

Summary of Local Food Partnership Small Grants and Collaborative Grants 2025/26

All 22 Local Food Partnerships in Wales have been awarded funding through the Welsh Government's Community Food Strategy, enabling them to deliver a range of tailored food projects that respond directly to the needs of their communities.

To date, 22 small-scale projects have been awarded grants of up to £22,500 to deliver innovative practices and build the capacity of the Local Food Partnerships in local authority areas across Wales.

In addition, two larger collaborative projects have also received funding of up to £240,000 with multiple Local Food Partnerships working together to deliver on regional priorities already identified.



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N.b. There is variation in the scale of the projects awarded, as some food partnerships have secured additional funding from other sources.

Local Authority Area	Project Summary
Anglesey	Strengthening the Ynys Môn Food Partnership's capacity and governance, alongside specific initiatives to support local organic growers, tackle food poverty, and deliver cross-sector events and case studies.
Blaenau Gwent	Blaenau Gwent Food Partnership is delivering a comprehensive programme to strengthen community food resilience, using a Cash First approach and framing work through Food Ladders. The programme includes a local shop voucher system to complement cooking skills courses, emergency food parcel services, and debt advice.
Bridgend	Embedding public health dietetic expertise into Bridgend's Food Partnership to support leadership, coordination, and upskilling within local food initiatives. This includes delivering Level 2 Community Food and Nutrition Skills and Get Cooking programmes, strengthening community capacity, and improving access to affordable, healthy, local food.
Caerphilly	Developing a clear vision and Food Charter to guide the future growth of the partnership, improve reach and collaboration, and expand focus across the whole food system in Caerphilly. This includes co-creation workshops, engagement events, business breakfasts, and the publication of a Food Charter forming the foundation for a future Food Strategy.

Cardiff	Food Cardiff will expand access to healthy, sustainable food through the Planet Card pilot and a 'pay it forward' scheme. It will connect partners through networking events and a Good Food Summit, while a digital campaign promotes local good food initiatives. A refreshed Cardiff Good Food Strategy will start to be co-produced through a city-wide survey and stakeholder consultation.
Carmarthenshire	Bwyd Sir Gâr Food is strengthening community food networks by funding a new Community Food Officer to drive inclusive engagement, peer learning, and local access to healthy, sustainable food; for example, through structured volunteering, engagement, and learning opportunities at Bremenda Isaf County Farm. The partnership is also working with Hywel Dda Health Board in focus areas across the county to foster healthy and sustainable community food initiatives.
Ceredigion	Partneriaeth Bwyd Ceredigion is running a focused project to expand edible horticulture in the region, including mapping existing and potential fruit and vegetable production, creating a working group of farmers, and organising school farm visits.
Conwy	Conwy Food Partnership is strengthening its foundations and broadening its reach by hosting community food events, forums, and summits; creating a branded engagement campaign; and engaging citizens and stakeholders through surveys and interactive activities.
Denbighshire	Strengthening Denbighshire's food system through locality-based roundtables, peer-learning microgrants, food supplier engagement, and building inclusive coordination and strategic insight for future resilience.
Flintshire	Flintshire is piloting a family-friendly meal box delivery service to support families and individuals living in temporary accommodation/supported living while tackling food insecurity by ensuring access to hot, nutritious meals.

Gwynedd	Gwynedd Food Partnership is building on insights from a recent Behaviour Change Report that informed the partnership's focus on food insecurity. The project includes delivering food-focused summer activities with local community initiatives and food suppliers, strengthening cross-sector collaboration through networking events, and supporting local growers transitioning to organic methods.
Merthyr Tydfil	Merthyr Tydfil is creating an up-to-date Food Poverty Strategy to increase access to affordable food, raise awareness of locally produced and sustainable options, and maximise income through uptake of food schemes. The strategy development includes a baseline assessment, public and stakeholder engagement events, and piloting quick-win projects.
Monmouthshire	Monmouthshire Food Partnership is strengthening governance and community connections through events that engage local residents and businesses, and by planning Monmouthshire's first Food Summit. The partnership will also deliver two markets in Monmouth to promote collaboration between producers, businesses, and the wider community.
Neath Port Talbot	Neath Port Talbot Food Partnership is delivering a suite of projects to build on current initiatives, including a recent schools and food survey, farmer and producer engagement activities, a community cooking pilot programme, and wider collaboration with public sector partners.
Newport	Newport Food Partnership is delivering a new governance structure, including the establishment of a Food Strategy Group responsible for creating an action plan and sub-groups to support delivery.
Pembrokeshire	Pembrokeshire Local Food Partnership is facilitating the formation of a Community Growers Network connecting community growers with local businesses such as greengrocers and restaurants. The network also supports training in nature-friendly growing methods.

Powys	Bwyd Powys Food is working with the Council health protection team and local growers to support families at two Flying Start settings to access local, sustainable, and healthy food. The pilot provides weekly subsidised veg boxes from local farms, free monthly cooking classes and shared meals.
Rhondda Cynon Taf	RCT Food Partnership is running a multi-stranded project to increase access to healthy, sustainable food. Activities include piloting a farmers' market in Pontyclun, hosting growing workshops and events, and conducting behavioural insight research into consumer choices.
Swansea	Bwyd Abertawe Food is continuing and expanding engagement with low-income communities, schools, and farmers. This includes seasonal cooking and growing activities, helping schools to get growing and developing relationships with well established and new generations of farmers; to explore shortening supply chains as well as maintaining or increasing food production locally.
Torfaen	Torfaen Food Partnership is delivering two complementary projects promoting healthier, more sustainable food choices for children and families. The first is an early years programme encouraging families to explore, taste, and engage with fruits and vegetables that they will find on the School menu at Primary School, this will be delivered in nursery settings. The second involves analysing school menu carbon emissions, utilising a "Good for the Planet" logo assisting pupils to make sustainable food choices. Both projects will be filmed to promote the work and goals further.
Vale of Glamorgan	Food Vale will support local growers to deliver 'Food & Nature' sessions in schools across the Vale, building pupils' and teachers' understanding of sustainable, local food while strengthening links between Food Vale, Vale Council, Healthy Schools, Eco Schools, the Local Nature Partnership, and local growers.
Wrexham	The Wrexham Food Partnership is becoming fully established with a coordinator to work across the local food system, creating a work

	plan informed by stakeholders, businesses, and residents. This includes research and mapping, stakeholder events, and planning workshops.
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Successful Local Food Partnership Collaborative Grants 2025/26

Collaborative Grant 1: Regionally coordinated supply chain local vegetables in North Wales

Local Food Partnerships Involved

- **Ynys Môn Food Partnership (lead)**
- COGOG (Denbighshire) Food Partnership
- Conwy Food Partnership
- Gwynedd Food Partnership

Project Aim

This project aims to establish a machinery ring which will create a robust, regionally coordinated supply chain for fresh and frozen local vegetables for use across Ynys Mon, Gwynedd, Conwy & Denbighshire, through local authority school catering, care and hospitality sectors across all four local authorities.

Activities Involved

1. Investing in key capital equipment to enhance processing and harvesting capacity which will be managed as a shared resource or equipment library.
2. Explore the development of a social enterprise model to coordinate the supply chain, manage logistics, and reinvest surplus into community food initiatives.
3. Providing training and support to catering staff to manage any additional preparation time associated with fresh-frozen local produce.
4. Promoting sustainable horticultural practices among participating growers, including crop rotation, organic methods and reduced chemical impact.

Collaborative Grant 2: Delivering food resilience in the Dyfed-Powys region

Local Food Partnerships Involved

- **Bwyd Powys Food (Lead)**
- Bwyd Sir Gar
- Partneriaeth Bwyd Ceredigion
- Pembrokeshire Local Food Partnership

Project Aim

The purpose of this project is to begin developing a pioneering comprehensive food resilience strategy for the Dyfed Powys area while delivering activity to start to address this challenge on the ground.

Activities Involved

1. An 'Innovation Lab' to generate locally developed theories of change to build food system resilience to shocks. This participatory approach helps build shared understanding of the current system across diverse groups and actors, explore possible future scenarios, co-create collective visions and co-design interventions and pathways to achieve desired change.
2. A scoping study on civil food resilience in the context of short, medium, long and intermittent disruptions highlighting priority areas – including key enablers, legislative guidance, population growth patterns over 20 years, and Critical Path Analysis that highlights single points of failure, and recommendations for effective household, community and public sector level planning for resilience building under differing scenarios.
3. Critical infrastructure asset mapping based on sampling across the four counties with modelling on how this would be deployed under different scenarios.
4. Development of infrastructure including new and expanded machinery rings, development of temperature-controlled storage and conversion of a barn at a county farm to allow for aggregation of produce and health and safety compliant shared processing infrastructure.
5. A Food Security Summit to share the findings.