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UK Community Renewal Fund (CRF) 2021-22



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Housekeeping

- Please use chat function for Q&A (Mute)
- Welsh paperwork & questions

Purpose of today

- Highlight Government's objectives and requirements for the CRF
- Look at the 4 themes of the funding scheme
- Set out role of Council
- Set out the application and scoring process

Introduction to UK Community Renewal Fund

- £220 million
- 90% revenue 10% capital
- Sits alongside Levelling Up Fund and precursor to Shared Prosperity Fund
- Funding will be allocated competitively at a UK Level
- 6 months of quality projects to hook into the system
- Applications welcome from local and national organisations

Government's guidance is:



Lead authorities should invite project proposals from a range of local applicants, including local district councils, voluntary and community sector organisations and local education providers including universities.



Government's intention is:

To support communities across the UK in 2021-22 to pilot programmes and new approaches as the government moves away from the EU Structural Funds model and towards the UK Shared Prosperity Fund.



Vale of Glamorgan

- The Vale of Glamorgan is NOT in a top 100 area
- Projects need to be good to score well
- Combined bids must total £500,000 (min) – £3,000,000 (max)
- Sits alongside the capital Levelling Up Fund
- Funding will be allocated competitively
- Vale is the Lead Authority and has to submit bids as one submission
- Panel established to independently assess and shortlist applications
- Needs to align with the Vale Council's Corporate Plan
- Projects must reflect the needs of local communities and businesses



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Themes of the fund

- Investment in **Skills**
- Investment in **Local Businesses**
- Investment in **Communities and Place**
- Supporting people into **Employment**

Investment in Skills

Government Examples:

- Work-based training
- Retraining, upskilling or reskilling members of the workforce
- Promoting the advancement of digital skills and inclusion

Proposals should demonstrate their strategic fit and link to local skills and labour market need.

Bids need to evidence that the project does not conflict with wider UK government policy.

Proposals should be clearly distinct from funding provided through other funding streams.

Innovative projects that address current and emerging local skills needs are welcomed.

Investment in Local Businesses

Government Examples

- Supporting entrepreneurs and helping businesses with potential to create more job opportunities for current employees or take on new employees
- Encouraging businesses to develop their innovation potential
- Supporting de-carbonisation measures

UK Government especially interested in projects that target support for under-represented groups and community-level interventions that can increase opportunity for all, including coastal and rural enterprises.

Investment in pilots to help create an innovation culture across the UK.

E.g., finding new ways to promote green and tech adoption, commercialisation or helping create a pathway for upskilling local businesses through collaborations between higher education and small businesses.

Investment in Communities and Place

Government Examples

- Feasibility studies for delivering net-zero and local energy projects
- Exploring opportunity for promoting culture-led regeneration and community development
- Improving green spaces and preserving important local assets
- Promoting rural connectivity

Communities are at the core of our cultural and economic heritage and identity.

Investing in improving, protecting and creating community and natural assets can boost pride and wellbeing, drive productivity, attract and retain talent, and nurture a unique sense of place.

Supporting people to employment

Government Examples

- Supporting people to engage with local employment services
- Identifying and addressing barriers to employment or moving closer to the labour market
- Raising aspirations, supporting individuals to access Plan for Jobs employment support
- Supporting people to gain basic skills that they need for work
- Testing what works in helping people move towards work

Bids should demonstrate how their proposal will complement mainstream activity.

Bring together a range of service providers to provide a coordinated employment support service.

Support for individuals to overcome their multiple or complex barriers to employment.

Target those most disengaged from the labour market.

Current timetable

Community Renewal
Fund website launch
and opened for
applications

Online 1-1 Surgeries
Day & Evening

Deadline for Lead
Authority to submit
application to
Government

Project delivery end
date



Webinar Today

Deadline for local
submissions to be
submitted

Successful projects
confirmed for
delivery



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Key information

<p>Are you eligible to receive UK Community Renewal Fund support?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legally constituted organisation this may include local authorities, public sector organisations, higher and further education institutions, private sector companies and registered charities. • The UK Community Renewal Fund will not provide funding to individuals to deliver projects. • Private sector organisations and registered charities can be project deliverers where they are providing a service to benefit other organisations or individuals. They cannot receive support if the intention of the project is to further their own business/organisation
<p>Will the project be complete by 31st March 2022?</p>	<p>Consider timescales funding awards will not be till the end of July therefore be realistic, lead in time for procurement/recruitment</p>
<p>Does the project address a need identified in the Prospectus? Would the project duplicate other national or local provision?/Would the project conflict with national policy?</p>	<p>Community Renewal Fund Prospectus</p>
<p>Does the project address a need identified in the local invite to submit bids?</p>	<p>Vale Council's Corporate Plan and the Annual Delivery Plan</p>
<p>Costs- How has the overall budget been estimated, what has been done to test that it is accurate, how would any unexpected costs be managed?</p>	<p>UK Community Renewal Fund expenditure incurred through procurements by public sector bodies is governed by UK procurement regulations. Lead Authorities must put in place appropriate and proportionate controls to ensure that procurement undertaken by non-public sector project deliverers or beneficiaries represents value for money and minimises the risk of fraud.</p>
<p>Consider evaluation</p>	<p>The project's evaluation budget must be set out in part 3 c. of the application. This should be 1-2% of the amount of UK Community Renewal Fund requested, with a minimum threshold of £10,000.</p>
<p>How to submit</p>	<p>Application Form to CRFApplications@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk by noon on 10 May 2021</p>

Assessment

Council will establish a panel made up of representatives from public, private and voluntary sector. Each sub-criteria is given a mark out of 5. This is converted to a percentage score for the theme (e.g. a maximum mark of 25 would give a score of 100%). Projects that do not predominantly focus on priority areas must score a minimum of 80% to be shortlisted with UK Government.

Strategic Fit	Deliverability, effectiveness, and efficiency
1. Level of contribution to local needs articulated in relevant local plans and with evidence of local support.	1. That it can be delivered as proposed by March 2022 with realistic milestones identified.
2. Level of contribution to an articulated investment priority set out at sections 3.2 to 3.5 in the prospectus	2. Project risks have been identified and are adequately mitigated, including project-level management controls.
3. The extent of contribution to net zero objectives, as set out at section 3.1.1 of the prospectus, or wider environmental considerations (not applicable to employment support interventions)	3. The applicant sets out an efficient mode of delivery, taking account of the level of innovation proposed and will operate at an appropriate scale. This shall include an assessment of value for money taking account of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the level of contribution to programme outputs for funding sought • the amount of match funding or leverage proposed to maximise impact (not applicable to employment interventions).
4. The extent to which the project can inform the UK Shared Prosperity Fund through transferable learning or opportunity to scale up for local partners and UK government.	4. That the project would not proceed without funding or could only be delivered on a smaller scale.
5. The extent to which the project demonstrates innovation in service delivery.	5. An effective monitoring and evaluation strategy has been identified for the project.

Strong Communities Grant Fund

Annual Vale of Glamorgan Council Fund

Opens in May 2021

£837,533 over five years until March 2025

Scope:

- Improve the resilience of organisations by supporting projects that reduce their reliance on grant funding in the future.
- Undertake consultation, feasibility, design and other specialist work to develop proposals for future activity and funding bids.
- Meet the capital costs of schemes by purchasing plant, machinery, equipment or other assets.

Scope continued

- Undertake work that would enable services to be provided, for example, through increased income generation potential.
- Open up Section 106 funding to specific communities where developments have taken place. Funding for facilities and open space projects in specific areas will be announced when each round is opened for applications.
- Encourage projects that include innovative ways of addressing climate change.

1-1 Surgeries

Mon 26th April			(13.00-13.30) (14.00-14.30)	
Tues 27th April	(10.00-10.30) (11.00-11.30) (12.00-12.30)			
Wed 28th April				(19.00-19.30) (20.00-20.30)
Thurs 29th April	(11.00-11.30) (12.00-12.30)	(13.00-13.30) (14.00-14.30)		(19.00-19.30) (20.00-20.30)
Frid 30th April		(13.00-13.30) (14.00-14.30)		
Mon 3rd May		(13.00-13.30) (14.00-14.30)		
Tues 4th May	(10.00-10.30) (11.00-11.30) (12.00-12.30)			
Wed 5th May		(13.00-13.30) (14.00-14.30)		
Wed 5th May				(19.00-19.30) (20.00-20.30)
Thurs 6th May	(11.00-11.30) (12.00-12.30)	(13.00-13.30) (14.00-14.30)		
Friday 7th May:	(11.00-11.30) (12.00-12.30)	(13.00-13.30) (14.00-14.30)		

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