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Radyr & Morganstown Community Council Cyngor Cymuned Radur a Threforgan

The Old Church Rooms
Park Road
Radyr
Cardiff CF15 8DF

Grant Application Form

The Clerk and/or Chair of Finance is happy to help applicants complete the form.

Name of organisation The City of Cardiff (Melingriffith) Brass Band	Date of Application 31/05/2022
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Status of organisation:	
Charity	City of Cardiff (Melingriffith) Brass Band
Registered charity number	1083583
Other (please state)	

Address Tongwynlais Village Hall Merthyr Road Tongwynlais Cardiff CF15 7LF	
Telephone Number - No number for the organisation, please see contact's details below.	
Email address	PROVIDED
Website	https://melingriffith.co.uk/en/

Contact Name (someone who has full knowledge of this application) Mr Kieran Richards	Position Member of the Executive Committee and Trustee
Address (if different from above)	PROVIDED
Telephone Number	PROVIDED
Email address	PROVIDED

What are the aims and objectives of your organisation?

The organisation is a Brass Band Society which provides brass band training and education for all ages and abilities. Members are provided with an opportunity to participate in musical activities including concerts, contests and community events. The Society comprises of two senior bands (M1 and M2), a youth band (M3), a beginners band (M4) and a Community Band.

The overall objective of the organisation is to promote, improve and develop public education and appreciation of the art and science of music, in particular, brass band playing, by performances at both public and private engagements. The organisation also supports a chosen charity per year, giving away profits from certain engagements, carolling and other such activities.

Amount requested: £2500

What do you require the grant for?

Funding is required to update our ageing equipment in the percussion section.

The percussion section is an integral part of any brass band or larger ensemble. As 5 bands are run within the organisation, our equipment gets used 5 times more than most other banding organisations, unfortunately, that means that we have to replace things more often once repair options are exhausted. Our youth band's drum kit is currently falling apart and in need of upgrades, we would intend to use the new equipment as our "concert" equipment that all bands use allowing us to significantly upgrade the youth percussion provision using the equipment that we already have/can salvage.

More recently over the last 10 years, our "M1" band have reached the highest Championship Section of the UK Brass Band competition stage, including qualifying for the national finals at the Royal Albert Hall this year. As part of this, an upgrade to the percussion instruments we have is required to match the quality and level of playing that the M1 band aspire to.

We are looking to make purchases in the following areas:

- Drum kit hardware
- Orchestral cymbals
- Orchestral percussion
- Protective cases

Full details are in the budget

How have you identified a need for the project?

Our principal percussionist for the M1 band recently made a complete inventory and audit of all the percussion currently owned by the organisation. They have identified key areas that need to be improved and instruments that need replacing. All members of the organisation from all bands that are percussionists have collaborated together to formulate a list of necessary new equipment/upgrades that meets the needs of all 5 bands.

For amounts over £500 please attach your last audited accounts.

Attached are the 2021 accounts.

How will the project improve the quality of life for people who live in, work or visit R&M?

Despite the organisation's rehearsal venue being in Tongwynlais, the organisation has deep roots within the Radyr and Morgantown Community, having previously used the Old Church Rooms as a rehearsal venue for decades, and a previous name of the band was "Radyr and Morganstown Brass Band", the only reason the organisation moved venue was purely due to the size and ability to store a library and equipment, and we now have a private lease on a small hall. The organisation still very much sees itself as the brass band for Radyr and Morganstown. We also have continuous involvement with many aspects of the Radyr community. We provide a band for the Remembrance Day community service, and do regular concerts within the community, including an upcoming performance for the Jubilee at Radyr Comprehensive School. Our youth bands aim to provide grassroots education for the young musicians of Radyr and Morganstown.

Music is considered to be something that everyone can enjoy, regardless of age or ability. Whether that may be participating in one of the bands or coming to one of the concerts or events. Time and time again music is used as an example of aiding positive mental health and we as an organisation, are always striving to provide concerts and sessions that enable this for our members and the community.

Many of our members are from the Radyr and Morgantown area, including our youth members. We do significant work for our youth members, including funding a trip to the European championships, where they competed recently. These are the sort of events that really impact young people, and give them skills that they take away for life. As part of this, we believe it is important for young people to be brought up using equipment and instruments that are of high quality, it allows them to develop their playing skills and sets a positive example to them. Higher quality equipment and instruments also aid with the retention of percussionists, something that is quite hard to do in current circumstances as there are several other brass bands in the South Wales area. Currently, we have to hire percussion of a suitable standard for many concerts due to our own provision not being fully suitable. This is currently at a cost to the organisation. Upgrading any part of the organisation, whether it is the hall, maintenance, or in this case instruments and hardware, you will see a positive development in the organisation and therefore the wider community.

What are the consequences of not undertaking this project?

We will continue with our current provision, but the youth drum kit particularly will continue to be not of a standard that is at all ideal. We would still require to hire percussion for certain concerts, and it would also mean that all percussionists in all bands would not be rehearsing on instruments that are of a high standard or those that would be used in a concert/contest.

When will the project/activity start and finish?

We aim to have the upgrades and new percussion by September 2022.

Who will benefit from the grant?

Adults
Children (up to 11yrs)
Men

Older adults
Young People (12 – 18yrs)
Women

The whole community

When you consider the wide reach of our members and concertgoers, we reach all parts of the Radyr & Morganstown Community.

How many beneficiaries of the project/activity live or work in R&M? How have you come to this conclusion?

Currently, we have the following people living in R&M:

Young Members (and their associated family group) - 18
Adult Members - 32

Due to the organisation's reputation and calibre, we also have members from surrounding areas in South Wales, totalling a membership of 120. As we attract professional standard musicians from places other than Radyr & Morganstown, this allows the organisation to provide a supportive and engaging learning environment, particularly for the youth members.

Please provide a full budget for the project, including that you wish R&MCC to support

This budget is supported by current prices on instrument purchasing websites.

Item	Total Cost	Amount requested from R&MCC
Cymbal Set	869	In total we are requesting £2500 towards this project, but of course, the organisation would appreciate any and all support that can be provided by the R&M community council.
Concert Standard Clash Cymbals	700	
Drum Kit Hardware	642	
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Protective Instrument Transport Cases (2)	285	
Bell Tree	265	
Percussion Tables	264	
Concert Standard Triangle	66	
MoonGel	15.80	
10% Contingency to allow for increasing retail prices	310.68	
Total	3,417.48	

How will you raise any outstanding balance?

The organisation has some funds in our reserve accounts which we would use to fund any outstanding balance, but COVID has unfortunately taken its toll in this area due to the organisation not being able to charge membership fees, perform at concerts or partake in carolling around the city, which are our 3 main sources of income.

Have you made an application to other funders for this project/activity? Or do you intend to? If so please tell us who they are, how much you have requested and when you expect a response.

FUNDER	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT AWARDED	RESPONSE DATE

How will you know if the project has been successful?

The percussion purchases will have been completed. We will also look to get feedback from our membership with regards to the upgrades that are made, specifically we will meet with the percussion sections for each band to ensure that the project has met their needs and requirements. We would also hope to think that the sound quality would be noticeably different when at concerts as we would then be using professional standard instruments.

Have you contacted the R&MCC Clerk a Community Councillor regarding this application?

- R&MCC Clerk - Yes, for advice on applying
- R&M Community Councillor

In the event that your application is successful please state to whom the grant cheque should be made payable:

The City of Cardiff (Melingriffith) Brass Band

COMMITTEE

Chair	Lee Swallow
Treasurer	Becky Cale
Secretary	Shirley Hockaday
M1 Band Manager	Alex James
M2 Band Manager	Shirley Hockaday
M3 Band Manager	Claire Foster

M4 Band Manager	Helen Phipps
Community Brass Band Manager	Roger Hampton
Committee Member	Martin Davies
Committee Member	Kieran Richards

I confirm that the information contained within this form is correct and that I have attached the required documents

Name Mr Kieran Richards Position Committee Member and Trustee

Signature  Date 31/05/2022

Please return the completed application form and supporting documents to:

R&MCC Clerk
Old Church Rooms, Park Road, Radyr, Cardiff CF15 8DF

R&MCC Clerk – 02920 842213
Email: clerk@radyr.wales

Checklist - In order for your application to be considered, the following documents are required

Please tick:

- Fully completed application form - Yes
- Evidence of cost (quotations) - Current market prices on instrument websites
- Audited accounts: for applications over £500.00 - Yes