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THE GOWER SOCIETY
(Registered Charity No. 258372)

GRANT APPLICATION FORM

Grant No.
Date Received
To be completed by Gower Society

Please complete in type or using BLOCK CAPITALS.

Please provide any additional information you wish the Society to consider on your own additional documents and note that you have done so in a relevant box below.

Section A (To be completed by all applicants)

1. Title of Work / Project:

GOWER DARK SKY COMMUNITY PROJECT

2. Briefly describe the Work / Project, including its main objective(s):

Development and application work for the award to Gower AONB as a 'Dark Sky Community' accredited by the International Dark Sky Association (IDA)

3. Site/location of project (please give precise details including grid reference if possible):

Gower Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB)

4. Where the work / project includes building, or other works, please give full details on separate A4 sheets, and include any appropriate additional information such as photographs, drawings, reports, plans, etc. - NOT APPLICABLE

5. Please explain why you consider that the work complies with the objectives and criteria of the Society as set out on the Information on Grants Sheet.

I believe that the project will contribute toward the achievement of all the objectives of the Gower Society grant scheme:

- TO ENCOURAGE AN APPRECIATION AND LOVE OF GOWER – The award process requires a public and schools engagement programme to raise awareness of the special nature and value of Gower’s dark skies and gain public support for the designation
- TO ENSURE THE PRESERVATION AND PROMOTION OF THE CHARACTER, TRADITIONS, COUNTRYSIDE AND ARCHITECTURE OF GOWER – The project will update and revise the current Gower AONB Lighting Guide (Supplementary Planning Guide (SPG) for the Unitary Development Plan) and enable its adoption as SPG to the emerging Local Development Plan (LDP). In addition, a Lighting Management Plan will identify lighting issues within the AONB and an action plan for improvements.
- TO PROMOTE RIGHTS OF WAY AND ACCESS TO GOWER’S OPEN SPACES AND COAST – Gower’s open spaces and coast will be promoted as some of the best areas from which to observe and enjoy the night sky.
- TO FURTHER THE STUDY AND RECORDING OF GOWER’S ANTIQUITIES/HISTORY/TRADITIONS AND FEATURES – the application and subsequent retention of the Dark Sky Community award requires the regular monitoring of how the night sky is being managed/protected
- TO PROMOTE AN ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY RURAL ECONOMY – The project includes a business engagement programme to ensure rural businesses (particularly tourism-related) are aware of the ‘Dark Sky’ concept and its potential business benefits/opportunities; businesses will be asked to participate in (and support) the designation.
- TO COOPERATE WITH OTHER ORGANISATIONS WHOSE AIMS ARE SIMILAR – this is a partnership project involving Swansea Council, Natural Resources Wales and Dark Sky Wales and Gower Activity Centres

6. Is the applicant an individual

or an organisation?

(Mark which applies.)

7. Full name and address of the individual or organisation:

Gower AONB Partnership
Swansea Council
Civic Centre
Oystermouth Road
SWANSEA
SA1 3SN

If an organisation:

8. Who is the representative authorised to deal with the application?

Chris Lindley

9. In what capacity?

Gower AONB Team Leader

10. Are you VAT. registered?

Yes

N.B. If the organisation is a Club or other unincorporated association, copies of the Constitution of the Club and names of the Trustees may be required. Copies of accounts of the organisation or Limited Company may also be required.

11. If the application involves property, who is the owner of the freehold and /or leasehold interest in the property?

NOT APPLICABLE

12. If the applicant is the leaseholder, please state the length of the lease remaining, or any relevant terms of the lease. A copy of the lease may be required, together with confirmation of freeholder's consent where relevant. [N.B. If there is only a short term on the lease outstanding, or there is insufficient security, the Society may feel it inappropriate to assist with grant aid].

NOT APPLICABLE

13. Total estimated cost of Work / Project, including VAT, if applicable.

£24 000

- 14.

£6 000

15. Amount sought from Gower Society:

lease supply copies of any quotations, invoices, or other estimated costs which have been supplied (preferably two) and schedule below.

The attached letter (5 June 2018) from Dark Sky Wales (DSW) gives a draft breakdown of the work programme and costs. Subsequent revisions/discussions and commitments of Swansea Council staff time have reduced the cash costs of the project. Grant-aid cash from this application and Swansea Council's NRW grant (see 17 (below) is essential to commission Dark Sky Wales to deliver their elements of the work programme.

All of the elements in 16 (below) are required to satisfy the IDA requirements and criteria for the Dark Sky Community award.

16. If different elements / stages of the work / project can be identified, please list them below:

Stage / element	Time period	£ Cost
Project Steering Group	July 2018- April 2019	£2 000
IDA designation and application	Oct 2018-Feb 2019	£9 500
Lighting Management Plan and Lighting Guide SPG	July 2018-March 2019	£7 200
Schools Education Programme	Sept-Dec 2018	£ 3 000
Business Engagement	Sept-Nov 2018	£2 800
Public Engagement	July – Dec 2018	£ 1 000
Sky Quality Monitoring Programme	Oct-Dec 2018	£2 500

17. Have other funding sources been approached? Please give full details below:

To whom	Amount requested	Amount granted
Natural Resources Wales – part of the Gower AONB Partnership grant	£6000	£6000

18. Please state how you intend to fund any shortfall between total costs and grant(s) received.

Swansea Council staff time will be invested in the project – particularly the following elements of the work:

- Education programme/events – Gower Activity Centres
- Lighting Management Plan and Lighting Guide SPG – Planning Policy and Street Lighting
- Project Steering Group and IDA application – AONB Team

19. Are you likely to require payment in advance or stage payments as work progresses? If so, please explain why and supply details. (Please see note 3 on the Grant Information Sheet)

Payment in advance is not necessary, but staged payments across the current financial year (2018/19) and next (2019/20) would be beneficial.	
Expected start date:	July 2018
Expected completion date:	May 2019
If a grant / contribution is offered, how soon after completion would payment be required?	As soon as possible on completion

23. If a grant / contribution is awarded, how would you propose to recognise and publicise the Gower Society's support. (e.g. credits within documents or the provision of a suitable and permanent plaque on site or some other permanent and visible record of the Society's contribution, etc)?

Gower Society to be credited in all documentation and engagement work in developing the application as one of the principal partners. Press and social media posts will credit all principal partners on the build up to submitting the application and eventual announcement of the IDA award.

Section B (To be completed by applicants for Projects only, i.e. applicants applying for a grant of over £5,000.)

24. Name(s) of Gower Society proposer(s):

25. Owner of project site/location/building:

NOT APPLICABLE

26. Name(s) of other organisation(s) to be involved.
 (Please supply contact details of a lead person from each organisation (name/email address/address with post code/telephone number/s):

Gower AONB /Swansea Council – chris.lindley@swansea.gov.uk, 01792 35094
 Natural Resources Wales – Hamish.osborn@cyfoethnaturiocyymru.gov.uk
 Dark Sky Wales – Allan Trow allan.darkskywales@gmail.com

Are suitable references/letters of support available from these organisations?

YES	NO
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27. If yes, please provide with this application.

28. If a joint project, state the lead body:

Gower AONB Partnership, Swansea Council

29. Will you be required to obtain any permissions/permits/consents (please givefull details):

None required

30. It is expected that there will be several meetings to monitor progress, including an initial site visit. Quarterly written progress reports will also be required. Who will monitor the project and provide these?

Chris Lindley, Gower AONB Team Leader will ensure this. The project will be overseen by a Steering Group of partners. The Gower Society would be asked for a representative to be part of the Steering Group.

31. Who will carry out a risk assessment/provide any health and safety provision?

To be determined by the Project Steering Group. There will be a range of risk assessment/H&S provisions covering: Site monitoring, education visits, public engagement etc.

Are there any future maintenance implications for this project?

Yes	No
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33. If yes, how will these be actioned and by whom?

Gower AONB Team on behalf of the Gower AONB Partnership

34. Who will evaluate the project both mid-term and its end to see if it has met its stated objectives?

This will be the Project Steering Group, but ultimately the International Dark Sky Association (IDA) who will determine the application for Dark Sky Community Status

Section C (To be completed by all applicants)

I am the Authorised Person and herewith apply for a grant / contribution of £6 000

Signature:.....Date:.....

Name: CHRIS LINDLEY Position: GOWER AONB TEAM LEADER

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