



Grants – Application Form

Please specify which grant you are applying for:

Council Grant	
Loneliness Project Grant	X
Christmas Lighting Grant	

Organisation Name	LLANHILLETH MINERS INSTITUTE
Organisation Type <i>Provide your registered charity number, if applicable</i>	1128924
Organisation Address <i>If your organisation is not based in one premises, please state which areas you cover</i>	LLANHILLETH MINERS INSTITUTE, LLAHILLETH, ABERTILLERY, BLAENAU GWENT, NP13 2JT
Grant Amount Request	£ 3036

What would this funding be used for?

Please be as precise as possible

The funding requested would cover the majority of paid staff costs for running the monthly older persons lunch for a period of 11 months. The lunch club is attended by between 90-120 elderly residents each month and we are able to heavily subsidise the cost of tickets by using volunteers to serve, collecting donated prizes for the free raffle and baking seasonal meals. The tickets we sell cover the costs of meals and the live entertainment and we factor in a minimal costs to cover utilities, cleaning and set up costs.

The funding would contribute to the hours worked by the following members of paid staff:-
Operations Manager- £48.49
Events Coordinator/ Admin- £53.65
Catering Lead- £89.41
Catering Assistant-£84.52

The costs above relate to the hours worked by staff on the lunch club day itself and does not include preparation work, marketing, admin, cleaning or catering staff. The total staff costs per month equates to £276.07 and the total required for 11 months of delivery would be £3,312.84.

The ALCC has kindly contributed to running costs of lunch club previously and this has been an enormous help. However, with rising costs of food, energy and increases to staff wages, we are incurring significantly higher costs and we are really keen that this should not be passed on to elderly customers, -most of whom are struggling with increased cost of living, loneliness and isolation

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

The Llanhilleth Lunch Club was established in 2010 at the Institute and has become a life line for local people. Although not exclusively aimed at older people, our regular participants are in their 60s upwards and people invariably focus on the opportunity to socialise, meet with old and new friends and get out of the house. We are able to invite additional support agencies in to the lunch club in order to raise awareness of additional services such as Arthritis UK, Age Cymru etc and this has proved to be a valuable service to enhance the opportunities for service users. The two course meals are designed to be healthy and home-cooked and the lunch club also hosts two 'pop up' charity shops, allowing local charity groups (Hospice Of The Valleys, Llanhilleth Knit and Natter) to generate income and provide service users with an opportunity to purchase affordable items. Many of the participants have gone on to access additional workshops and activities at the Institute, such as cookery workshops, carol services and regular tea dances.

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

120 over a 11 month period, 90 of these will benefit on a monthly basis

What is the total cost of your project?

£ 2500 approx per month

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***

Hall hire for 8 hours=£288.00 per month (including set up, cleaning utilities etc
 Volunteer costs= £50 per month
 Entertainment costs=£100.00 per month
 Two course meal at £10.00 per person
 Bingo tickets, prizes, phone calls, admin= £100, additional staff costs listed above
 Some other costs can be met by the Institute and larger funding secured by Garfield Weston, Peoples Postcodes for running costs, but this is limited due to increased financial pressure on other parts of the organisation.

Exceptional Circumstances**If the amount requested is greater than £3,000, or if the grant request is for running costs, please explain what the exceptional circumstances are:**

Funding constraints are particularly challenging following the end of SPF funding and rising costs across the board.