

Please describe what the funding would be used for (e.g. services you will deliver, equipment required):

* The funds will be set up by the Llanybydder Community Council as the COVID19 HARDSHIP Fund. * Llanybydder Ward forms part of Carmarthenshire County Council in South West Wales. We are situated in the North of the County, on the periphery and a strong, Welsh speaking close knit village * As guardians of the Community, Llanybydder Community Council is the first point of contact for all local organisations and groups and through our current funding/precept we have been able to support a variety of activities within the village and its environs * The current COVID19 crisis will have a longer term devastating effect on our community because of its location and the profile of the community which has a higher than average percentage of elderly people, self-employed status and migrant workers at the local meat processing plant (Dunbia) * At the time of completing this application, the community is managing during lock-down with local shops and pharmacy delivering local needs, but we are aware of many families experiencing difficulties through extended unemployment, children being at home and the additional costs of food and services, the rural and village isolation of our older residents and it is for this reason that we want to set up the COVID19 FUND to be ready to meet the needs of our residents. * As an elected Community Council, we have the infrastructure (including Wales Audit Office oversight) to manage the COVID19 HARDSHIP fund and systems and monitoring will be put in place to ensure that any funding request will be assessed on an individual basis, without bias or prejudice.

Approximately how many people in your community will benefit from the funding?:

The Mid Year Population Estimates (ONS) Llanybydder Ward Electoral Division profile, 2017 gives the population at 2,769

How will the funding specifically benefit people in your community affected by Coronavirus?:

* Llanybydder Community Council's COVID19 HARDSHIP fund will be managed by the Clerk to the Council/Responsible Financial Officer with a small number of elected community councillors. * The Community Council will through a range of media, including social, encourage and invite residents who are experiencing difficulties during this prolonged crisis to apply to the HARDSHIP fund to help with essential living requirements and all promotion will include reference to the funding provided by Western Power * Llanybydder Census Data profile as follows: pensioners make up approximately 25% of the village with 685 people claiming Pension (JobCentrePlus) * Economically active- Self-employed amount for 15.7% or 308 residents (2011 Census ONS) * Currently, the Statutory bodies in the County are providing help and guidance but at a grass-roots level, Llanybydder Community Council will be able to do so much more with access to the funding now being offered by Western Power * As a Community Council, we look after the local parks, public toilets, village lighting and this is where most of our precept is allocated, but going forward, we would not have sufficient capacity to provide on-going support for the impact of COVID19 * Llanybydder was devastated by STORM CALLUM floods in October 2018 and during that time the village came together to support both physically and mentally those families directly affected. The impact of COVID19 and the effects of lock-down, lack of earnings, families, older residents will take a long time to recover from and as a Community Council we are duty bound to provide as much help as possible and the flexibility of the Western Power grant funding will enable us to do what is needed, when it is needed, for our residents. (www.LlanybydderCommunityCouncil) * No-one knows how long this crisis will be impacting on communities, but should there be any funds remaining from the COVID19 grant, Llanybydder Community Council undertake to rebuild our community, making it resilient and forward looking through providing financial support to all those groups we currently help, including: * Mudiad Meithrin - Welsh nursery * Village Committee * Old School Community Centre * Young Farmers Club * Llanybydder Young People's Football Club * Older Peoples group * St Peter's Church Llanybydder * Llanybydder Family Centre/Canolfan Deuleol Ty'r Teulu * inter alia In conclusion, Llanybydder Community Council values the opportunity of applying to Western Power "In This Together - Community Matters Fund" and should we be successful in this bid, we would ensure that Western Power will be promoted in every aspect of the COVID19 Fund activity and financial support. Thank you/diolch