



The Gwent High Sheriffs' Community Fund Participatory Grant-Making Event 2012

A grant-making programme at The Community Foundation in Wales

Background

The Gwent High Sheriffs' Community Fund aims to provide a safer and better quality of life for the people of Gwent by supporting community-based initiatives and projects that reduce crime and improve community safety.

There is a particular emphasis on projects which aim to mentor and support young people across Gwent, however, the Fund will also consider initiatives which address broader community safety issues.

Applicants considered eligible for funding will be invited to attend a **participatory grant-making event** in early Spring of 2012.

What is Participatory Grant-Making?

Participatory grant-making is about involving local people in the spending and prioritising of grant-funding to communities. It enables local people to decide how best to address local issues by supporting initiatives that best demonstrate effective solutions to the problems communities in Gwent face.

Each group invited to the participatory grant-making event will be given two minutes to pitch their proposal to the other assembled groups. The groups are then asked to vote for the projects they wish to receive a share of the funding.

The event is being run in partnership with Gwent Police, which is providing funding from the Police Property Fund.

Who can apply?

Community groups, voluntary organisations and local charities in Gwent i.e. the local authority areas of Newport, Blaenau Gwent, Torfaen, Monmouthshire and Caerphilly. Statutory agencies may also apply but only for projects that fall outside of statutory provision.

All applicants must:

- Be able to demonstrate how their activities contribute to reducing crime and making their communities safer for residents
- Have a group/organisation bank account, as awards cannot be made to individuals or personal bank accounts
- Be properly constituted (although not necessarily a registered charity)

- Be able to supply their latest audited annual accounts, or, at the very least, evidence of recent income and expenditure

Grants available

Groups are invited to apply for grants ranging from £250 to £2500 to support a range of costs which could include:

- Piloting a new project
- Running costs for a programme of activities
- Purchasing equipment and materials

How to apply

The first stage is the completion of an application form which is available from our website www.cfiw.org.uk or by emailing tom@cfiw.org.uk. Applicants deemed eligible for consideration will then be invited to attend a participatory grant-making event to be held March 2012.

The Closing date for applications is **Tuesday 31st January 2012.**

Please note that all applications must be accompanied by a report of endorsement from the Local Neighbourhood Policing Team. Details of how to obtain this endorsement are on the application form.

If you require any further information, or would like a brief chat about eligibility, please contact Tom Morris at the Community Foundation in Wales on 029 2053 6590 or email tom@cfiw.org.uk.