

Thrive Communities



Acorn and Velindre
University NHS
Trust working
together to
support voluntary,
community and
social enterprise
organisations
operating across
South East Wales



Thrive Communities is a real commitment to giving **time** and **resources to support voluntary, community and social enterprise organisations** operating across South East Wales.



Who is involved?

Thrive Communities has been set up by ACORN, the developer for the new Velindre Cancer Centre.

ACORN are working on behalf of Velindre University NHS Trust to design, construct, finance and operate the facilities management services of the new Velindre Cancer Centre which will provide specialist non-surgical cancer services for the patient population of south east Wales.

ACORN is developing the new Velindre Cancer Centre, committed to delivering local community benefits and has set up Thrive Communities to ensure project resources support community-led responses to local challenges and opportunities.



How it works

Thrive Investment will provide project resources to local communities to support them to meet local opportunities and challenges throughout the construction phase of the new Velindre Cancer Centre. Thrive Communities offers community organisations operating in south east Wales:



A TimeBank

Volunteer support from the ACORN project team and supply chain. Community organisations will apply for volunteer time (e.g., business development support or labour) to support their operations.

We will deliver 100 volunteer days of construction.



A Community Fund

Small grants for community organisations that focus on improving the well-being of communities across south east Wales.

Small grants will be provided to community organisations that focus on improving the quality of life of local communities, particularly those who are vulnerable and disadvantaged. Community organisations will be able to apply for a maximum of £1,000 funding per project. We will select 10 in year 1 of construction and 10 in year 2.



An on-site Resource Bank

Excess and unused materials from the Construction Phase will be diverted into our ResourceBank and be available for free to community organisations.

The ResourceBank will increase access to materials for community organisations and promote the circular economy in south east Wales.

Community organisations can apply to Thrive Communities through an application form, stating if they are seeking TimeBank resources (volunteer time), Community Fund (a small grant) or both.

Thrive Communities will support community organisations that can demonstrate that their project will lead to at least one of the following outcomes:

- Places and spaces that matter to communities are improved
- People are helped to reach their potential
- Increased sustainability skills within the community are achieved
- A legacy of stronger and more connected communities is achieved

Applications from individuals or private companies will not be accepted.

We want to know about the difference your involvement made:

- **Challenge** - what outcomes did you set out to achieve and what were the drivers for this
- **Response** - how did you meet your objectives, including details of partners involved, their roles and the steps you took to successfully deliver the project
- **Results** - what outcomes were achieved and what impact did this have on participants including 'softer' skills such as increased employability and an increase in confidence
- **Legacy** - what have you learnt from your experience and how will you apply this to your future work and shared learning with others.

What could you apply for?

Here are some examples of what community organisations could apply for:

- Volunteer time to support a project that seeks to raise the confidence of young people and enhance their life chances
- Volunteer labour to construct a community resource such as an outdoor shelter that helps communities be together safely
- Funding to buy tools or materials to develop or maintain an outdoor space such as a play area, allotment, park, or wildlife area
- Funding to buy equipment or materials, such as art and crafts materials or gardening tools and plants, to run a project that builds community skills
- Construction materials to build a community resource, such as an outdoor classroom that helps young people learn about nature.

How do you apply?

Organisations wishing to apply to Thrive Communities need to send their completed application forms to ACORN at the following address velindrecommunity@sacyr.com

ACORN will shortlist applications and select successful participants capacity of the project to meet Thrive outcomes. TimeBank and Community Fund applications will be delivered in rounds. The first application round opens in **October 1st 2024**. Applications will need to be submitted by **January 10th 2025**.

ResourceBank applications can be made by emailing velindrecommunity@sacyr.com. You do not need to complete an application form to apply for the ResourceBank. A copy of the application form can be found at the back of this brochure or email us at velindrecommunity@sacyr.com

Community organisations do not need to complete an application for the ResourceBank but simply log the materials that they need with our team by emailing us on velindrecommunity@sacyr.com

TimeBank and Community Fund projects can be a one off or part of a larger programme of activity. Successful applicants must use their resources within six months and evidence that the project took place by providing a case study and photographs.

APPLICATION FORM

1. Organisation Name

2. Organisation Address

3. Lead Contact Name

4. Lead Contact Email and Telephone Number

5. Tell us about your organisation

e.g. what sort of organisation is it, what are your aims, who do you work with and how long have you been running
(max 500 words)

6. Are you applying to the TimeBank or the Community Fund, or both?

TimeBank

Community Fund

Both

7. Tell us about your application e.g. include the details of the volunteer time you are asking for or a budget for the small grant

8. Please provide details of your project e.g. what are you aiming to achieve, when will it start, how long will it run for, who will benefit and how will it meet Thrive Communities objectives (max 500 words)

9. Please confirm that you will submit a case study at the end of your project

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