



We're excited to share a funding opportunity that could support your community initiatives, particularly those focused on volunteering and community engagement.

The Volunteering Wales Strategic Grant (2025-28) offers £50,000-£100,000 for projects that enhance volunteering practices across Wales. While Community and Town Councils can't apply as lead applicants, there's a fantastic opportunity to partner with local charities, voluntary organisations, or social enterprises to deliver meaningful projects that benefit your community

### How Could This Benefit Your Council?

By identifying partners and collaborating on a project, councils can:

- Address local challenges like food poverty, social isolation, or climate action through volunteer-led initiatives.
- Access additional resources and funding to support community services.
- Strengthen partnerships with local organizations, creating sustainable, long-term benefits for your residents.

## **Examples of Potential Projects:**

- Volunteer-Led Community Food Initiatives: Work with a local food bank to establish meal programs or food parcels for vulnerable residents.
- Environmental Action Projects: Partner with environmental charities to coordinate clean-up days or climate resilience projects in your area.
- Befriending and Support Programs for Older People: Collaborate with health organizations to reduce social isolation through volunteer-led befriending services.
- Digital Inclusion: Partner with a local charity or social enterprise specialising in digital skills to create a volunteer-led tech support program for older adults.
- Community Arts & Culture Events: Collaborate with local arts organisations or cultural groups to create a volunteer-run community arts festival celebrating Welsh language, heritage, and local talent

#### **Next Steps:**

- **1**. Identify potential partners in your area (e.g., local charities, voluntary councils, health boards).
- 2. Reach out to discuss how you could collaborate on a project that benefits your community.
- 3. Collaborate to strengthen their funding application.

## **Further Details**

For more details on the grant, visit <u>Apply now for Volunteering Wales Strategic Grants - WCVA</u> or contact us if you'd like assistance identifying potential partners or shaping a project idea.

# Let's work together to bring more resources and support to your community.