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Name of Meeting	Charitable Funds Committee		
Report Title	Regional Health Social Care and Wellbeing Small Grants Scheme 2025-26 Update		
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Impact Assessment Summary Outcome		IA Completion date	
Funding of the small grants scheme enables several small projects to be tested in the community. As these are based on identified needs within communities across Swansea Bay, each project will provide a positive impact for the protected characteristic groups associated with this work. As the projects generally address the needs of the most vulnerable in our communities it also supports the delivery of the population health agenda while aligning with the Health Board’s Strategic Objectives.		01 June 2026	
Purpose of the Report	For Approval		
Report Summary; detailing any action required			
The purpose of this report is to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - provide an interim report on how Swansea Bay Health Charity funding of the Regional Health, Social Care and Wellbeing Small Grant Scheme 2025-26 has been utilised and the benefits of this approach and - request confirmation of funding for the scheme for 2026-27. 			
Key Issues			
The Regional Health, Social Care and Wellbeing Small Grant Scheme offers accessible, flexible grant funding to Third Sector organisations to trial new services and ways of working. This increases access to opportunities and further develops partnership working across sectors. It also allows evidence to be gathered on the			



benefits of new approaches which have led to wider schemes being funded from other sources, for the benefit of our residents.

The scheme was seeking to invest in health and wellbeing activities that aimed to encourage independence and self-care and shift the balance from secondary care services, in line with Health Board priorities. The total funding awarded through the Regional Health, Social Care and Wellbeing Small Grant Scheme for 2025-26 was £50,000.

The Charitable Funds Committee is therefore asked to confirm the grant scheme should continue for 2026-27, enabling voluntary sector organisations to work at a grass roots level, making changes to people’s lives, focusing on prevention, self-care and early intervention, to shift the balance from secondary care.

The proposed value of the Regional Health, Social Care and Wellbeing Small Grant Scheme for 2026/27 is £50,000

Decision / Action required

Yes, Impact Assessment included

Recommendations

Members are asked to:

- **Take Cognisance** of the usage and benefits of the 2025-26 small grant scheme
- **Approve** the continuation of the small grants scheme for 2026-27
- **Approve** the level of funding which will be made available for the small grant scheme in 2026-27 to a value of £50,000





TITLE OF REPORT

1. INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this report is to provide an interim report on how Swansea Bay Health Charity funding of the Regional Health, Social Care and Wellbeing Small Grant Scheme 2025-26 has been utilised. The report demonstrates the benefits of this approach and requests the confirmation of continuation of the scheme for 2026-27 to a value of £50,000.

2. BACKGROUND

The Regional Health, Social Care and Wellbeing Small Grant Scheme offers accessible, flexible grant funding to Third Sector organisations to trial new services and ways of working. This increases access to opportunities and further develops partnership working across sectors. Swansea Council for Voluntary Services (SCVS) administers the grant scheme on behalf of the Swansea Bay University Health Board region. This includes advertising the scheme, processing applications, monitoring and evaluation.

An interim report on the Regional Health, Social Care and Wellbeing Small Grant Scheme for 2025-26 is attached as **Appendix A** and the full report will be made available for the next Charitable Funds Committee Meeting.

3. GOVERNANCE AND RISK ISSUES

Swansea Council for Voluntary Services (SCVS) undertakes the administration of the Regional Health, Social Care and Wellbeing Small Grant Scheme on behalf of the Swansea Bay University Health Board region. This includes the advertising of the scheme, processing of applications received, managing the multi-agency panel that considers applications as well as the monitoring and evaluation of successful projects.

Having the grant scheme administered by SCVS bridges the gap between different parts of the system across multiple organisations enabling an integrated approach towards the allocation of funding. Involvement from both Neath Port Talbot CVS and SCVS enables them to play a key role in as a broker between beneficiaries, clinical professionals, local authorities and regional partnerships.

All organisations being considered as recipients of grants have due diligence checks carried out by SCVS. The multi-agency panel considers applications and makes decisions on the award of funding and are made aware of any concerns which have arisen because of the due diligence checks.





4. OPEN AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS

There are no open audit recommendations relating to this work.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The grant funding for the Regional Health, Social Care and Wellbeing Small Grant Scheme is allocated for a fixed term and limited to the amount of money agreed with the Charitable Funds Committee. This means there is no financial risk to the Health Board or associated Charity. Historically, around £50,000 has been allocated to the Regional Health, Social Care and Wellbeing Small Grant Scheme and a similar amount for 2026-27 is requested.

6. RECOMMENDATION

Members are asked to:

- **Take Cognisance** of the usage and benefits of the 2025-26 small grant scheme
- **Approve** the continuation of the small grants scheme for 2026-27
- **Approve** the level of funding which will be made available for the small grant scheme in 2026-27 to a value of £50,000



Governance and Assurance		
Strategic Objectives		
Strategic Objectives <i>(please choose which is impacted)</i>	People of Swansea Bay live healthier, fairer and more prosperous lives	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Care is high quality, safe, efficient and delivers the best possible outcomes for people in partnerships	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Care is delivered in partnership with our communities in safe and appropriate setting, supported by innovation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	The health board is a great place to work where staff feel valued and work together towards a common goal	<input type="checkbox"/>
	The health board is a resilient, sustainable and responsible organisation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Health and Care Standards		
Standards <i>(please choose which applies)</i>	Safe Care	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Timely Care	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Effective Care	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Efficient Care	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Equitable care	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Person-centred Care	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Staff and Resources	<input type="checkbox"/>
Enablers <i>(please choose which applies)</i>	Whole Systems Approach	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Leadership	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Workforce	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Culture	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Information	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Learning, Improvement and Research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Quality, Safety and Patient Experience		
Funding of small projects through the Regional Health, Social Care and Wellbeing Small Grant Scheme responds to identified gaps in provision across the health board region. Taking a patient-centred approach in tackling identified issues at an early stage aligns with our population health approach.		
Financial Implications		
There are finances available within the Charitable Funds to support the continuation of the Regional Health, Social Care and Wellbeing Small Grant Scheme. The request for continuation funding is for a fixed term of 2026-27 and SCVS will manage the grant allocation.		





Legal Implications (including equality and diversity assessment)

Funding of the small grants scheme enables several small projects to be tested in the community. As these are based on identified needs within communities across Swansea Bay, each project will provide a positive impact for the protected characteristic groups associated with this work. As the projects generally address the needs of the most vulnerable in our communities it also supports the delivery of the Population Health agenda and Wellbeing of Future Generations work while aligning with the Health Board’s Strategic Objectives.

Staffing Implications

SCVS administer the Regional Health, Social Care and Wellbeing Small Grant Scheme, utilising their expertise. This prudent approach reduces the burden on Health Board staff who focus on utilising their expertise efficiently.

Long Term Implications (including the impact of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015)

A small grants scheme for the voluntary sector will support delivery of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 by enabling community-led, preventative approaches that improve health and wellbeing outcomes, reduce inequalities, and strengthen cohesive communities.

The scheme aligns with all seven-wellbeing goal, particularly a Healthier Wales, a More Equal Wales, and Cohesive Communities while also embedding the five ways of working by promoting long-term, preventative, collaborative, and inclusive approaches. Through the investment in grassroots organisations, the Health Board can build sustainable local capacity, support innovation, and deliver greater social value in line with its statutory wellbeing duty.

A small grants scheme will support the Welsh language by enabling community-led initiatives that promote the use of Cymraeg in everyday settings, including social, cultural and service delivery contexts to be funded. The scheme will strengthen Welsh-speaking communities, increase participation in Welsh-medium activities, and expand access for new and existing speakers. The scheme contributes to the goal of a “Wales of vibrant culture and a thriving Welsh language” and aligns with national ambitions to increase both the number of people who speak Welsh and the frequency with which it is used.

Report History

18 July 2023 – Interim Report on the Regional, Health Social Care and Wellbeing Small Grant Scheme





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Appendices



Appendix 1 Regional
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Better care
Better lives