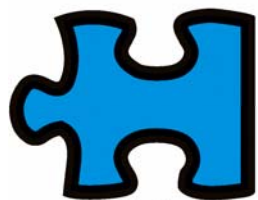


# What is the role of the Grant Recipient Body (GRB)?

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# What is a GRB?

The Grant Recipient Body is a legally constituted body who manage financial and employment procedures on behalf of the Local Partnership Board.

- *The responsibilities of managing the Communities First grant require a range of budget, accounting and audit management systems and expertise which few Communities First Partnerships are likely to have, at least in their early years. The Assembly Government therefore requires that Communities First grants awarded in respect of a Partnership be paid to a designated “Grant Recipient Body”. The Grant Recipient Body must be a legally constituted body and must have in place established Human Resources, budget, accounting and audit systems with experienced staff to manage the processes. (WAG Guidelines 2007, Pg24 6.2 )*
- *A designated Grant Recipient Body might be the local authority, another statutory authority, development trust, or an established community or voluntary organisation. A Communities First Partnership which is a legally constituted body may apply to the Assembly Government’s Communities First Unit to take on the responsibility of Grant Recipient Body. The Partnership will need to demonstrate that it has sufficiently robust financial systems and experienced personnel in place to deal with both Human Resource and financial issues for it to be recognised as Grant Recipient Body by the Assembly Government. (WAG Guidelines 2007, Pg24 6.3)*

# What is a the role of the GRB in Bettws?

- Employment & Support of the Partnership Coordinator and Support Worker.
- Leaseholder for the resource office.
- IT support & systems maintenance.
- Put in place and advise on mechanisms to ensure the grant is spent in accordance with the offer letter.
- Put in place a service level agreement outlining staff management, reporting mechanisms, funding procedures and monitoring.
- Collate and submit annual and quarterly reports on behalf of the partnership.
- Approve transfers of funding (virements) within the financial year.
- Support the work of the partnership and the production and implementation of the action plan.
- Attend the Partnership Board and update on applications, budget forecasts and expenditure.
- Advise on compliance with the grant and anything that needs to be done by the partnership to improve this.

# Who is the GRB in Bettws?



Gwent Association of Voluntary Organisations became the Grant Recipient Body for Bettws Local Partnership Board during Summer 2006. Newport City Council had been the Grant Recipient from the beginning of the programme until this time.

# The Dual Role of GAVO within the Local Partnership Board

GAVO has two roles within the Communities First Structure. These two roles can be filled by the GRB rep or the LPB can request GAVO to send an additional representative to report on the work of GAVO as an organisation. These are;

- As Grant Recipient
- As a partner and key service provider

# The Role of GAVO

## Where?

Newport, Torfaen, Monmouthshire, Blaenau Gwent & Caerphilly.

## Why?

The aims of GAVO are;

- To support voluntary organisations through training, advice and information.
- To recruit volunteers and provide a comprehensive service to both volunteers and user organisations.
- To promote voluntary organisations to work together through participation.
- To encourage voluntary and statutory organisations to work together in planning new services.
- To respond to the needs of the community by identifying unmet needs and developing new services.

# The Role of GAVO

## How?

### **GAVO projects that can link with and support the work of the LPB;**

Funding Advice

Networking with other voluntary sector organisations

Community Development

Training & development

Volunteering Team

Mental Health Team

Health & Social Care Team

Children & Young People's Team

BME & Equalities

Advice on constitutions and legal structures for groups.

Communities First

Policy development and information

Signposting to other relevant organisations.

Promote groups (community portal and Voluntary Voice).

Young Carers