



Learning Disabilities Innovation Fund



Guide to applying.



Easy Read



The Charter

Your project must meet 1 or more parts of the **Learning disability charter**.



The charter was written by people with a learning disability from Carmarthenshire, Pembrokeshire and Ceredigion.

You can find out more here:

www.pembrokeshirepeople1st.org.uk

West Wales Learning

Disabilities Charter

People with learning disabilities want the same things as everyone else does.

- **My Life, My Rights**

More chances in life; more choice; to be listened to; to be treated as adults; to be given dignity and respect & for you to keep our information private.

- **My Community. My Relationships**

To be able to travel independently; help to understand money so we have more control; to train other people in what our lives are like – we're the experts; to get involved with our community; to have paid jobs; the right to enjoy friendships and sex, just like everyone else and the right to have a family.

- **My social life**

To go places everyone else goes and be welcome; to do stuff in the evenings and at weekends; to enjoy friendships, relationships and sex as we choose; for people to welcome us and understand what we need when we are out and to have more info about what's going on.

- **My Support**

Help to follow our dreams; to train staff who work with us; to get to know people who support us; to trust people to do what they say and to have access to advocacy.

- **My Health**

To have the healthcare we need from GPs and hospitals; have a health check every year; staff to have training by us; to have appointments that are easy to get , and on time and control over our health – they are our bodies !

- **My Independence**

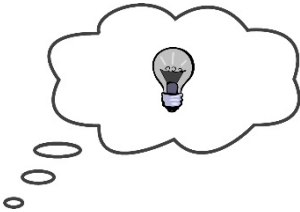
To give us space – not too much at once; to feel safe – to help us find out about bullying and hate crime, and what to do about it; time to think for ourselves; support to live on our own if we want; support when we are parents and to stand up for our rights !

- **My Communication**

To make things easy to read; letters & leaflets we can understand – keep it simple! to find out what works for us – we are all different; to speak for ourselves and have time to think and answer – don't rush!



About the fund



The fund is for new ideas from people with a learning disability.

It is for ideas for new activities and services and to test if they work.



The fund is for third sector and **statutory bodies** who want to co-produce projects with people with a learning disability.



Statutory bodies are organisations like Councils, Health Boards or National Parks.



The funding



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

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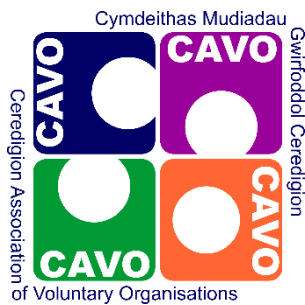
The money comes from the Integrated Care Fund (ICF).



Pembrokeshire Association of Voluntary Services (PAVS) are in charge of the fund. They are working with:



- Carmarthenshire Association of Voluntary services (CAVS)



- Ceredigion Association of Voluntary Organisations (CAVO)



The Regional Improving Lives Partnership (RILP) will run the fund. They are chaired by the Dream Team and supported by Pembrokeshire People First.



Who can apply?

To apply you must be:

- Voluntary or community group
- Social enterprise



You must be properly set up with rules and a strong structure.

You must have a bank account that needs 2 or more signatures.



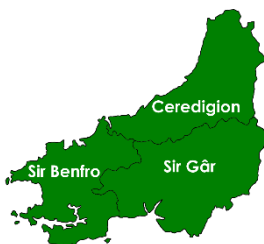
You must support people with a learning disability.



If you are a statutory body, you can apply if:

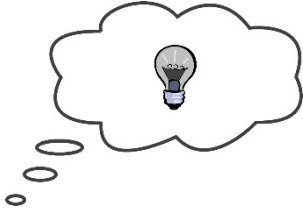
- your project is co-produced by people with a learning disability
- you show strong links to the charter.

The fund is for projects in West Wales:



- Pembrokeshire
- Carmarthenshire
- Ceredigion

Your project idea must be:



- A new idea that will change the way people with learning disabilities are supported



- Co- produced and co- delivered by people with a learning disability



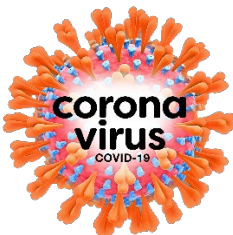
- Clearly benefit people with a learning disability



- Be able to share what you learn



- Be good value for money



You will need to explain how your project will follow Covid guidelines and rules.



What can the grant be spent on?

£10,000

The fund will pay for £10,000 for each project. This can be the full cost of the project. You won't need to add any money of your own.



The grant is for **ongoing costs**



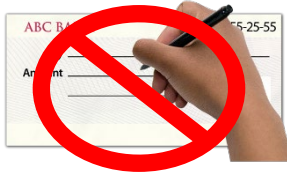
Ongoing costs are things like wages and room hire.



You can ask for 20% of your grant for **capital costs.**



Capital costs are things you buy once. This could be things like laptops or cameras.



What you cannot spend the grant on



- Activities or services that already exist.
- Costs for your project that happened before you applied for the grant
- A small part of a big project, unless it is for a part that can stand on its own.



How long is the grant for?



You must finish the project and spend the money by 31 march 2022.



Monitoring your project.

You will need to write a short report at the end of your project.

You will need to do this no more than 2 weeks after you finish.



Publicity



You need to tell people about the grant and the funders when you talk about your project. This means on:

- Posters
- Leaflets
- Website
- Social media

More information and support



You can ask your local volunteer council for support and more information.



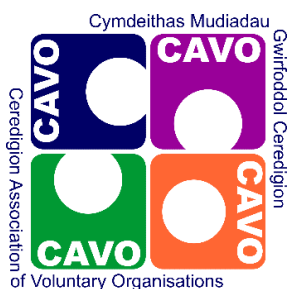
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Applying for the grant

You will need to complete a form



You will need to make a short film telling us about your project.



When you write your form you must:



- Show how your project is co-produced by people with a learning disability



- Make sure your costs are as accurate as possible.



- Include 2 quotes for anything that costs more than £500



- Show it is good value for money



Grant deadline

You must send your grant application by 10 September 2021.



You must send:

- your form
- a link to your film
- your governing documents.



Governing documents can be called:

- Constitution
- Memorandum & Articles of Association
- Trust Deed

They are the legal papers that form your organisation.



There will be 2 stages to decide who gets the grant.



Stage 1 Shortlisting

The Dream Team will look at the film and the form.



Stage 2 presentation

If you are shortlisted, you will need to present to the panel and answer questions. This will be by Zoom.

The presentations will be on 28 September 2021.



**** You should complete the form in easy read. The next page gives some ideas about making the form easy to read for everyone.**



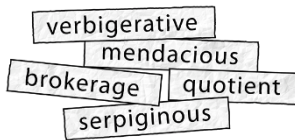
You will be told by phone or email no more than 3 weeks after the deadline.



Things to think about when you write the form:



- Use easy words



- Try to avoid jargon or initials for things. If you have to use them explain what they mean.



- Use short sentences and short paragraphs.

Hello

- Use a simple font like arial

hello

- Use 16 point font sizes



- Ask your co- production team members to check the form is easy read.