



Grants – Application Form

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Loneliness Project Grant	
Christmas Lighting Grant	

Organisation Name	Aneurin Leisure (Abertillery sports centre)
Organisation Type <i>Provide your registered charity number, if applicable</i>	Charity 1159092
Organisation Address <i>If your organisation is not based in one premises, please state which areas you cover</i>	Aneurin leisure Abertillery sports centre Alma street Abertillery NP131QD
Grant Amount Request	£2250

What would this funding be used for? <i>Please be as precise as possible</i>
Project Aims The primary aim of this initiative is to foster a healthier, more inclusive community by providing 100 free one-month memberships and 50 one-day passes to residents of Abertillery and Llanhilleth.

Key objectives include:

- **Financial Inclusion:** To ensure that high-quality fitness and leisure facilities are accessible to everyone, specifically targeting those whose household budgets have been impacted by the **cost-of-living crisis**.
- **Comprehensive Health Access:** To provide full access to a diverse range of services—including **swimming, fitness classes, and racket sports**—allowing residents to improve their physical health without the burden of ongoing costs.
- **Supporting Clinical Pathways:** To assist residents with specific health needs by providing access to **GP referral classes**, which are essential for long-term recovery and chronic disease management.
- **Enhancing Mental Well-being:** To offer a social hub where residents can use the **sauna, steam room**, and communal spaces to reduce isolation and improve mental resilience during stressful economic times.
- **Creating Long-term Habits:** To act as a "springboard" for physical activity, giving residents a 30-day window to build consistent exercise routines that can lead to permanent lifestyle changes

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The project aims to improve the physical and mental well-being of Abertillery and Llanhilleth residents by removing financial barriers to health and fitness. By providing a free one-month membership and 50 one-day passes, we are making our facilities accessible to those who may otherwise be unable to afford them.

This initiative directly benefits the local area by:

- **Improving Health Outcomes:** Reducing sedentary lifestyles and tackling local health inequalities through free access to equipment and exercise.
- **Enhancing Mental Health:** Providing a safe, inclusive environment that fosters social connection and reduces feelings of isolation within the community.
- **Promoting Financial Inclusion:** Ensuring that high-quality fitness resources are available to all residents, regardless of their economic situation.
- **Encouraging Long-term Change:** Allowing residents to "test-drive" a healthier lifestyle for 30 days, which builds the confidence needed to maintain long-term fitness habits.

How many residents of our wards do you believe will benefit from this project?

150

What is the total cost of your project?

£2250

Please detail any project costs which will be met by your group

Please include details of other grant funding bids you have applied for or received for this project



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Organisation Name	The Met
Organisation Type <i>Provide your registered charity number, if applicable</i>	Awen Cultural Trust Registered Charity Number 1166908 Company Number 09610991
Organisation Address <i>If your organisation is not based in one premises, please state which areas you cover</i>	The Met, Mitre Street, Abertillery, Blaenau Gwent, NP13 1AL
Grant Amount Request	£2000.00

What would this funding be used for? <i>Please be as precise as possible</i> The funding for The Met will be used to continue Rock N Blues weekend, which has a loyal following and tradition in the area for many years. The Abertillery Blues Festival, which was organised by Blaenau Gwent CBC Arts, and ran at Abertillery Park from 2005 – 2014, bringing top-quality bands to the town of Abertillery at reasonable prices. After funding stopped for the festival, residents formed Abertillery Rock N Blues in 2015 to continue the festival at The Met, with their final event held in May 2025. Awen Cultural Trust & The Met are committed to keeping this cultural tradition alive by delivering a new two-day festival. Tickets are £18.00 for Friday, £22.00 for Saturday, or £30.00 for both days, ensuring high-quality live music remains affordable and accessible to local people of Abertillery and Blaenau Gwent.
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How does your project benefit the Abertillery and Llanhilleth area and its residents?

The Abertillery Blues Festival ran at Abertillery Park from 2005 – 2014, bringing top-quality bands to the local community at reasonable prices.

The Met is committed to keeping this cultural tradition alive by delivering a new two-day festival.

Tickets are £18.00 for Friday, £22.00 for Saturday, or £30.00 for both days, ensuring high-quality live music remains affordable and accessible to local people.

This project will support the local economy, by people spending in cafes, pubs, and restaurants, strengthen community pride, reduce social isolation, and provide a valued cultural event that brings residents together. Also, many people from outside Blaenau Gwent attends this event, which will increase footfall throughout the town.

How many residents of our wards do you believe will benefit from this project?

The average number of people that have attended the festival over the last few years have been between 140 - 180 per day.

What is the total cost of your project?**£6048.00****Please detail any project costs which will be met by your group**

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Cost of Friday Bands - £1700.00
Extra 2 Technicians for Friday- £300.00

Cost of Saturday Bands - £3200.00
Extra 2 technicians for Saturday - £400.00

2 Bar & 2 Front of House Staff
8 hours per person
32 hours x £14.00
Total £448.00

Exceptional Circumstances

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Organisation Name	Abertillery & District Museum
Organisation Type <i>Provide your registered charity number, if applicable</i>	Charity (Museum) 1067213
Organisation Address <i>If your organisation is not based in one premises, please state which areas you cover</i>	MARKET ST. Abertillery Blaina NP23 1AH
Grant Amount Request	£2,000

What would this funding be used for? <i>Please be as precise as possible</i> The funding will be used towards the ongoing costs of keeping the museum open for the benefit of the community
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How does your project benefit the Abertillery and Llanhilleth area and its residents?

The benefit of keeping the museum open is it will continue to allow people to access so many wonderful artefacts and photographs that tell the story of history & cultural aspects of the area and how it has changed throughout its ages.

The project will also allow the dedicated volunteers to continue to care and conserve the museum collection for present and future generations.

How many residents of our wards do you believe will benefit from this project?

All persons that are interested in the cultural & historic area.

What is the total cost of your project?

£2,500

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As the period of renovation was approximately about 6 months the cost of utilities rose by around 200% which we estimated. There was also the decline in customer patronage which caused a decline in revenue. There was also a need for a volunteer to be available during the hours the workmen need access.

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Due to the extensive work being done to the museum by council, our utilities have become exceedingly high for the period of time that is ongoing. These renovations are causing serious disruptions to our customer numbers meaning a serious drop in revenue.

As the museum had to be available during the hours needed for the workmen to access then a volunteer had to be present.



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Organisation Name	Abertillery BG RFC
Organisation Type <i>Provide your registered charity number, if applicable</i>	Not for profit organisation
Organisation Address <i>If your organisation is not based in one premises, please state which areas you cover</i>	Abertillery BG RFC, Abertillery Park, Glandwr St, Abertillery NP13 1TU
Grant Amount Request	£2,044

What would this funding be used for?

Please be as precise as possible

As a rugby club we run an annual music event (Aber Rocks) on the pitch at Abertillery Park. This is the 5th year that we will be running the event, and its going from strength to strength each year. Our attendee numbers have increased year on year, and we hope that this continues. However, with increased numbers of attendees comes added expense to the running costs. This year (as in past years) we are requesting help towards the cost of security. The need for approved security is part of the conditions set by event planning at Blaenau Gwent council.

We use established and well-run security companies with the relevant qualifications and experience. As a first point of contact in many cases, it is important that we set the right tone and impression and ensure all have a safe (and great) time.

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How does your project benefit the Abertillery and Llanhilleth area and its residents?

As a rugby club, we manage to run most of the event with the help of a very loyal and hardworking group of volunteers. This helps us to keep the entry price as low as possible and therefore accessible to most of the local community. Most that attend are repeat visitors to the event and feedback is always extremely positive (evidenced by social media). We have got to the stage that people are planning what to do at next years event before it's even been arranged!

Furthermore, we have a built on past events and have gained an excellent reputation and we are now attracting people from further afield, helping to highlight our excellent surroundings and really put Abertillery on the map.

We also provide volunteering opportunities to those that are interested.

How many residents of our wards do you believe will benefit from this project?

Over 1000 residents attend the event and will directly benefit on the day. However, thousands more will benefit throughout the year, as the funds raised from the event get put back into the facility and assist with the running costs of the club throughout the year.

What is the total cost of your project?

£16,448

Please detail any project costs which will be met by your group

Please include details of other grant funding bids you have applied for or received for this project

Other than the security costs asked for in this grant Abertillery BG RFC will fund the rest of the project fees

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