

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

CABINET: 21st DECEMBER, 2006

REFERENCE FROM VOLUNTARY SECTOR JOINT LIAISON COMMITTEE:
29TH NOVEMBER, 2006

“568 ALLOCATION OF FUNDING UNDER THE VOLUNTARY ACTION SCHEME 2007/2008 (DFICTP) -

A joint working group, which comprised of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Voluntary Sector representatives and officers of the Council met on 14th November, 2006 to consider applications under the Voluntary Action Scheme and the recommendations were for consideration by the Committee as to the award of grants for 2007/2008. The sums available for allocation, subject to the necessary funding being approved by Council, were £87,000 (2007/08), £176,000 (2008/09) and £203,000 (2009/10). These figures were based on the current year's budget provision of £203,000 less the commitment given last year and the year before to fund two and three year schemes.

Following a Cabinet review of grant schemes operational departments were asked “whether the scheme would be a top priority for their service, ranking equally with expenditure included within their budget” (Minute C2307 Cabinet - 15th February, 2006 refers), and comments were included in the report.. There was a balance of funding in the sum of £30,000 still to be allocated and the Voluntary Sector Joint Liaison Committee were asked to consider whether to allocate this sum to either Vibe Experience Ltd., or Amelia Trust Farm and also to consider the recommendations of the Joint Working Group.

AGREED -

- (1) T H A T the recommended projects identified by the Working Group be supported.
- (2) **T H A T the balance of £30,000 not allocated by the Joint Working Group be allocated to Vibe Experience Ltd. for one year funding 2007/8 only.**
- (3) **T H A T the Cabinet be requested to approve the allocation of grants to the projects detailed below:”**

Applicant	Project	Grant Requested Per annum* £'000	Recommended allocation				Comments
			2007/8 Single Yr Funding £	2007/8 Multi Yr Funding £	2008/9 Funding £	2009/10 Funding £	
Applicants seeking one year only funding:							
British Red Cross Society	Practical "aids to living" project	10	10				High priority
Applicants seeking two year only funding:							
Cruse Bereavement Care	Service development	8	Nil	8	8		Medium Priority
Applicants seeking three year funding:							
Vibe Experience Ltd	Area 41 Vibe operations	34	30,000*	(allocated at Committee meeting)			High priority
Penarth Youth Project	Health Project	14	Nil	14	14	14	High priority
Vale Direct Payments Social & Peer Support Group	Support group development	20	Nil	20	20	20	High priority
Penarth Live at Home Scheme	Volunteer expenses, clerical staff costs, training etc.	5	Nil	5	5	5	Medium priority)
TOTAL NOW RECOMMENDED			40,000	47,000	47,000	39,000	

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

VOLUNTARY SECTOR JOINT LIASON COMMITTEE 29 NOVEMBER 2006

REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF FINANCE, ICT AND PROPERTY

**ALLOCATION OF FUNDING UNDER THE VOLUNTARY ACTION SCHEME
2007/2008**

Purpose of Report

1. To report the views of the meeting of a joint working group with the voluntary sector regarding the awarding of grants under this Council's Voluntary Action Scheme 2007/8.

Background

2. As in previous years a Joint Working Group comprised of your Chair and Vice Chair, voluntary sector representatives and officers of this Council, met on 14 November 2006 to consider the applications and make recommendations to this meeting as to the award of grants.

Relevant Issues and Options

3. The sums available for allocation, subject to the necessary funding being approved by Council, are £87,000 (2007/8), £176,000 (2008/9) and £203,000 (2009/10). These figures are based on the current year's budget provision of £203,000 less the commitment given last year and the year before to fund two and three year schemes.
4. Appendix "A" to this report sets out a summary of the applications received. Arising out of Cabinets' review of grant schemes is a requirement that operational departments are to be asked "whether the scheme would be a top priority for their service, ranking equally with expenditure included within their budget" (Minute C2307Cabinet 15 February 2006 refers). Heads of Service' responses are included.
5. Appendix "B" to this report sets out the "Priorities for Funding".
6. Appendix "C" to this report sets out the "Application Guidelines" document supplied to all applicants which indicates eligibility requirements, priorities for funding and other administrative issues.
7. Appendix "D" to this report sets out the recommendations of the Joint

Working group as to the award of grants under this scheme. Committee is asked to decide whether the balance of funding in the sum of £30,000 be allocated to either Vibe Experience Ltd. or Amelia Trust Farm.

Resource Implications (Financial and Employment)

8. Council has not yet approved its budget for next year. Once the budget is finalised the financial provision will be held within the Policy revenue budget.

Legal Implications (to include Human Rights implications)

9. There are no direct legal implications arising from this report.

Crime and Disorder Implications

10. The funding of the voluntary sector should assist in increasing social inclusion and reducing crime.

Equal Opportunities Implications (to include Welsh Language Scheme issues)

11. The core eligibility criteria, provided to all applicants, provides that all organisations seeking funding must actively promote equal opportunities in their operations and service delivery.

Corporate / Service Objectives (to include Stakeholder Consultation and Voluntary Sector Implications)

12. The priorities for funding under the scheme are in accord with the Councils corporate priorities.

Policy Framework and Budget

13. The proposals within this report are in accordance with the Policy Framework and Budget.

Consultation (Including Ward Member Consultation)

14. Since the proposals are within the Policy Framework and Budget, no further consultation beyond that indicated in the report has taken place.

Relevant Scrutiny Committee

Corporate Resources.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

That Committee consider the views of the Joint Working Group regarding the awarding of grants under this scheme and recommend accordingly to Cabinet.

Reasons for Recommendation (s)

To progress the award grants in accordance with the approved scheme.

Background Papers

Grant application forms.

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Appendix "A"

VOLUNTARY ACTION SCHEME 2007/8

SUMMARY OF APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

REF
No.

01. **Project Title:** Life skills for Young Minds Project.

Project Location: Vale wide.

Organisation: Clybiau plant Cymru Kids' club.

Priorities addressed:

Health & Well Being

– Promote the health and general well being of all Vale of Glamorgan residents.

– Safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people.

Lifelong Learning

– Directly promote life chances, individual self esteem, potential, and independence.

– Engage young people in decision making.

Community Safety

– Help create a safer environment for communities.

Environmental Improvements

– Encourage the conservation, reuse and recycling of resources.

Purpose of funding :

To develop the provision of out of school child care in the Vale's area.

What funds would be used for:

Salary and central administration costs. To make up an existing part time peripatetic development worker to full time **(based at HQ in Cardiff)** and increase the hours of a part time support worker **(working from home in Vale area)**

Expected outcomes:

Improved quality of clubs through training / information sharing and signposting to relevant agencies etc.

Funding sought:

Year	Project Total Cost £	Grant Requested £
2007/8	51,573	29,583
2008/9	n/a	n/a

2009/10

n/a

n/a

The balance of funding / existing funding is already funded by the Council through Cymorth funding.

Previous funding:

None

Exit strategy:

The project will not be complete at the end of the funding term and approaches will be made to the Children's and Young Peoples Partnership for continued funding.

Partnership / Operational Departments views:

By working to promote out of school clubs this project will have a benefit, which is consistent with the aims and objectives of the Health, Social Care & Wellbeing Strategy

Heads of Service comments:

Head of Children & Family Services – Low priority

02. **Project Title:** Digital Dreams

Project Location: Vale-wide

Organisation: Hyper Action (Multimedia Projects) Ltd.

Priorities addressed:

Community Safety

– **Help create a safer environment for communities.**

Health & Well Being

– **Safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people.**

Lifelong Learning

– **Directly promote life chances, individual self esteem, potential, and independence.**

Purpose of funding :

To fund a programme of workshops addressing the inequality of IT access by girls and young women and affording them the opportunity to express their aspirations, fears and concerns regarding their local communities.

What funds would be used for:

Course costs which comprise of salary and equipment costs and contribution to central admin costs etc.

Expected outcomes:

Provision of 20 workshops, 2-3 hours each, between January to July 2007, targeted at 8-14 year olds, 8 participants in each session.

Funding sought:

Year	Project Total Cost £	Grant Requested £
2007/8	11,760	8,810
2008/9	n/a	n/a
2009/10	n/a	n/a

Balance of funding is being sought through a Lottery Awards for All application.

Previous funding:

2001/2 Scheme - £6750 towards similar project.

Exit strategy:

This section not completed.

Partnership / Operational Departments views:

This engagement with girls aged 8 to 14yrs allowing them to express their aspirations and fears about living in the community could provide valuable consultation information for the development of the next H,SC&W Strategy. The projects approach of engaging young people is consistent with the aims and objectives of the Health, Social Care & Wellbeing Strategy.

Heads of Service comments:

Head of Children & Family Services – Low priority

03. **Project Title:** **Therapy seessions.**
- Project Location:** **Whitchurch Cardiff.**
- Organisation:** **Bobath Children’s Therapy Centre Wales (cerebal palsy sufferers)**

Priorities addressed:

Health & Well Being
– Safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people.

Purpose of funding :

The provision of therapy to children suffering from cerebral palsy.

What funds would be used for:

Purchase of therapy sessions at £2,372 per child.

Expected outcomes:

Provision of a course of therapy to 10 no. children.

Funding sought:

Year	Project Total Cost £	Grant Requested £
2007/8	23,720	23,720
2008/9	n/a	n/a
2009/10	n/a	n/a

Previous funding:

None from this scheme

Exit strategy:

There appears to be an ongoing requirement for funding.

Partnership / Operational Departments views:

This service would assist in improving the welfare of children with cerebral palsy and would have benefits for carers therefore it would be consistent with the aims and objectives of the Health, Social Care & Wellbeing Strategy.

Heads of Service comments:

Head of Children & Family Services – Low priority

04. **Project Title:** **Practical Aids to Living Outreach Service**

Project Location: **Vale-wide.**

Organisation: **British Red Cross Society.**

Priorities addressed:

Health & Well Being

– Promote the health and general well being of all Vale of Glamorgan residents.

– Enable vulnerable adults and their carers to live as independently as possible.

Purpose of funding :

To fund the post of a part time employee to establish a practical aids to living outreach service in the Council's area.

What funds would be used for:

Salary costs, general office overheads, travel costs etc

Expected outcomes:

Provision of outreach service enabling older people to view, obtain advice, try out and purchase aids to facilitate daily living.

Funding sought:

Year	Project Total Cost £	Grant Requested £
2007/8	10,264	10,264
2008/9	n/a	n/a
2009/10	n/a	n/a

Previous funding:

Nil from this scheme.

Exit strategy:

No exit strategy is indicated, but it is likely such a project would be of finite duration.

Partnership / Operational Departments views:

The provision of this service will improve the independence of older people and is therefore consistent with the aims and objectives of the Health, Social Care & Wellbeing Strategy

Heads of Service comments:

Head of Community Health & Care – High priority

05 **Project Title:** Part-time development officer

Project Location: Vale wide.

Organisation: Cruse Bereavement Care (Cardiff & Vale of Glamorgan)

Priorities addressed:

Health & Well Being

- Enable vulnerable adults and their carers to live as independently as possible.
- Safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people.

Purpose of funding :

To fund a part-time development officer.

What funds would be used for:

Salary costs

Expected outcomes:

Increased awareness and provision of services particularly among minority groups and in the rural and socially deprived areas of the Vale.

Funding sought:

Year	Project Total Cost £	Grant Requested £
2007/8	8,200	8,200
2008/9	8,200	8,200
2009/10	n/a	n/a

Previous funding:

Nil from this scheme.

Exit strategy:

The applicants indicate that the project will be complete at the end of the funding term.

Partnership / Operational Departments views:

Given the proportion of work which is generated for Cruse from the Vale it would be appropriate for this service to be expanded in the Vale in the manner suggested in the application. Such a development would be **consistent with the aims and objectives of the Health, Social Care & Wellbeing Strategy.**

Heads of Service comments:

Head of Community Health & Care – Medium priority.

6. **Project Title:** The Vale Autism Partnership Project.

Project Location: Vale wide

Organisation: Autism Cymru

Priorities addressed:

Community Safety

– Target and reduce crime.

Health and Well Being

– Enable vulnerable adults and their carers to live as independently as possible.

- Safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people.
- Lifelong Learning**
- Directly promote life chances, individual self esteem, potential, and independence.

Purpose of funding :

To launch a high profile campaign creating an awareness an understanding of Autistic Spectrum Disorder.

What funds would be used for:

Salary and direct overhead costs of full time development officer, premises rent and office overhead costs, plus marketing information packs etc.

Expected outcomes:

Increased awareness and understanding of the needs of people with Autistic Spectrum Disorder.

Funding sought:

Year	Project Total Cost £	Grant Requested £
2007/8	34,800	34,800
2008/9	33,000	33,000
2009/10	n/a	n/a

Previous funding:

Nil from this scheme.

Exit strategy:

The applicants indicate that the project will be complete at the end of the funding term.

Partnership / Operational Departments views:

The awareness raising agenda and education across the statutory agencies of Autistic Spectrum Disorder will have a effect on the approach which is adopted to providing for the needs of this group. The application would be consistent with the aims and objectives of the Health, Social Care & Wellbeing Strategy with particular reference to the priorities of supporting cares and accessing services.

Heads of Service comments:

Head of Community Health & Care – Low priority

07. **Project Title:** Field Worker Vale of Glamorgan

Project Location: Vale wide.

Organisation: Epilepsy Wales.

Priorities addressed:

Health & Well Being

- Enable vulnerable adults and their carers to live as independently as possible.
- Safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people.
- Promote the health and general well being of all Vale of Glamorgan residents.

Purpose of funding :

To fund a dedicated Field Worker for the Vale area.

What funds would be used for:

Field worker salary costs, plus office overhead costs, equipment, training etc.

Expected outcomes:

Increased support generally for sufferers of epilepsy through the Vale area.

Funding sought:

Year	Project Total Cost £	Grant Requested £
2007/8	22,180	20,000
2008/9	21,390	20,000
2009/10	22,125	20,000

Previous funding:

Nil from this scheme.

Exit strategy:

The applicants indicate that the project will not be complete at the end of the funding term and that the Council will be approached for further funding.

Partnership / Operational Departments views:

Consistent with Health Social Care & Wellbeing Strategy and regarded as an important agenda.

Heads of Service comments:

Head of Community Health & Care – Medium priority

08. **Project Title:** "The Midas Touch" recycling project

Project Location: Ty Hafen Children's Hospice, Barry.

Organisation: Ty Hafen Children's Hospice.

Priorities addressed:

Lifelong learning

– Directly promote life chances, individual self esteem, potential, and independence.

Environmental Improvements

– Encourage the conservation, reuse and recycling of resources.

Purpose of funding :

To fund a project manager and other associated costs to improve the efficiency of the organisations recycling project and to deal with a "backlog" of unsorted donated goods.

What funds would be used for:

Project Managers salary costs, volunteer expenses, central admin costs, warehouse adaptation costs, and equipment.

Expected outcomes:

Increased revenue generation for the charity and reduced waste to landfill.

Funding sought:

Year	Project Total Cost £	Grant Requested £
2007/8	30,000	30,000
2008/9	29,000	29,000
2009/10	29,000	29,000

Previous funding:

Nil from this scheme.

Exit strategy:

The applicants indicate that the project will be completed at the end of the funding period.

Partnership / Operational Departments views:

Ty Hafan is a recognised and valued resource which needs support in the way identified in the application however this particular bid for funding would only have a 'nock-on' effect in meeting the aims and objectives of the Health, Social Care & Wellbeing Strategy.

Heads of Service comments:

Head of Children & Family Services – Low priority

9. **Project Title:** Funding for post of Vibe Experience Co-ordinator

Project Location: Area 41, Holton Rd., Barry.

Organisation: Vibe Experience Ltd.

Priorities addressed:

Community Safety

– Target and reduce crime.

– Reduce the level of drug and alcohol related crime and disorder.

– Help create a safer environment for communities.

Lifelong learning

– Directly promote life chances, individual self esteem, potential, and independence.

– Engage young people in decision making.

Health & Well Being

– Safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people.

– Promote the health and general well being of all Vale of Glamorgan residents.

Purpose of funding :

To continue the employment of the Vibe Experience Coordinator based at Area 41 Holton Road. Post fully funded for last three years (to March 2007) by WAG under Safer Communities funding to reduce crime. **Further WAG funding to be applied for in January 2007.**

What funds would be used for:

Vibe Experience Coordinator's salary costs.

Expected outcomes:

Without the post the scale of operations of the Vibe Experience would be substantially reduced.

Funding sought:

Year	Project Total Cost £	Grant Requested £
2007/8	33,600	33,600
2008/9	34,608	34,608
2009/10	34,944	34,944

Previous funding:

Nil from this scheme.

Exit strategy:

The applicants indicate that the project will be complete at the end of the funding term, however, **there is an ongoing funding requirement for this post.**

Partnership / Operational Departments views:

In assisting the Council to identify the needs of young people and to address these needs is **consistent with the aims and objectives of the Health, Social Care & Wellbeing Strategy.** The direction of their work is also clearly focused on the preventative agenda.

The YPP Co-ordinator and the Head of Lifelong Learning - The work of Vibe is well known and they have undertaken and supported large amounts of work with young people, which has had great benefits to the partnerships and the people of the Vale in general. They have recently been successful in bringing in extra funds for the Vale of Glamorgan which help address a number of key partnership priorities.

Heads of Service comments:

Head of Children & Family Services – High priority; Head of Lifelong Learning – Highest priority

The YPP Co-ordinator and the Head of Lifelong Learning fully support this application and agree that from the bids seen this would be our priority.

10. **Project Title:** Young Gifted & The Vale.

Project Location: Llantwit Major Youth Centre.

Organisation: Major Music

Priority addressed:

Community Safety

- Target and reduce crime.
- Reduce the level of drug and alcohol related crime and disorder.
- Help create a safer environment for communities.

Lifelong Learning, projects that

- Directly promote life chances, individual self esteem, potential, and independence.
- Engage young people in decision making.

Purpose of funding :

The aim of this organisation, based in purpose built music / recording studio at Llantwit Major Youth Centre, is to work with disaffected and disadvantaged young people through the medium of modern music.

What funds would be used for:

Employment of part-time project workers.

Expected outcomes:

Continued further development of the organisations work in the Vale's area through collaboration with local schools, youth workers and other community groups etc., and also the recruitment and training of additional volunteers for the project.

Funding sought:

Year	Project Total Cost £	Grant Requested £
2007/8	26,016	26,016
2008/9	26,837	26,837
2009/10	27,673	27,673

Previous funding:

2003/4 Scheme – Provided three years funding totalling £17,875 for same purpose as this application.

Exit strategy:

The applicants indicate that the project will not be complete at the end of the funding term **but that further approaches will not be made to the Council.**

Partnership / Operational Departments views:

YPP Co-ordinator and the Head of Lifelong Learning - Major Music provide an excellent youth provision in partnership with the youth service, focussed around the media of music which continues to work well with young people. The bid has a number of good features and fits with local agendas.

Heads of Service comments:

Head of Children & Family Services – Low priority; Head of Lifelong Learning – High priority

The YPP Co-ordinator and the Head of Lifelong Learning would support this application and agree that from the bids seen would prioritise this as number 3

11. **Project Title:** Penarth Healthy Youth Team
- Project Location:** Penarth.
- Organisation:** Penarth Youth Project

Priorities addressed:

Health & Well Being

– **Safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people.**

Purpose of funding :

To expand the work of the Penarth Youth Project through a project to highlight the importance for young people of staying fit and healthy and the importance of avoiding obesity for health in later life.

What funds would be used for:

Information worker salary, 21 hrs per week, and overhead costs.

Expected outcomes:

The provision of a professional information service to enable young people to better make informed choices.

Funding sought:

Year	Project Total Cost £	Grant Requested £
2007/8	13,990	13,990
2008/9	14,459	14,459
2009/10	15,025	15,025

Previous funding:

Nil from this scheme.

Exit strategy:

The applicants indicate that the project will not be complete at the end of the funding term, and that **they will not be applying to the Council for further funding.**

Partnership / Operational Departments views:

Consistent with Health Social Care & Wellbeing Strategy in addressing drug / alcohol use, youth crime, teenage pregnancy, through focusing on healthy eating, exercise, binge drinking, and nutrition.

Dave Prosser / Mark Davies - The PYP project again has been very successful within the Penarth area and provides an excellent advice and information programmes for young people. The bid has a number of good features and fit with local agendas.

Heads of Service comments:

Head of Children & Family Services – Low priority; Head of Life Long Learning – High priority.

The YPP and the Head of Life Long Learning support this application and regard it as our second priority.

12. Project Title: Implementation of a Sustainable Structure

Project Location: Whitton Rosser farm.

Organisation: Amelia Trust Farm

Priorities addressed:

Community Safety, projects that

– Reduce the level of drug and alcohol related crime and disorder.

– Help create a safer environment for communities.

Health and Well Being, projects that

– Safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people.

– Promote the health and general well-being of all Vale of Glamorgan residents. –

Lifelong Learning, projects that

– Directly promote life chances, individual self esteem, potential, and independence.

– Engage young people in decision making.

Environmental Improvements that

– Encourage the conservation, reuse and recycling of resources.

Purpose of funding :

The appointment of a General Operations Manager.

What funds would be used for:

Salary and direct overhead costs of General Operations Manager.

Expected outcomes:

The maintained growth of the organisation.

Funding sought:

Year	Project Total Cost £	Grant Requested £
2007/8	37,890	34,890
2008/9	37,950	33,450
2009/10	39,020	32,270

Previous funding:

2003/4 Scheme – Provided three years funding totalling £24,750 for scheme to train young people in youth work.

Exit strategy:

The applicants indicate that the project will not be complete at the end of the funding term, and that **they will not be applying to the Council for further funding.**

Partnership / Operational Departments views:

The support the Amelia Trust Farm offers in promoting the welfare of children and young people is **consistent with the aims and objectives of the Health, Social Care & Wellbeing Strategy.** The bid would help them to continue with this support.

The YPP and the Head of Life Long Learning - The farm is an excellent resource, which supports large numbers of young people throughout South Wales and has had great success.

Heads of Service comments:

Head of Children & Family Services – High priority; Head of Lifelong Learning – Medium priority

The YPP Co-ordinator and the Head of Lifelong Learning although supportive of this bid would not prioritise this over other projects.

13. Project Title: Outreach carers support project

Project Location: Vale-wide

**Organisation: Alzheimer’s Society
(Cardiff & Vale branch)**

Priorities addressed:

Health and Well Being

– Enable vulnerable adults and their carers to live as independently as possible.

Purpose of funding :

The appointment of a full time Carer’s Community Outreach worker.

What funds would be used for:

Salary and direct overhead costs, premises rent and office overhead costs.

Expected outcomes:

Increased support for carers of people with dementia through greater awareness of the support services available and how best to access these.

Funding sought:

Year	Project Total Cost £	Grant Requested £
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2007/8	27,025	27,025
2008/9	25,158	25,158
2009/10	25,912	25,912

Previous funding:

Nil under this scheme.

Exit strategy:

Regarding exit strategy, the applicants indicate that depending on the evaluation of this project's achievements, **further funding may be sought from the Council.**

Partnership / Operational Departments views:

This application would be consistent with the aims and objectives of the Health, Social Care & Wellbeing Strategy

To ensure that as much time as possible is spent engaging Vale residents, any **funding should only be granted when appropriate accommodation in the Vale is identified.**

Heads of Service comments:

Head of Community Health & Care – Low priority

14. **Project Title: The Amber Project – Express Yourself
theatre workshops for young people in the Vale of Glamorgan.**

Project Location: Venues within the Vale area.

Organisation: Church Army

Priorities addressed:

**Health & Well Being
– Safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people.**

Purpose of funding :

Expansion of the organisations work with young people who experience self-harming behaviours.

What funds would be used for:

Costs of staging 36 weeks of “forum theatre” workshops over a three year period.

Expected outcomes:

Increased feelings of value and self worth and other emotional skills to enable the young people to cope more effectively with the difficulties in their lives.

Funding sought:

Year	Project Total Cost £	Grant Requested £
2007/8	8,174	8,174
2008/9	8,413	8,413
2009/10	8,654	8,654

Previous funding:

Nil under this scheme.

Exit strategy:

This section of the form was not completed.

Partnership / Operational Departments views:

Working with young people who self self-harm will address the preventative agenda, improve the health and well being of the 14 to 25 age group, and is consistent with the Health Social Care & Wellbeing Strategy.

Dave Prosser / Mark Davies - A project with a good reputation with a number of good features that fit with local agendas although the project is not Vale based.

Heads of Service comments:

Head of Children & Family Services – Low priority; Head of Lifelong Learning – Medium priority

The YPP Co-ordinator and the Head of Lifelong Learning would support the bid although they would not prioritise this over other projects.

15. Project Title: Support group co-ordinator.

Project Location: Vale-wide

Organisation: Vale Direct Payments Social & Peer Support Group

Priorities addressed:

Community Safety

– Help create a safer environment for communities.

Health and Well Being

– Enable vulnerable adults and their carers to live as independently as possible.

– Safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people.

- Promote the health and general well-being of all Vale of Glamorgan residents.

Lifelong Learning

- Directly promote life chances, individual self esteem, potential, and independence.
- Engage young people in decision making.

Purpose of funding :

To develop a support group for people procuring their own care services.

What funds would be used for:

Salary and direct overhead costs of a coordinator officer, premises rent and office overhead costs etc.

Expected outcomes:

Improvements in the transition from local authority to Direct Payments provision of services.

Funding sought:

Year	Project Total Cost £	Grant Requested £
2007/8	20,900	20,900
2008/9	18,385	18,385
2009/10	19,040	19,040

Previous funding:

Nil under this scheme.

Exit strategy:

The applicants indicate that the project will not be complete at the end of the funding term, and that **they will not be applying to the Council for further funding.**

Partnership / Operational Departments views:

This is an important aspect of improving independence and one, which is not only consistent with the aims, and objectives of the Health, Social Care & Wellbeing Strategy but also those of 'Fulfilled Lives, Supportive Communities'

Heads of Service comments:

Head of Community Health & Care – High priority

16. Project Title: Pathway to health.

Project Location: Vale-wide

Organisation: Valeways.

Priorities addressed:

Health and Well Being

– **Promote the health and general well-being of all Vale of Glamorgan residents.**

Purpose of funding :

Continued operation of the organisation.

What funds would be used for:

Approximately 50% of salary and direct overhead costs of the organisation.

Expected outcomes:

Expansion of the sustainable footpath network.

Funding sought:

Year	Project Total Cost £	Grant Requested £
2007/8	67,289	33,440
2008/9	67,289	33,440
2009/10	67,289	33,440

Funded 2006/7 £12,500 by Economic Development, Docks Offices.

Previous funding:

Funded every year from 1998/9 to 2005/6 inclusive, totalling £159297.

Exit strategy:

The applicants indicate that the project will not be complete at the end of the funding term and that **further approaches will be made to Community Services and Environment and Economic Regeneration departments of this Council.**

Partnership / Operational Departments views:

By promoting exercise and independence through the involvement of volunteers this project would be consistent with the aims and objectives of the Health, Social Care & Wellbeing Strategy.

Heads of Service comments:

Head of Economic Development & Leisure – High priority

17. Project Title: Three year improvement plan.
Project Location: Trinity Day Centre, Woodland Place, Penarth.
Organisation: Penarth Live at Home Scheme.

Priorities addressed:

Health and Well Being

– Enable vulnerable adults and their carers to live as independently as possible.

Purpose of funding :

Expansion of the scheme.

What funds would be used for:

Volunteers expenses, clerical staff costs, training etc.

Expected outcomes:

Expansion of the scheme and improved standards of care.

Funding sought:

Year	Project Total Cost £	Grant Requested £
2007/8	4,680	4,680
2008/9	4,680	4,680
2009/10	4,680	4,680

Previous funding:

2003/4 Scheme – Provided three years funding totalling £22,350 for same purpose as this application.

Exit strategy:

The applicants indicate that this particular project will be complete at the end of the funding term, though there is a continuing need for such funding.

Partnership / Operational Departments views:

This project assists with improving the independence of older people, which is **consistent with the aims, and objectives of the Health, Social Care & Wellbeing Strategy.**

Heads of Service comments:

Head of Community Health & Care – Medium priority

18. **Project Title:** Outreach membership.
Project Location: Byrd Cr. Youth Ctre. / Penarth Youth Project (Year 1), Gladstone Rd. Annex, Barry (Year 2), Barry College (Year 3)
Organisation: Weston Spirit.

Priorities addressed:

Lifelong Learning

- Directly promote life chances, individual self esteem, potential, and independence.
- Engage young people in decision making.

Purpose of funding :

Outreach personal and social development sessions to 14-19 yr olds at risk of social exclusion through offending, and literacy and numerical difficulties, provided in collaboration with Penarth Youth Service, partnership for young parents, and Barry College.

What funds would be used for:

Salary and direct overhead costs of full time development officer, travel costs, venue hire costs etc.

Expected outcomes:

Delivery of 75 no. outreach personal and social development sessions.

Funding sought:

Year	Project Total Cost £	Grant Requested £
2007/8	29,918	24,918
2008/9	31,737	26,737
2009/10	31,503	26,503

Previous funding:

The organisation was granted funding amounting to £33,000 for the three years commenced 2000/1. The grant in respect of 2002/3 was not satisfactorily concluded.

Exit strategy:

The applicants indicate that the project will be complete at the end of the funding term and that the council will not be approached for further funding, although **there is a continuing need for such funding.**

Partnership / Operational Departments views:

Dave Prosser / Mark Davies - Weston Spirit have a good reputation within Cardiff but have had a limited presence in the Vale of Glamorgan. The bid appears to link in with a number of projects but appears to offer very little extra to what would otherwise be delivered.

Heads of Service comments:

The YPP coordinator and the Head of Lifelong Learning would not support this bid.
Head of Lifelong Learning – Low priority

NB. These projects are not listed to reflect any order of priority.

VOLUNTARY ACTION SCHEME 2007/8

PRIORITIES FOR FUNDING

(as included in "Application Guidelines)

The priorities for funding agreed by the Voluntary Sector Joint Liaison Committee 10 May 2006 (C2461 Cabinet 24.05.06) are as follows:

- Community Safety, projects that
 - (i) Target and reduce crime.
 - (ii) Reduce the level of drug and alcohol related crime and disorder.
 - (iii) Help create a safer environment for communities.

- Health and Well Being, projects that
 - (i) Enable vulnerable adults and their carers to live as independently as possible.
 - (ii) Ensure local housing enhances the quality of life for residents.
 - (iii) Safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people.
 - (iv) Promote the health and general well-being of all Vale of Glamorgan residents.

- Lifelong Learning, projects that
 - (i) Directly promote life chances, individual self esteem, potential, and independence.
 - (ii) Engage young people in decision making.

- Environmental Improvements that
 - (i) Encourage the conservation, reuse and recycling of resources.
 - (ii) Improve rundown and derelict sites for the benefit of the local community.



**The Vale of Glamorgan Council
Voluntary Action Scheme
Application Guidelines
2007/8**

ORGANISATIONS ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING

Organisations which are eligible to apply for this funding are those which comply with all of the following:

- Are based in or serving the Vale of Glamorgan;
- Are independent and properly constituted; i.e. they are constitutionally independent and not directly controlled by a for-profit organisation or the public sector;
- Are self-governing - it must have its own internal decision making processes;
- Are non profit distributing - the organisation does not make payments (other than for reasonable out-of-pocket expenses or other payments allowed by the governing document e.g. for occasional professional services or for grants) to members or trustees;
- Are non party political;
- Encourage voluntary action - an organisation must benefit from a meaningful degree of philanthropy (i.e. gifts in kind or of time, including volunteers and non-paid trustees); and
- Run by an unpaid committee acting for the benefit of the community - its objectives and activities benefit the wider public or as wide a group of people as possible within the constituency defined by its objectives.

CORE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

All projects must meet each of the following eligibility criteria:

- The project must clearly be to the direct and principal benefit of residents and communities in the Vale of Glamorgan;
- Projects must meet the objectives of a locally applicable strategy;
- The organisation must be a voluntary group, as defined above; and
- The organisation must actively promote equal opportunities in its operation and service delivery.

PRIORITIES FOR FUNDING

Projects seeking funding should meet the priority for funding determined for that year's programme. The priorities for funding from the 2007/8 programme are:

- **Community Safety, projects that**
 - (iv) **Target and reduce crime.**
 - (v) **Reduce the level of drug and alcohol related crime and disorder.**
 - (vi) **Help create a safer environment for communities.**

- **Health and Well Being, projects that**
 - (v) **Enable vulnerable adults and their carers to live as independently as possible.**
 - (vi) **Ensure local housing enhances the quality of life for residents.**
 - (vii) **Safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people.**
 - (viii) **Promote the health and general well-being of all Vale of Glamorgan residents.**

- **Lifelong Learning, projects that**
 - (iii) **Directly promote life chances, individual self esteem, potential, and independence.**
 - (iv) **Engage young people in decision making.**

- **Environmental Improvements that**
 - (iii) **Encourage the conservation, reuse and recycling of resources.**
 - (iv) **Improve rundown and derelict sites for the benefit of the local community.**

LONG TERM FUNDING COMMITMENTS (Projects bridging two / three years)

It is recognised that there are benefits for voluntary organisations of security in funding commitments for periods longer than one year. In particular this takes some of the uncertainty out of projects being developed by organisations and secures staff commitments for a longer period of time. However, it is also recognised that this funding cannot be indefinite and that there is insufficient available for all organisations to be supported in this way. There must therefore be a mechanism for providing multi-annual approvals for projects, but which also provides the opportunity for others to bid into at regular intervals.

Three years is considered to be the optimum period for funding a specific project, taking into consideration the need to provide funding for a multiple number of organisations. **70% of the total budget will be made available**

for supporting projects lasting more than one year and up to a three year period. However, in order to ensure that there is a regular opportunity for new organisations to apply, **the implementation of this will be staggered. That is, in the first year only 35% of the budget will be allocated for three years; a further 20% in the second year; and a further 15% in the third year.**

This sequence will be repeated in each succeeding three-year cycle. This will mean that each year there will be the opportunity for organisations to apply for three-year funding. **This approach will however be implemented flexibly by committee, depending on the mix of applications and projects of outstanding merit in any given year.**

WAITING PERIOD AFTER GRANT ASSISTANCE

Projects (not necessarily organisations) in receipt of two / three year funding will not normally be granted further funding until a waiting period of one year has elapsed. The intention being to encourage organisations to prepare for and secure alternative funding and not to rely solely on this source. This is important because the budget is not large and is under a great deal of pressure from many organisations.

EXIT STRATEGY

Projects requesting two / three year funding must make clear their intentions for securing alternative funding once funding under this scheme is concluded.
Restrictions will be applied to any grants for initiatives extending beyond the grant period where continued funding has not been identified or where future funding is dependent upon other sources.

SHORT TERM FUNDING (Projects of one-year duration or less)

In addition to longer term commitment for projects, it is also recognised that there will also be the need to support one-off schemes. This will be particularly (although not exclusively) for the purchase of equipment or refurbishment / building works etc.

30% of the budget will be made available for this element of the scheme. However, because the implementation of the longer term funding budget will be staggered, there will be a greater proportion available under this element in years 1 and 2 i.e. 65% in year 1 and 45% in Year 2.

MAXIMUM / MINIMUM GRANTS

There are limited funds available under the Scheme and therefore the maximum grant awarded in any single year will be £35,000. This guidance should avoid unnecessary time in submitting applications whose scale is too large for the available budget.

The Council has other financial provision for providing small grants assistance to voluntary organisations. To reduce the pressure on the Voluntary Action Scheme, **applications with a minimum level of £3,000 are invited.** Applicants with projects lower than this level should consider other sources of funding, specifically the Council's other scheme for providing small grants assistance to voluntary organisations.

GRANT CONTRIBUTION PERCENTAGE

Given the very limited resources available, the grant contribution will be 100% in respect of schemes spanning two / three years, and 75% of approved expenditure in respect of single year projects.

The intention is to free up funds to assist a greater number of projects. **The Grant percentage will be implemented flexibly** as it is recognised that some projects will legitimately be unable to access any other sources of funding but should not be prejudiced for this reason alone.

“LEVERAGE”

Given the very limited resources available, compared with the volume of applications received, the effectiveness of the scheme will be significantly increased by the attraction of external match funding. **This will therefore be a very significant factor in the evaluation of applications and one which the attention of applicants is drawn to.**

PUBLICITY

It is a condition of the grant that recipients should acknowledge the Council's contribution and support. For example, highlighted in press releases, plaques erected on building work or indicated on publicity leaflets or information packs, where appropriate.

TIMETABLE

In each year applications will be invited in **May**, with a deadline of the end **July** for the return of completed forms. The applications will be considered by the Voluntary Sector Joint Liaison Committee in **September** and decisions notified in **October** .

