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Eryri Community Funds support communities throughout Eryri to thrive socially, economically, and environmentally. The funds support small community activities as well as larger projects that strengthen local infrastructure and well-being, also contributing to the statutory purposes of Eryri National Park, namely to:

1. Protect and enhance natural beauty, wildlife, and cultural heritage
2. Promote opportunities for the public to understand and enjoy the special qualities of the National Parks

### Structure of the Funds

The funds are presented in three tiers:

Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
<b>A fund for small community events and projects</b> (formerly the Eryri Well-being Fund)	<b>Infrastructure and development projects</b> (priority given to the communities most affected by tourism)	<b>Major projects</b> (formerly Eryri Communities Fund)
Up to <b>£500</b>	Up to <b>£5,000</b>	<b>£5000 - £25,000</b>
Supports local events, well-being activities and small enterprises that bring people together and strengthen community spirit.	Medium-sized projects that improve community infrastructure, promote environmental sustainability, and support the long-term prosperity of Eryri's communities. This includes projects that respond to the impact of tourism and promote sustainable tourism that brings real benefits to local communities.	Any project that responds to the themes below:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Decarbonisation, infrastructure, and green energy production</li> <li>• Better access to recreation for health and well-being</li> <li>• Environmental improvements</li> <li>• Community development and the prosperity of the Welsh language</li> </ul>
Capital or revenue	Capital or revenue	Capital only
No match funding required	No match funding required	5% match is required from another source (e.g. volunteer time, reserves, or another grant source)
Open throughout the year	Open throughout the year	<b>Closing date: 29/5/26</b>

## Total Funding 2026–27

A total of £125,000 will be available during the 2026–27 financial year, allocated as follows:

- **Tier 1 – £10,000**, funded by the Authority’s core budget and a contribution from parking fee income.
- **Tier 2 – £15,000**, funded by the Authority’s contribution from parking fee income.
- **Tier 3 – £100,000**, funded by the Welsh Government.

The fund will open for applications in March 2026 for projects delivered between **1 April 2026** and **31 March 2027**.

*\*Note: These amounts can change annually, and the allocations between the tiers can be adjusted depending on the applications received, in order to ensure the maximum possible benefit for the communities of Eryri.*

### Criteria and priorities

The funds are open to all communities in Eryri. However, Tier 2 will prioritize the communities impacted the most by tourism.

Eligible organisations can apply to more than one tier if they wish, but **combining funds from different tiers for the same project is not permitted**.

When applying, the following should be considered:

- It must be demonstrated how the project will have a positive impact on the communities of Eryri
- The projects must have obtained the appropriate planning permission, if applicable (*A pre-application advice service is available free of charge to community councils*)
- Projects must demonstrate a clear commitment to using the Welsh language in promotional material, on websites and in any related events.
- Where possible, projects should use local materials and products
- A commitment to long-term viability must be demonstrated via management and maintenance arrangements
- All projects will need to be completed and the money claimed by **1/3/2027**.

### The following is not permitted:

- Retrospective repayment of funds (i.e. costs already paid)
- The funding awarded by these grants must not be used for the following purposes:
  - Payment of utility bills
  - Payment of wages
  - General operational costs (e.g. insurance, rent, administrative costs)

## Who can apply?

The following types of organisations can apply for funding provided their projects meet the eligibility criteria:

- Voluntary community groups
- Community or Town Councils
- Social enterprises operating on a not-for-profit basis (including credit unions)
- Cooperative organisations
- Social companies
- Community owned enterprises
- Companies limited by guarantee
- Community benefit companies and development trusts
- Charities
- Third sector organisations

All applicants must have an appropriate constitution and bank account.

**Individuals, businesses, or public organisations are not eligible to apply.**

# Frequently Asked Questions

## 1. How are applications assessed?

Applications are assessed in accordance with the eligibility criteria, community impact, value for money and contribution to the purposes of Eryri National Park.

\*\*Tier 3 only – Applications received will be reviewed internally by National Park staff and a panel comprising the Chief Executive of the Authority, the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman and the Chairman of the Performance and Resources and Planning Committee will decide on applications.

## 2. What is the decision time frame?

Applicants are expected to be informed of the outcome of their application within 6 weeks of the application date, depending on the complexity of the application and the panel's timetable. In general, Tier 1 applications may receive a response sooner.

*When we have received your application, we will send an email to confirm this within 24 hours. If you do not receive this email, please contact our Community Engagement Officer, Gwenno Jones directly - [gwenno.jones@eryri.llyw.cymru](mailto:gwenno.jones@eryri.llyw.cymru)*

## 3. Is monitoring and reporting required?

General monitoring via email will take place for each project. The Eryri National Park Authority reserves the right to monitor grant expenditure including examining invoices with attached receipts and examining materials and facilities on site.

\*\*Tier 3 only - Successful projects will be required to present a short report on the way the funding has been used as well as its impact. In addition, officers will visit projects and monitor progress on a monthly basis.

## 4. How will we receive the money and when?

Tier 1 – The money will be processed after receiving evidence of the expenditure in the form of an invoice or receipt.

Tier 2 and 3 - The money will be processed after receipt of the invoices and claim form. The claim form will be sent to you following confirmation that your application has been successful. Claims can be made more than once if funds are needed at different times during the project.

## 5. What happens if the project changes from the original plan?

The Eryri National Park Authority must be notified of any significant changes to the plan after submitting the grant application, and those changes must be approved.

## 6. Is it possible to apply for more than one tier in the same year?

Yes, it is possible to apply for more than one tier within the same financial year, provided that each application is for a different project/event. Combining funds from different tiers for the same project is not permitted.

However, for Tier 2, only one application from the same organisation can be submitted every two years.