

PERTHYN SMALL GRANT SCHEME

Small grant fund for Welsh-Speaking communities looking to establish a social enterprise or community led-cooperative housing.

Background

Funded by Welsh Government, Perthyn was established in 2022 and is a collaboration between Cwmpas, and local enabling organisations **Planed** and the **Dolan** partnership. Perthyn provides local early-stage support to our Welsh-speaking communities with a high density of second homes in north west and south west Wales who are interested in; safeguarding local assets and services, creating new jobs through new social enterprises and co-operatives, creating affordable community-led homes for people to rent or buy, and who want to engage with and benefit from wider Welsh Government support for Welsh-speaking communities.

Perthyn supports the following aims in the [Welsh Language Communities Housing Plan](#), and [Cymraeg 2050: a million Welsh-speakers](#).

Perthyn website: <https://cwmpas.coop/what-we-do/services/perthyn/>.

Our Aims:

- To help sustain Welsh-speaking communities that are affected by high densities of second homes through establishing new social enterprises and co-operatives.
- To help **sustain** Welsh-speaking communities by developing solutions to support local affordable housing.
- To help sustain communities by means of engaging and benefit from wider Welsh Government and other funding support to ensure that Welsh-speaking communities continue to thrive.
- Create Welsh-speaking spaces – where the Welsh-language is central to the administrative structure and an integral part of the initiative.

Purpose of Grant

The scheme is open to applications from Welsh speaking community groups in North-West and South-West Wales with a high density of second homes*, that wants to create and/or build community capacity and accelerate ideas that will lead to the creation of cooperatives,



social enterprises or community led housing. Please note that the grants are for revenue projects only.

Below are examples of the type of spend that would be eligible under this grant:

- Capacity building
- Overcoming barriers to full participation of group members in critical activities (e.g., care costs)
- Facilitating community engagement (e.g., consultation events, housing needs assessment surveys, marketing materials)
- Land searches and surveys
- Pre-purchase costs (e.g., pre-planning costs, land surveys)
- Early-stage mortgage fees
- Incorporation
- Specialist consultancy (not available under existing programme i.e., SBW, Communities Creating Homes)
- Legal advice

Eligibility

1. The proposed ideas must support development within a Welsh-speaking community that has a high density of second homes*. You should provide evidence (statement, statistics from the 2021 Census, etc.) on how your Welsh-speaking community is being affected by second homes and or holiday homes (**please see page 5 for a heat map of areas with high densities of second homes, if your area does not fit into the heat map but you believe your community is affected by second homes and/or holiday homes please include your evidence in your application**).
2. You can demonstrate how your idea will support the aims of the Welsh Language Communities Action Plan and *Cymraeg 2050: a million Welsh-speakers* in particular.
 - To help sustain Welsh-speaking communities by establishing new social enterprises and co-operatives.



- To help sustain Welsh-speaking communities by developing solutions to support local affordable housing.
3. You are you applying for a revenue grant of between £2,500 & £12,500.
 4. The proposal is a community-led project and can demonstrate a vision to achieve this.
 5. Homes developed will be affordable in perpetuity for the local community.

What we cannot fund:

- Capital funding.
- The funding prioritises newly established groups to turn ideas into viable projects. If funding for existing projects is sought, you should explain what the additionality and any innovative approaches.
- Individual, business or organisation e.g., housing association that are working solo on a project. Please note that this grant is a community led project that will benefit directly from it.
- Groups that cannot provide evidence that supporting the Welsh-language is not a central theme of the project.

IMPORTANT - Please Note

In line with the [Welsh Language Communities Housing Plan](#) the aim is to support Welsh-speaking communities with high densities of second homes – all applications must demonstrate clearly how the project will support this aim.

- Grants will not be awarded retrospectively i.e., for costs incurred before receipt of our grant offer letter.
- **Grants are for revenue use only, not capital expenditure.**
- **Funding must be spent by 31 March 2024.**

If the request is for a group that is not yet constituted and/or does not have an appropriate bank account, **please make this clear in the application**. Should the application be successful a **fundholder** can be appointed to hold and administer the grant awarded.

N.B. In cases where a community group do not have an established bank account a fundholder is required. Cwmpas will act as fundholder on behalf of the applicant(s) and awarded funds will be allocated directly to suppliers/contractors upon completion of the specified works in the application form.





Application Process

If you have answered yes to the eligibility question, please complete the application form below and return to samantha.edwards@cwmpas.coop.

Answers to application questions will be scored by a scoring matrix.

The closing date for all applications is **29 September 2023**.

Cwmpas will carry out the initial eligibility checks before submitting the application to the assessment panel. Cwmpas will contact you directly if further information is needed to support the application. Please note that Cwmpas will only submit completed and eligible application to the assessment panel.

Applications will be assessed by the assessment panel after the closing date.

Applications will be considered by a panel comprising representatives from Cwmpas and Welsh Government.

The closing date for applications will be 29/09/2023, community groups will be notified by 13/10/2023.

Following email notification of a successful grant award, a meeting will be set up to agree payment and monitoring requirements.

Where Cwmpas are acting as the fund holder on behalf of non-constituted groups they retain the right to withhold assistance if satisfactory proof that payments against approved purposes is not provided. Digital copies of receipts must be provided as part of the monitoring process.

The panel may request further information from applicants and will offer a group an opportunity to resubmit with additional information.

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[Helo Blod](#) offers fast and friendly Welsh translation and advice service to help you to use a little bit of Cymraeg.

We welcome applications in Welsh or English.



HIGH DENSITY SECOND HOMES AREAS IN WALES HEAT MAP

