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Welsh Government

Mr Barrie Davies
Section 151 Officer
Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council
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10 March 2021

Dear Barrie Davies

**Variation to: Award letter dated 7th July 2020
Award of Funding in relation to Regional Consortia School Improvement Grant
2020 -2021- Central South Consortium – 05/2020**

I can confirm that we are content to increase the Funding awarded to Rhondda Cynon Taff County Council in delivering the above grant award by a further £226,500 for 20/21. The increased funding is to support:

- i) Support for schools - assessment and centre determined grades (CDG) - £214,000
- ii) Design and Delivery Advisory Group - £14,000
- iii) NEIR - The National Evaluation and Improvement Resource - **-£1,500**

With effect from 10 March 2021 unless otherwise stated, the Funding Agreement shall be varied as follows:

The original grant award letter stated that the funding relates to the period 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021 and must be claimed in full by 31 March 2021 otherwise any unclaimed part of the Funding will cease to be available to you. Due to the current circumstances, we are allowing an extension for the RCSIG grant funding to be used by the 31st August 2021.

The appended Schedule 1 wording, shall be added to the existing Schedule 1 wording of Award of Funding letter dated 7 July 2020.

The appended Schedule 5 wording, shall be added to the existing Schedule 5 of Award of Funding letter dated 7 July 2020.

In Condition 7 (Your general obligations to us) insert the following:

- (i) notify us of any funding received by you from any source in relation to the effects of the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) including but not limited to your insurance provider (cancellation/business disruption insurance), the UK

Government's Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme and/or any Welsh Government fund/scheme.

In Condition 8 (Declarations) replace with:

(g) Acceptance of this award of Funding will not result in duplicate funding in respect of any part of the Purposes. This includes but is not limited to any payments received by you in relation to the effects of the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) from your insurance provider (cancellation/business disruption insurance), the UK Government's Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme and/or any Welsh Government fund/scheme.

In Schedule 3 (Notification Events) insert the following:

21. there is a duplication of funding in respect of any part of the Purposes This includes but is not limited to any payments received by you in relation to the effects of the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) from your insurance provider (cancellation/business disruption insurance), the UK Government's Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme and/or any Welsh Government fund/scheme;

This brings the total amount allocated for Regional Consortia School Improvement Grant 2020-21 to £43,501,335 for 2020/21.

Except as expressly varied in this letter, the Award of Funding shall continue in full force and effect.

None of the additional funding will be paid to you until we have received your signed letter. We must receive your signed letter within 14 working days or the additional funding will automatically be withdrawn.

Please return the signed copy of this letter to us by email to natasha.burton@gov.wales

A scanned PDF of the signed letter is preferred, but it must be returned from the email address of the project manager named in the original grant award letter dated 7 July 2020.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'N O'Leary'.

Signed by Neal O'Leary
under authority of the Minister for Education
one of the Welsh Ministers



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SCHEDULE 1

(Additional to Schedule 1 of the Grant award letter 7 July 2020)

Centre Determined Grades – Support for schools

Welsh Government is committed to supporting the capacity and conditions to allow each centre to have robust centre determined grades whilst maintaining whole system integrity. This will provide public confidence and give value to learners that the grades that they will be awarded will have been through a very thorough validation process. To support this process Welsh Government is allocating funding to help centres with some increased capacity to:

- Attend professional learning offered by WJEC to support the centre determined grade process;
- Allow time and space for schools and colleges to development an assessment approach and undertake internal quality assurance;
- Provide time for headteachers and college leaders to discuss the process and outcomes with other schools and colleges, to provide reassurance and transparency for both centres and learners.

Design and Delivery Advisory Group

This funding is intended to reflect the significant contribution of Group members in providing leadership and professional input to the co-construction and subsequent implementation of assessment arrangements for qualifications in 2021. This also includes considerable professional learning to develop deeper understanding of the qualification system, advising on delivery challenges for schools and colleges, and supporting sector wide understanding of the arrangements through their ambassadorial roles. Breakdown provided below:

Name	School	Total Costs
Justin O'Sullivan	Cardinal Newman	£3,800
Trystan Edwards	Ysgol Garth Olwg	£4,600
Catherine Bradshaw	Fitzalan High School	£3,800
Iwan Pritchard	Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Bro Edern	£1,800

TWO SIGNATORIES ARE REQUIRED

We hereby accept this additional award of Funding in relation to Regional Consortia School Improvement Grant 2020 -2021- Central South Consortium (**issued 10 March 2021**)

An authorised signatory of Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council

Signature

Name

Job Title

Date

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