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Dear Sir/Madam

RE: Strong Communities Grant Fund

I write to you to make you aware of the Strong Communities Grant Fund, which offers grants to Community Groups, the Voluntary Sector, Town and Community Councils and Social Enterprises, towards the cost of initiatives within the Vale of Glamorgan which help to support the Council's vision of "*strong communities with a bright future*".

The fund aims to:

- Improve the resilience of organisations/groups or their activities by funding activities which add value to their current work and reduce their reliance on grant funding in the future.
- Provide seed corn funding towards initiatives that can demonstrate longer term sustainability.
- 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.
- Undertake work that would enable services to be provided, for example, through increased income generation potential.
- Support small scale and innovative projects.

The core Fund started with a total £672,000 over three years from 2017 until March 2020. There is no minimum or maximum grant limit for the Fund, however, value for money is a key assessment factor and we expect demand to be high.

Rhosee to benefit from Section 106

In addition to the core fund, the Council has recently allocated an additional £10,000 to the fund, for groups specifically in Rhosee to apply for. The Council received this money from Taylor Wimpey Homes pursuant to a Section 106 Agreement (associated with the development at Trem Echni, Rhosee – reference 2012/00937/FUL), specifically to provide/enhance Community Facilities within Rhosee. The monies are often referred to as "Section 106 monies".

The maximum allocation of Section 106 monies per application is **£1,000**. This does not prejudice you applying for additional monies from core grant Fund.

There are terms and conditions associated with the Section 106 monies. The Section 106 Agreement defines that the contribution can be used as follows:

*“for the provision of facilities (a park, building or structure) or services within Rhoose, which meet local needs and are publicly available, which consist of either the provision of **new facilities in the Rhoose ward boundary** or **enhancement** of one or more of the following existing facilities:*

- a) Rhoose Library*
- b) Rhoose Primary School*
- c) Ceri Road Hall, Pavilion and associated community facilities*
- d) Rhoose and District Social Club, Fontygary Road*
- e) Rhoose Community Hall, Stewart Road*
- f) Celtic Park Community Centre and associated facilities, Celtic Way;*
- g) Rhoose Flying Club*
- h) Rhoose Lifeguards Club*
- i) Fontygary Holiday and Leisure Park and swimming pool.”*

The Section 106 monies can therefore fund “new facilities” in Rhoose, or enhance one of those listed above.

The Council therefore welcomes groups in the Rhoose ward to come forward and apply for Section 106 monies through the Strong Communities Grant Fund. The closing dates for the next two rounds are:

- 3rd August 2018
- 2nd November 2018

To get advice or check your eligibility for this grant programme, please contact me on the telephone number above. Anyone considering making an application must contact the Council’s Economic Development Team and Section 106 Officer, Charlotte Pugh, so that eligibility can be assessed at an early stage. If eligible, applicants will be provided with a Strong Communities Grant application form to complete and submit.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,

Miss Charlotte Pugh
for Operational Manager Development Management