GUIDELINES FOR CRONFA CYMUNEDAU ERYRI COMMUNITIES FUND APPLICATIONS
2025-26

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Introduction

Cronfa Cymunedau Eryri Communities Fund (CCECF) is a fund that will support communities in and around Eryri to maintain and improve the quality of life for residents and build resilience.

CCECF was established via agreement between the National Park Authority (ENPA) and the Welsh Government, with ENPA administering the fund.

CCECF is specifically for capital spend between £5000-£25,000 for decarbonisation projects. A sum of £100,000 is available in the 2025/26 financial year.

The capital fund will be available to local communities and voluntary groups/ associations for socio-economic resilience purposes.

What kind of project can be funded?

Capital projects planning for expenditure which is for the provision, acquisition and/ or enhancement of long-term physical or fixed assets such as buildings or land. For example,

- Energy efficiency / decarbonisation/ low carbon projects that benefit the wider community (e.g. Converting floodlights on sports fields to LED, solar PV for community spaces, and community transport schemes)
- Projects linked to reducing food waste and encouraging a more local food/drink supply chain
- Sustainable tourism projects, active travel or projects encouraging the transition to private vehicle electrification
- Projects that develop and support social enterprises (e.g. community shop, community pub) provided they are run on the basis of not-for-profit or
- Develop and support local business partnerships (e.g. tourism groups, agricultural groups, local food producers) provided they can demonstrate a clear benefit to the wider community

Examples of what cannot be funded:

- Retrospective funding i.e. for costs already incurred
- Projects that promote religion or support a politically partisan campaign or cause or that may bring the fund or funder into disrepute
- Grants for private commercial businesses
- Project applications for revenue funding including costs such as conference hire, utility bills, printing costs or promotional items.

Grant thresholds

The grants will be administered based on:

- grant application form for £5,000 to £25,000.
- A 5% match will be required (this can be revenue, in kind volunteer time, or another grant source for example).
- Only capital costs will be considered (no applications for revenue will be considered).
  * The National Park Authority also has a grant fund for small voluntary and community projects under £500 – more information can be found [here](#).

The area that will benefit

The benefit area will focus on Eryri's communities, as they will be the main beneficiaries. Projects can be supported outside the wards; however, those areas outside would be required to clearly demonstrate how they could benefit the communities in Eryri.

Who can apply?

The following types of organisations can apply for funding provided their projects are beneficial to the community wards previously referred to:

- Volunteer, community groups
- Community Councils / Town Councils
- Social enterprises provided they operate on a not-for-profit basis (including credit unions)
- Co-operative organisations
- Social companies
- Community-owned enterprises
- Companies limited by guarantee
- Community benefit companies and development trusts
- Charities
- Third sector organisations.

All applicants must have at least a constitution and a bank account.

An organisation located outside the benefit area can apply, subject to the following;

- the project / activity is firmly based within the benefit area
- the project / activity benefits accrue to the benefit area
- the organisation has strong links and a track record of working with communities in the benefit area.

Application approval process

Applications received will be reviewed internally by National Park staff and the applications will be decided by a panel consisting of the Authority's Chief Executive, the Chair, the Vice Chair and the Performance & Resources and Planning Committee Chairs.

Occasionally, the process may take some time depending on the value and complexity of the application. Please keep this in mind when applying for funding as we cannot support projects that have already started. If successful, the grant must be spent and claimed by March 2026.

Please Note: When we have received your application, we'll send a receipt of application e-mail within 24 hours. If you do not receive this e-mail, please re-send or contact our Community Engagement Officer, Gwenno Jones directly - gwenno.jones@eryri.llyw.cymru

Project monitoring

Should the application be successful, monitoring visits will be arranged between you and the CCECF Project Officer. Copies of any promotional material, press releases and/or any other related documents produced as part of your project should be sent to the CCECF Project Officer as part of the monitoring process.

Submitting an Application for CCECF Funding

When preparing an application for CCECF Funding, you will have to demonstrate how you will comply with the general conditions detailed below. Should your application be successful, we will assess how those conditions are complied with as part of the overall monitoring process for the CCECF Fund.

General Conditions

1. Any face-to-face services or activities that the public will be involved in, should be available through the medium of Welsh and English.
2. Any printed material should be produced fully bilingually (including leaflets, brochures, signs, posters, marketing, publicity, and exhibition materials).
3. Any web pages funded by the grant must be published in both Welsh and English.
4. Any announcements regarding the fund should acknowledge the contribution of ENPA and the Welsh Government.
5. Projects should be complete and funding claimed by 1/3/26
6. The project must have received planning permission (if applicable) before a formal offer can be made.

For further information regarding exemptions and guidance on this matter, please contact the CCECF Project Officer.

CCECF Funding and the Welsh Language

The Welsh language, as one of Europe's oldest living languages is central to Eryri's cultural heritage. Today, this corner of Wales has the highest number of Welsh speakers in the country. Unfortunately, this does not mean that the language is thriving, as the 2021 census has shown us that the numbers have fallen.

The vitality of the Welsh language has been identified as a unique feature of Eryri, and the Authority has a duty to protect it as well as to promote it through all aspects of its work (as defined by the statutory purposes of the National Park Authority). Therefore, when we award grants through the CCECF Fund, we can include conditions related to the use of the Welsh language.

Sources of Advice on the use of Welsh:

- Welsh Language Commissioner
- Mentrau Iaith Lleol (Local language initiatives) – they provide translation services and advice.
- Menter Iaith Conwy
- Menter Iaith Gwynedd
- Welsh Government translation service: up to 500 words per month for free
- Information on simultaneous translation / translation facilities along with further information can be found on the Cyfieithwyr Cymru website (association of Welsh translators).

Carbon Footprint (to be considered in the context of decarbonisation)

Carbon footprint is a measure of the impact human activities have on the climate in terms of the amount of greenhouse gases produced. It is directly related to what environmental impact we cause by the amount of natural resources we use. Carbon dioxide is recognised as a greenhouse gas associated with global warming and climate change.

Carbon footprint is expressed in tonnes (or kg) of carbon dioxide or tonnes of carbon emitted, usually on an annual basis. By calculating your carbon footprint with tools such as carbon calculators, you will get a better idea of what the individual impact is and which areas of your life need to be paid the most attention to.

All CCECF projects must demonstrate awareness of their carbon footprint and efforts to reduce their climate impact. This can be done by taking simple steps such as turning off lights and electrical equipment when not in use, reducing the amount of paper used, using better insulation and reducing the amount of trips made in vehicles.

There are a number of organisations that provide carbon calculators along with advice on how to reduce carbon emissions such as: the Carbon Trust, the Energy Saving Trust, the Alternative Technology Centre etc. The contact details can be found in the Useful Links section below.

Useful Links

- [The National Lottery Community Fund](#) - information on the availability of Big Lottery Fund grants, along with eligibility and how to apply for them

- [The Carbon Trust](#) - information and advice on how to reduce carbon emissions etc -

- [Alternative Technology Centre](#) – information and advice on a wide range of issues such as sustainable energy etc

- [Conwy County Borough Council](#) - grants, planning permissions, local policies, general information about the Conwy area

- [Conwy Voluntary Services Council](#) – offer information and advice for voluntary groups in the Conwy area including sources of match funding, training, legal matters etc

- [Comic Relief](#) – information regarding Comic Relief grants, eligibility and how to apply

- [Natural Resources Wales](#) – general and expert advice and information on matters relating to the countryside and the environment along with other potential sources of match funding

- [Energy Saving Trust](#) - advice and information on how to reduce energy use

- [Gwynedd County Council](#) – grants, planning permission, local policies, general information about the Gwynedd area

- [Heritage Lottery Fund](#) – lottery grants for heritage projects

- [Mantell Gwynedd](#) – offering information and advice for voluntary groups in the Gwynedd area including match funding sources, training, legal matters etc - 01286 672626

Application Form - Things to remember

Project Budget Details

The general principle for completing this part is – the more detail you can include, the better!

 CCECF funds capital projects only.

If you are applying for funding towards a project that is an essential part of a larger enterprise – make sure you include the costs for the whole enterprise. This will help us get a more accurate impression of the initiative as a whole, along with all the funding sources.

List in detail any match-funding / materials in-kind.

Section 4 - Checklist and Signing

We will need various other elements of supporting / additional information as listed in Section 4 on the application form.

Read this list carefully (also the General Checklist at the end), and make sure you include everything with your application.

Important: Please read the advice on our website relating to planning permission prior to submitting your application

https://planning.snowdonia.gov.wales/

Signature of the person(s) completing the form

When you sign the form, you testify that all other members of your group and/or your project partners, know about the application and fully agree with it. This means that you have discussed the proposals at meetings, where the group's decisions and approval will have been recorded / noted. You will also confirm that the information you provide is true and accurate as far as you know.