

Report of the Director of People

External Funding Panel - 2 December 2015

SWANSEA CHANGE FUND

Purpose:	To decide upon an application to the Swansea Change Fund.
Policy Framework:	Medium Term Financial Plan; <i>Sustainable Swansea – fit for the future</i>
Reason for Decision:	To decide on application to the Fund.
Consultation:	Finance, Legal, Access to Services.
Recommendation(s):	It is recommended that: 1) The Panel decide if it wishes to support the submitted application.
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Finance Officer:	Carol Griffiths
Legal Officer:	Wendy Parkin
Access to Services Officer:	Sherill Hopkins

1. Introduction

1.1 Background, Swansea Change Fund

The Swansea Change Fund is formed from the merger of the City & County of Swansea's Corporate Grant Fund and the Swansea Compact Fund.

There have been five funding rounds to date,

1.2 Types of Funding

Swansea Change Funding is currently split between one off annual project/core grants and Service Level Agreements (SLA's). The Application in question is a one off grant request.

1.3 Eligibility Criteria

All applicants have to link their applications/projects or core services directly to the City & County of Swansea One Swansea plan, namely:

OUR VISION IS FOR

A safer, greener, smarter, fairer, healthier, richer Swansea

OUR PRIORITIES

We want Swansea to be a place that is more prosperous with a skilled and well-educated population, less characterised by the contrasts and extremes of poverty across the city. We want to improve well-being so that communities are safer, healthier, more cohesive and adaptable to change so that everyone can be enabled to fulfil their potential. Our five key priorities are outlined below:-

- Safeguarding vulnerable people
- Improving pupil attainment
- Creating a vibrant and viable city and economy
- Tackling poverty
- Building sustainable communities

OUR VALUES

Our Plans will be built on three clear values which will guide the way that we work, how we develop as an organisation and our decision making through the years ahead.

People Focus

We need to focus on community needs and outcomes and on improving the lives of the people who live and work in Swansea. We will also respect, value and support our employees and demonstrate the highest standards of integrity.

Working Together

We need to promote a whole partnership approach, working across services to maximise resources and knowledge and joining forces with others outside the Council to ensure we prioritise our resources and get the best for our communities.

Innovation

We will promote and support a culture of innovation. We need to think and work differently to improve our ability to deliver and to meet the financial, demographic and societal challenges we face.

Plus all applicants must:

- Be self-governing, not profit distributing, be for community/public benefit and have an appropriate signed constitution/governing document/rules.
- Have a bank account with at least two signatories in the name of the organisation applying for the grant.

- Have in place (or can show that they are actively working towards) an effective equality policy.
- Have in place (or can show that they are actively working towards) an effective green or environmental policy.
- Demonstrate sound financial management in particular for authorising and recording expenditure.
- Provide a set of their most recent financial accounts, signed as being audited or independently inspected (according to the level of the income and expenditure) or, in the case of recently formed organisations, a forecast of income and expenditure for the next year.
- Show evidence of local community support.

2. Applications

2.1 An application has been received for one-off support from the fund

1. St Mary's Church, Swansea - £2,500

2.2 Application is summarised in **Appendix A** – full application pack will be available at the meeting.

2.3 All applications will be shared with relevant council officers – their comments will be available at the meeting

3. Equality & Engagement Implications

3.1 Equality Impact Assessments will be undertaken as appropriate on any decisions made at the panel.

3.2 City and County of Swansea equality officers will as part of the assessment process feed their comments on relevant applications to the External Funding Panel.

4. Financial Implications

4.1 The Swansea Change Fund has sufficient funds to cover the request should the panel wish to support the application

5. Legal Implications

5.1 The External Funding Panel is a decision making panel as ratified by Cabinet at its meeting of 18th November 2014

Background Papers: None.

Appendices: A. Application Summery – St Marys Church

Swansea Change Fund – 2015/16

Summary Application to Assessment Panel

Organisation: ST MARY'S CHURCH, SWANSEA – *Concert Commemorating 75th Anniversary Swansea Blitz*

Grant Total: £2,500

Ref No: CF5 – 25

Contact Name: Allan Jeffery

Population Outcome/target area: (3) Improving Pupil Attainment, Creating a Vibrant and viable city and Economy, Tackling Poverty

Expenditure	£
Guest Artist – Siren Sisters	£1,000
Morrison Orpheus	£730
Compere	£400
Whats On Advertising	£195
Printing, Posters, Flyers, tickets	£200
VIP reception	£50
Heating & Lighting, Organ Use, Piano Tuning	£150
Total Expenditure (a)	£2,725
Income (include status - Secured, Awaiting Decision or still to be raised)	
Fundraising	£225
Total Income (b)	£
Total Amount to be met by Change grant (a-b)	*£2,500

Summary:

On 20th February 2016, 75 years to the day of the 3 days Blitz, St Marys along with the Evening Post, Morrison Orpheus Choir and Swansea Rotary will present a concert to mark the anniversary. To Commemorate this both tragic and heroic event we have an evening of music from the 40's, the programme will include musical items from the Morrison Orpheus Choir and singing group; The Siren Sisters. Poems will be read by winners of a Swansea schools poetry competition together with some short reminiscences by those who can recall the events of 20th February 1941.

This is a new approach to an identified problem within the Church – the Church is in need of essential restoration the cost of which is estimated to be in the region of £250,000 to £300,000. The aforementioned concert will help raise

awareness of the situation and to help support the churches appeal to raise financial support.

The grant will be used to facilitate the overhead costs of staging the concert, performers expenses, advertising and promotional materials, staging and some professional fees.

Targets

1. Outcomes from the poetry competition and masterclass
2. Archiving of personal experiences of those who experienced the three days Blitz
3. Appeal fund to benefit from a city wide awareness of the need for restoration of the church roofs, stonework and internal damp proofing
4. The event has the potential to raise £5,000 towards the restoration appeal
5. Improve initiatives with the City and County of Swansea via an increased dialogue with for example, social services

Letters of support: 0

Referee: Mr D Byron Lewis esq – H.M. Lord Lieutenant of West Glamorgan

Start date: Feb 16

End date: Feb 16