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Gower AONB,  
 Planning and City Regeneration,  
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Dear Chris Lindley

**Allocation of Grant funding: Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) National Grant Partnership Programme**

NRW has statutory duties to conserve and enhance natural beauty and to promote access and recreation. We recognise the opportunities that AONBs provide in supporting the delivery of these duties and shared outcomes identified in AONB management plans or relevant Area Statements.

NRW have used a strategic allocated funding mechanism to define outcomes that align with a specific formula, to allow identification of allocation amounts and partners.

The total budget available for allocation to all identified partners for 2021/2022 is £525,000. This is made up of;

- £325,000 NRW Grant funding which represents 75% of your total project costs (£433,333), partners will be required to provide the remaining 25% match funding (£108,333).
- £200,000 Welsh Government Capital Funding. This represents 100% of your total project costs and does not require any match funding.

**Based on our evaluation, NRW would like to offer Gower Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty £108,250 (One Hundred and Eight Thousand, Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds).**

**Gower AONB will receive £68,250 (Sixty Eight Thousand, Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds) from NRW Grant funding and will be required to contribute a minimum 25% match funding.** The three national objectives that this grant aims to fund are,

- Objective 1 - Nature recovery and building ecosystems resilience
- Objective 2 - Climate change adaptation, mitigation and decarbonisation
- Objective 3 - Cultural services for health and well-being to support a Green Recovery

Outcomes to deliver these objectives should cover;

- Conservation and enhancement of natural beauty including landscape quality, character and distinctiveness.

- Access, recreation and sustainable tourism.
- Biodiversity enhancement and ecosystem resilience.
- Land, water and woodland / forest management.
- Developing sustainable agricultural practice.
- Coastal and marine issues.
- Climate change adaptation, mitigation and carbon management.
- Health, well-being and community cohesion.
- Supporting language, culture and the historic environment.

**Gower AONB** will receive **£40,000 (Forty Thousand Pounds)** made up of Welsh Government Capital Funding. The outcomes we would consider for this funding are;

- enhance features on Protected sites  
  
and/or
- support and complement the work of Gylfeinir Cymru and the Curlew Life project. Delivery in place should primarily focus on creating nature networks close to or next to protected curlew sites many of which are adjacent to protected sites. The projects must be in North and Mid Wales

Please note that this letter is not an offer of funding or a funding agreement and you should not rely on it as such. In order for us to be able to offer any financial support, you should not enter into any legally binding obligations in respect of the project until:

- you have made a formal proposal using Annex 1;
- we have completed our due diligence on your proposal; and
- you have received our formal offer of support. Any commitment ahead of a formal grant award letter will be at your own risk.

If you plan to undertake work before formal award, please contact us to discuss.

### **What you have to do next**

1. You need to confirm whether you would or would not like to take advantage of this funding, and respond to;  
[grants.enquiries@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk](mailto:grants.enquiries@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk). If you do not respond within 5 working days, we will presume that you do not wish to take advantage of this funding opportunity.
2. If you responded **yes** to point 1 then using annex 1 you need to set out your proposal for spending the allocated money, providing an indication of the costs,

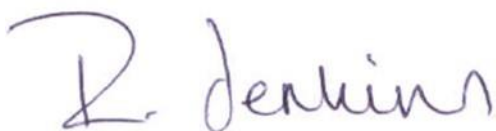
and risks to delivery over the year. **This proposal should clearly show which funding stream the work relates to and be submitted no later than Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2021.** In doing this, you need to ensure activities meet the funding rules as set out in Annex 1.

3. Annex 1 provides a checklist of the information you will need to submit to satisfy NRW's due diligence checks. We will use your submission to carry out a technical and financial assessment based on feasibility and value for money.

Please submit your proposal to; [grants.enquiries@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk](mailto:grants.enquiries@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk)

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours faithfully



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