

Appendix B

Examples of Food Provision and Grant Funded Projects across RCT

*Grants are managed by the RCTCBC Community Development Team

<u>2022-23</u>	<u>2023-24</u>
<p><u>Food Banks</u></p> <p>During 2022-23, the four main Trussell Trust Foodbanks were awarded £12,500 each. The Councils Procurement team also supported to bulk order items of scarcity.</p>	<p><u>Food Banks</u></p> <p>During 2023-24, Foodbanks have received £10,000 each as a direct award.</p>
<p><u>WLGA Food Support Fund</u></p> <p>The Food Support Fund has awarded grants between £500-£1500 to Food Projects, with 35 Projects funded during 2022-23.</p> <p>EXAMPLES OF PROJECTS:</p> <p><u>Little Lounge</u></p> <p>Little Lounge run a Community Pantry in Cilfynydd every Friday morning. The scheme enables residents to pay a suggested donation of £2 to select a large bag of food produce which would otherwise go to waste. The scheme is in partnership with FareShare Go and Tesco Upper Boat.</p> <p><u>Fernhill & Glenboi Community Centre</u></p> <p>Throughout the 6-week summer holidays, Fernhill & Glenboi Community Centre provided free meals each day for the children in the community and subsidised meals at £1.00 for the adults.</p> <p><u>Combined Beneficiaries</u></p> <p>The combined responses from projects funded by the Food Support Fund provide a conservative minimum report of:</p>	<p><u>WLGA Food Support Fund</u></p> <p>20 Food Support Fund applications have been processed during 2023-24 with outcomes due to be verified in April 2024.</p>

<p><u>Number of beneficiaries</u> – minimum of 3,215 individuals</p> <p><u>Number of Volunteers</u> – minimum of 274 individuals</p>	
<p><u>RCTCBC Winter Hardship Fund</u></p> <p>The Winter Hardship Fund is available to support Winter Welcome Centres across RCT. Each Winter Welcome Centre provides a package of support which, as a minimum, includes: open access to a safe, warm space; hot food and drinks; warm packs for residents to take home; and a place to charge mobile devices.</p> <p><u>Combined beneficiaries (2022-23)</u></p> <p>Number of individual adults supported – 2,824</p> <p>Number of individual children supported – 617</p> <p>Number of Winter Welcome sessions provided – 1,309</p> <p>Number of individuals receiving warm food/drink – 2,980</p> <p>Number of volunteers involved in delivery – 315</p>	<p><u>RCTCBC Winter Hardship Fund</u></p> <p>The Winter Hardship Fund 2023-24 has reopened supporting 73 community venues, 58 of which have received funding to reopen from November 2023.</p>
<p><u>UK Government Shared Prosperity Fund</u></p> <p>The UK Government Shared Prosperity Fund has been made available to Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council (RCTCBC) to enable places to invest in capacity building and infrastructure support to restore community spaces and relationships and create the foundations for social, environmental, economic & cultural development at the neighbourhood-level.</p>	<p><u>UK Government Shared Prosperity Fund</u></p> <p>Approved awards 2023-24 specifically contributing to Sustainable Food Places:</p> <p>Growing Space Pontypridd - £13,610</p> <p>Tir Pontypridd - £1,000</p> <p>Taff Ely Foodbank - £14,999</p> <p>Fernhill and Glenboi over 60's - £4,241.82</p>

Through work undertaken with RCT Food, significant Community Grant funding has been awarded to community organisations that directly contributes to Sustainable Food Places in RCT.

Approved awards 2022-23 specifically contributing to Sustainable Food Places:

- Y Siop Fach CIC - £5,517
- Cynon Valley Organic Adventures - £10,500
- Growing Space Pontypridd CIC - £7,300
- Little Lounge - £14,466
- Arts Factory - £14,526.93
- Grow Rhondda - £14,999
- Darren Las Community Building - £4,183.50
- Fernhill Community Centre - £1,508

Bryncynon Community Revival Strategy - £38,520.20

Dig4health - £7,287.94

Llanharan Community Development Project - £26,755.44

Penderyn Community Centre - £32,757

Pentre Comrades Club Ltd - £23,780.87

The UKG SPF RCTCBC Community Grant reopened in January 2024, for application for 2024-25 delivery. A high proportion of food-related projects have been submitted and are currently being assessed.

Approved awards 2024-25 specifically contributing to Sustainable Food Places:

Pentre Comrades Club Ltd - £14,872.43

Bryncynon Community Revival Strategy - £48,059.96

Little Lounge - £25,000

Big Bocs Bwyd

Funding and support has been provided to ten [Big Bocs Bwyd's](#) located within RCT Schools. This includes Pay As You Feel Shops with a small raised bed for the children to start growing. Tonyrefail Community School, through its Yr Efail CIC, has developed a pay as you feel zero waste shop which operates from two locations in Tonyrefail. They have also taken on the lease of a shop on the High Street in Tonyrefail to develop a community café and space.

Gilfach Goch Community Facility

A project was delivered at Gilfach Goch Community Facility in relation to the procurement of local and climate-friendly food. The project focused on

looking at the protein content of the menu and, whilst largely maintaining the level of protein in dishes, reducing the overall amount of animal protein in the menu's items. The trial of a new recipe for Shepherds Pie, which reduced the meat content by 50% but maintained the protein content with lentils, was so successful it is now a permanent addition on the menu.

Food Pantries

Pantries, there are 13 in RCT (including a consortia in the Cynon valley), are different to foodbanks in that they are generally laid out like shops, and members pay a small contribution to choose their own items from a wide selection, including fresh, refrigerated, frozen, as well as long-life food.

Food for the Planet Campaign

£5,000 has been secured from Sustainable Food Places to run a Food for the Planet Campaign, building community conversations around more sustainable food. An international recipe book is being used by groups in RCT to produce their own community cookbook and start the conversation and transition to better food by meeting people where they currently are.