

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

REQUEST FOR THE USE OF EMERGENCY POWERS – CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

SUBJECT: Approval to create the Vale Heroes Crisis Grant Fund

1. **Originating / Department / Service –**

Regeneration

2. **Reason for Seeking Emergency Powers –**

PLEASE SPECIFY BELOW ~~and attach appropriate Committee report / minute/ memo~~ ~~(* delete as appropriate)~~

To seek approval to create the Vale Heroes Crisis Grant Fund as described below, by allocating £50k from the Strong Communities Grant Fund and £15k from LEADER funding. The grant would provide funding of up to £3k per project.

Grant applications will be determined by the Leader, advised by the Managing Director and Operational Manager, Economic Development. Decisions taken would be in accordance with the criteria as described in the guidance notes, funded in line with the originating grant funds (i.e. geographical use of LEADER funding).

The Vale Heroes Crisis Grant Fund will offer grants to Community Groups, the Voluntary Sector, and Town and Community Councils and eligible businesses towards the cost of initiatives within the Vale of Glamorgan that help members of the community severely affected by the Covid-19 pandemic.

The fund aims to:

1. Meet the cost of purchasing equipment, machinery, and other assets for the purpose of delivering services efficiently to Vale residents in need of support.
2. Offer support to test new initiatives which help address residents needs and which have the potential to achieve impacts in the longer term and / or be replicated in communities across the Vale.
3. Offer general support to deliver services to communities in need as a result of the Covid-19 outbreak.

3. **Policy Framework and Budget** –

PLEASE INDICATE as appropriate that the matter that you are seeking the use of Emergency Powers for is a Cabinet or Council function.

Cabinet

4. **Relevant Scrutiny Committee** –

Corporate Performance & Resources

IMPORTANT

The following sections **must** be completed **prior** to the request being submitted to the Democratic and Scrutiny Services Section for processing.

I confirm (delete as appropriate)

~~(a) That there are no financial implications and the relevant Cabinet Member, Leader and / or the Deputy Leader has been consulted and is in agreement with the use of Emergency Powers; **or**~~

(b) That, in view of the financial commitments, the Head of Financial Services, the appropriate Chief Officer, the relevant Cabinet Member, Leader and / or Deputy Leader have been consulted and are in agreement with the use of the Emergency Powers and that

~~(c) For matters relating to the Planning Committee the Chairman of the Planning Committee has also been consulted and is in agreement with the use of Emergency Powers;~~

~~(d) For matters relating to the Licensing Committee the Chairman of the Licensing Committee has also been consulted and is in agreement with the use of Emergency Powers.~~

~~(e) For matters relating to the Welsh Church Act Estate Committee the Chairman of the Welsh Church Act Estate Committee has also been consulted and is in agreement with the use of Emergency Powers.~~

(f) For matters relating to policy the relevant Scrutiny Committee Chairman has been consulted and is in agreement with the use of Emergency Powers.

Signed: T Bowring.....
(Instructing Chief Officer)

Date: 20 April 2020.....

Please print name: ...Tom Bowring.....

I hereby approve under my Emergency Powers the attached recommendation(s) on behalf of the Cabinet.

Signed: .D.R. Thomas..... **Date:** 22 April 2020.....
Managing Director

NB Should the relevant portfolio Cabinet Member be unable to be consulted only the Leader and / or Deputy Leader be consulted in their absence.

N.B. Cabinet: 23rd March, 2020 Minute No. 295