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**Blaenau Gwent**

**Community Food Development**

**Grant**

**Application Form**

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**BLAENAU GWENT**

**COMMUNITY FOOD DEVELOPMENT GRANT**

**FULL APPLICATION**

**Aims and purpose of the Community Food Grant**

The aim of the Community Food Development Grant is to support local community food initiatives that have innovative ideas for improving access to healthy and sustainable food. The purpose of the grant is to promote a more coordinated approach to tackling the root causes of food insecurity through supporting community led initiatives as they promote healthy and sustainable eating and growing. This includes growing projects, community food pantries, food education programmes such as cookery and nutrition classes, and furthering the good food movement in Blaenau Gwent. While this grant is open to all community groups and providers, it is not intended as emergency food support \*

\*such as purchasing food supplies for food parcels or projects that promote the consumption of High- Fat, sugar, or Salt (HFSS) foods.

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| **Community Development Food Grant** | | |
| **Funding Type** | **Award Available** | **Example of eligible spend** |
| **Revenue** | **£0 - £7,500** | This is money used for day-to-day running costs.  **Examples:** Volunteer costs, buying supplies, or covering utility bills.  Think of it as the regular costs that keep your project going. |
| **Capital** | **£0 - £5,000** | This is money used to buy or improve long-term assets — things that will last a long time.  **Examples:** Buying equipment, renovating a building, or building a new facility.  Think of it as buying something big that helps your project over many years. |
| You may apply for both Capital and Revenue funding up to a maximum of £12,500 total, comprising max £7,500 revenue plus max £5,000 capital. | | |

1. **About your organisation**
2. Name of main contact:

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1. Name of Business/Organisation

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1. Address for correspondence:

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| Your organisation’s office |  |
| Your home address |  |
| Other (please specify) |  |

1. If you (the main contact) have any specific communication needs, tell us what they are, e.g. textphone, sign language, other language (please specify)

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1. Telephone Number:

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1. E-mail Address:

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1. **About your project.**
2. What does your business/organisation do? (no more than 250 words)

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1. Please provide details about your project. (No more than 500 words)

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1. Please provide detail on the evidence of need for the project. (No more than 500 words)

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1. What are the key milestones for the implementation of the project? *These should be* *important events that mark progress towards your projects objectives e.g. purchasing of equipment, community engagement events, workshops etc.*

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| **Project Milestones** |  |
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1. Please provide a brief description of how the project contributes to **the 4 key Objective Areas of the Blaenau Gwent Community Food Strategy**  *(PLEASE REFER TO AT LEAST TWO OR MORE OBJECTIVES)*:

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| Objective 1: Food Access - *We want to ensure everyone in Blaenau Gwent can access healthy, affordable food with dignity.* |
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| *Objective 2: Health - We aim to improve health and wellbeing, and address health inequalities, by making healthier food choices the easiest option.* |
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| Objective 3: Community & Business - *We will strengthen local food networks, supporting enterprises and third sector initiatives.* |
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| Objective 4: Climate & Nature - *We build sustainable food practices that protect the environment and enhance biodiversity.* |
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1. **About your project costs**
2. Please complete the table below, listing each item required and it’s cost.

\*\*Reminder:

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| **Item (Revenue)** | **Cost** |
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| **Item (Capital)** | **Cost** |
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| **Total Costs** |  |

b. Have you previously sought and received any other form of funding for this project?

(If yes, please give details).

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1. **Project Outputs & Outcomes**
2. Please choose the project targets below: (Answer only the Outputs and Outcomes relevant to your Project – please refer to at least two or more). \*\*You will be asked to provide numerical evidence of your progress towards these outputs and outcomes through the Grant monitoring process.\*\*

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| **PROJECT OUTPUTS & OUTCOMES** | **Will your project achieve this? Yes/No** |
| Increase in No. Jobs created or safeguarded as a result of support |  |
| Increase in No. of Local Events or Activities supported (e.g. food & cooking workshops, local growing events, partnership food summit) |  |
| Households Receiving Support to reduce the impact of the Cost-of-Living (e.g. access to Food Pantries, cooking-on-a-budget skills etc.) |  |
| Amount of Green Space created or improved (e.g. improvements to existing and new food growing projects) |  |
| Increase in No. of Volunteering Opportunities supported or created as a result of support (e.g. at community food pantries & food growing projects) · |  |
| Increase in number of individuals engaged with in the local area (e.g. improved outreach, attendance at events/activities) |  |
| People gaining a qualification or completing a course following support (e.g. cooking, growing, nutrition & hygiene skills) |  |
| Increase in No. of Community-led arts, cultural, heritage or creative programmes as a result of support (e.g. food in culture & history projects led by community groups) |  |
| Rehabilitating derelict land for beneficial use (e.g. remediating neglected land for use in growing projects) |  |
| Installation of low or zero carbon infrastructure (e.g. Energy efficient kitchen equipment – fridges, freezers etc. , energy efficient composting systems) |  |

1. Do you intend to make the project financially sustainable/what is the exit strategy post grant funding? (If you have no plans for continuing without funding then please specify this)

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1. Please provide details for the bank account you wish for the grant money to be sent to.

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| Account Name: |  |
| Account sort code: |  |
| Account Number (must have 8 digits): |  |
| Bank Address: |  |
| Post code: |  |
| Names of the 2 signatories on this bank account: |  |
| Email addresses or telephone numbers of signatories: |  |

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| **Declaration**  I confirm, on behalf of the business/organisation named in question 1, that I am authorised to sign this agreement and to the best of my knowledge and belief that all answers on this application form are true and accurate. I further confirm that this application is made on the basis that if successful, in full or in part, the business will comply with the terms and conditions that follow.  Signature of Contact Person for the Project:  Name:  Signature:  Date:  Are you, or are any senior members of your organisation related to a Councillor or Officer of Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council?  If YES, please state the name of the Councillor or Officer:  **Please note:** An applicant who knowingly fails to disclose such a relationship will have this application and any funding awarded withdrawn |

Other departments within the authority and the Blaenau Gwent Food Partnership may request to use your

contact details, in order to send you information or share your grant details. If you do not wish for us to provide your contact details please tick the box.

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