

Annex 1 – 3 Year funding summary

Pan Wales, from communities to local authorities to regions, there is a huge ambition to deliver a different energy system, and WG has started to develop plans, but the capacity and competence are not yet in place to deliver this once in a century change.

These proposals would provide the initial capacity to start turning these plans into reality under the banner of Ynni Cymru. Offers of funding would be made under the Ynni Cymru banner and bring with them the requirement to work as part of a team across Wales, developing and sharing innovation. These people would help to scope and develop Ynni Cymru, finding the challenges and developing solutions.

- **Community resource** - Direct grants to community groups to employ people locally to speed up the delivery of existing and new local community projects and explore new innovative ideas for smart local energy systems.

These proposals were received after an open call to community energy groups to consider how grant support could increase their pace of delivery. They have been considered by the Welsh Government Energy Service, who have assessed each proposal. Following a decision to fund, the Energy Service will finalise the funding to be awarded, benchmarking costs to ensure fairness and making sure that work is deliverable within the timescales covered in the funding. They will also set out any expectations of the groups who receive Ynni Cymru funding.

Project pipeline	Organisation	Location	Funding asked	Purpose	Analysis
Ynni Teg research & support	YnNi Teg Cyf, the developer arm of Community Energy Wales	tbc	£67,500	1 FTE + budget for training. Research and develop innovative opportunities for renewable heat & transport projects	WG funds CEW to develop traditional projects: this is outside the existing 3 year agreement. Proposal is out of WGES scope but supported from a delivery perspective. Directly delivers on SLES so aligned to YC.

				and to overcome grid issues. Develop innovative projects for communities with no capacity to take forward.	

CEW support - Grant to CEW to enable community involvement with local energy plans, to support implementation and the development of SLES.

- Grant funding to Community Energy Wales (CEW), to support communities to engage directly with the Local Area Energy Plans being developed by all local authorities.

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Funding for time to input community involvement in the Local Energy Plans, to support implementation and	Community Energy Wales	Pan Wales – 18 plans under development	Approx 2-3 meetings plus prep for each plan £64,000	Historically community groups have struggled to take part in developing local plans, so they are unable to represent the sector or	New approach for CEW to involve a wider group of community representatives – and develop a network of people with more

the development of SLES.				understand the size of the potential opportunity for them. Networking is also a useful by product, enabling better links between community groups and the local authority and other key stakeholders. Funding would compensate for time out of work/care costs and incentivise involvement.	capacity to influence plans and be involved in delivery of SLES.
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- **Local Partnerships resource** We propose securing external support from Local Partnerships to advise on the possible structure of Ynni Cymru

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