and accessible places has a big impact on a person's experience and their likelihood of coming back.

Coalfields Community Grants Programme

The Coalfields Community Capital Grant in Wales can award capital funding from £500 up to £7,000 and is funded by the Welsh Government.

The aim of this programme is to support community and voluntary organisations, who manage community facilities, to access funding required to: safeguard; maintain; and/or improve their community facility.

Eligibility Criteria

- Your organisation must have an appropriate governing document.
- You must be able to demonstrate how your project benefits the wider community and your organisation's members should not be the only beneficiaries. The project must also be permitted by your organisation's governing document.
- You must be able to provide your latest set of accounts no more than 22 months old, or for new organisations forecast accounts for 24 months.
- Your organisation's unrestricted annual income must be less than £500,000.
- You must have a bank account in the group name, with at least two unrelated signatories.
- Your project must be based in an [eligible coalfield community](#) or be able to show clear and immediate benefits for an eligible coalfield community (if unsure please contact us for clarification).
- Your organisation must own the building or have a full repairing and insuring lease with at least five years remaining.

- You must have sought the relevant permissions for your project where applicable e.g. Landlord's consent, building regulations, planning permissions.

This funding programme does not require match funding, however if contributing to a larger capital project we would require confirmation that other funding sources (own or external) have been secured before releasing any funding (total project cost must not exceed £150,000).

We will require:

- one quote for any work/item(s) under £12,000
- three comparable quotes for any work/item(s) over £12,000.
- Formal tender process for projects exceeding a total of £30,000 - *we would require a copy of tenders.*

Please note these costs are excluding VAT.

We are unable to fund organisations which: we have funded within the last 12 months; or have not yet completed monitoring of previous awards under the Coalfields Community Grants programme. All previous CRT grants awarded need to be completed prior to submitting an application.

Costs we cannot fund (please note this list is not exhaustive):

Please note this is a capital fund so cannot be used to fund revenue costs such as surveys, professional fees, training or salaries. If you require surveys/professional fees, which will help safeguard, or improve a community asset you may be eligible for assistance via our support programme, please register for further support [here](#).

- Project costs that the Trust has funded previously through the Community Grants or Bridging the Gap programmes.
- Contribution towards a larger project with costs in excess of £150,000.
- Deficit or retrospective costs (in other words, costs you have committed to pay before your application was approved).
- Capital contingencies.
- The creation or maintenance of footpaths or car parks.
- The development of bars or bar areas, for the purpose of increasing bar takings.
- Medical or research equipment.
- Funding required to exclusively drawdown landfill tax credits.
- Equipment (although some costs are eligible so please contact us to discuss).

Organisations we cannot fund:

- Town Council
- Statutory body

If you are unsure if your organisation will be eligible, please contact us on 01495 367680 or email wales@coalfields-regen.org.uk before submitting an application form.

Application Process

Please complete the Capital Grant Application Form and submit with the required information as noted on the application form to wales@coalfields-regen.org.uk and a member of our assessment team will contact you within 12 weeks with a decision or a request for further information.

As part of our assessment of the project we will assess whether a grant meets EU State Aid/UK Subsidy Control requirements. This may require us to ask you for further information on your project, organisation and other funding received to date.

Any enquiries please contact 01495 367680 or email wales@coalfields-regen.org.uk