

VISION FUND AWARDS



TO DATE



GROUP NAME	DETAILS	GRANT AWRADED
Pontrhydyfen RFC	A contribution towards their 'Lighting a Lasting Legacy' project. The project is to develop a floodlit training area / mini and junior pitch on the Rhyslyn. This project also supported by the WRU will provide an enhanced community asset, allow more frequent activities and improve physical activity levels in the village.	£27,792.00
Rhondda Radio	To support their Ofcom bid for an FM Licence. If successful an FM licence would allow Rhondda Radio to broadcast on the airwaves and will allow the venture to develop and thrive.	£5,850.00
Dark Sky Wales	The National Planetarium of Wales – Feasibility Study	£109,038.00
V.I.B.E. Youth CIC	Running a course of workshops with young people either excluded from school or facing significant difficulty to reduce the number of young people taking part in risky activities, and provide clear pathways for the future, enabling them to re-engage with and understand the importance of education.	£7,200.00
The Rhondda Tunnel Society	A detailed examination of the tunnel to establish its current condition and to produce a good estimate of the cost of the repairs that will be needed to re-open it.	£90,975.16
The CF42	Improved customer facilities which will make a significant difference to this new business.	£10,250.00
The Cynon Valley Museum Trust	<p>This grant, over the next four years, will enable the Museum to become self-sustainable by diversifying their income streams, increasing the staff team and allowing them to work more with the local community.</p> <p>Charlotte Morgan, Museum Manager, said “we are so excited to have been successful in this grant application to Pen y Cymoedd. The impact this funding will have on the Museum’s activities is unquantifiable and we are so pleased that the Pen y Cymoedd Board felt we were a suitable Fund recipient. We are looking forward to starting the renovations of the building, which begin very soon, and to welcome more staff to the wonderful team we have here. Watch this space!”</p>	£388,177.95
Corrwg Cwtch	<p>The Pen y Cymoedd Wind Farm Community Fund CIC is pleased to announce that it has awarded a grant of £25,000.00 to Corrwg Cwtch a new café business in Glynccorwg Ponds Visitor Centre in the Afan valley – a vital local facility.</p> <p>The grant will enable this new business to purchase essential equipment and start-up stock to get up and running and start to recruit staff.</p>	£25,000.00
St Elvan’s	Pen y Cymoedd Wind Farm Community Fund is delighted to support the development of a major new community resource for Aberdare and the Cynon Valley. St. Elvan’s Church is an iconic building in the heart of the town and is set to re-invent itself for the 21 st century and beyond. The Church’s Community Heritage Project has been awarded a Vision Fund grant of £491,869 by the Community Fund – along with £786,700 from the Heritage Lottery Fund, £47,000 from Cadw, £40,000 from the National Churches Trust and £12,000 from the James Pantyfedwen Foundation.	£491,869.00

Valleys Kids	<p>Rhondda-based Valleys Kids have taken over the now buzzing Play Yard facility in the former Burberry factory in Ynyswen. Sewing machines have been replaced by a children’s indoor play space, two state-of-the art 5 a-side pitches, a fitness studio and a café, all under one roof. Users can hire a pitch, book a party, take part in activity classes and clubs, use the fitness studio – or just drop in for coffee or lunch. A Vision Fund grant of £388,178 over the next four years will support improved facilities (including an amazing new play frame) and the employment of key staff to take the venture from strength to strength – supporting people of all ages to be active.</p>	£357,000.00
Glynneath Training Centre	<p>The O Dan yr Awyr – Tyfu a Dysgu /Under the Sky – Growing and Learning project in the upper Neath valley is led by Glynneath Training Centre. The £194,258 award over 4 years will promote community food growing. Rhysian Pengilley, Training Centre Manager said “We will be supporting and inspiring schools, groups and local residents to take the plunge and start growing their own food, making the most of the many green spaces we have. Our skilled staff will offer support and advice – we’ll be creating a community of growers!”</p>	£194,258.00
Age Connects Morgannwg – Cynon LINC	<p>A £100,000 grant to Age Connects Morgannwg will support the employment of key staff and initial running costs for the new Cynon Linc project in Aberdare. Cynon Linc will transform the old St Mair’s building into a resource for the whole community, continuing to focus on the provision of facilities and support for older people. The building will be refurbished, and an extension created to provide space for community activities and events, nursery provision, GP surgery, therapy rooms for hire, and a social enterprise Bistro.</p>	£100,000.00
RECLAIM	<p>We are delighted to announce a Vision Fund grant of £18,020 to the RECLAIM Project.</p> <p>RECLAIM is an award-winning youth leadership and social change organisation – a small but bold charity, using their experience and platform to support and enable the voices of young people to be heard.</p> <p>The Pen y Cymoedd Community Fund grant supports delivery of the LEAD Pioneers Programme in the Afan Valley. LEAD brings together groups of 30-40 young people aged 12 – 13, all from the same community, with boys and girls working in separate groups. All sessions are structured</p>	£18,020.00
Willow Springs Campsite	<p>Willow Springs Campsite in the Afan valley is a peaceful, eco-friendly, traditional campsite with pitches for tents, campervans and caravans, alongside a luxury Shepherd’s Hut – not to mention pet Llamas, pigs, ducks and geese! With no electric hook ups, visitors cook on BBQs and firepits, and benefit from solar power, and the site’s own natural spring water. A Vision Fund grant of £66,143 will support new visitor facilities such as a solar-powered washing and drying room, shelters for rainy day cover and craft workshops, and two camping huts – each sleeping up to 8 people – and dogs can come too!</p>	£66,143.00