

Meeting of:	Welsh Church Act Estate Committee
Date of Meeting:	Monday, 04 October 2021
Relevant Scrutiny Committee:	Corporate Performance and Resources
Report Title:	Applications for Financial Assistance 2021/22 Tranche 2
Purpose of Report:	To consider applications for financial assistance funded from the Welsh Church Act Estate.
Report Owner:	Report of the Managing Director
Responsible Officer:	Carys Lord Head of Finance/ Section 151 officer
Elected Member and Officer Consultation:	Not applicable
Policy Framework:	Not applicable
<p>Executive Summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A budget of £45,000 has been set for issuing grants during 2021/22. • An unallocated budget amount of £5,196 carried over from 2020/21 is part of the £45,000 available for allocation during 2021/22. • Grants allocated in Tranche 1 2021/22 totalled £9,750.00. • Grants recommended in Appendix A for tranche 2 2021/22 total £30,000. 	

Recommendations

1. That Committee considers and approves the applications for grant assistance as set out in Appendix A of this report.

Reasons for Recommendations

1. In furtherance of the objectives of the Trust.

1. Background

- 1.1 The Welsh Church Act Estate Committee has delegated authority to manage the trust's affairs in accordance with "The Scheme" the Welsh Church Act Estate as vested in the Council.
- 1.2 The purposes for which the Welsh Church Act fund may make grants is set out in summary at Appendix B to this report.
- 1.3 The applications received are set out in Appendix A to this report.

2. Key Issues for Consideration

- 2.1 Appendix A to this report sets out a summary of the application to be considered.

3. How do proposals evidence the Five Ways of Working and contribute to our Well-being Objectives?

- 3.1 The Trusts actions need to comply with Charity Law and its decisions are independent of the Councils obligations under the Well-Being of Future Generations Act.

4. Resources and Legal Considerations

Financial

- 4.1** The sum of £45,000 has been provided for grants in the Trust's revenue estimates for 2021/22. Tranche 1 awards of £9,750 were made at the June 2021 Committee meeting. A further recommendation of an award of £30,000 for applications for grant assistance is set out at Appendix A to this report, which will leave a remaining balance of £5,250 to be allocated during the remainder of 2021/22.
- 4.2** The sum of £5,196 carried forward from 2020/21 is included as part of the £45,000 available for allocation during 2021/22.
- 4.3** Appendix C to this report sets out the fund's revenue estimates for the current financial year.

Employment

- 4.4** There are no direct employment implications arising from this report.

Legal (Including Equalities)

- 4.5** There are no direct legal implications arising from this report.

5. Background Papers

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APPENDIX "A"

ITEM NO	NAME OF ORGANISATION (Date of original application)	SPECIFIC PURPOSE FOR WHICH GRANT REQUESTED	CLASSIFICATION OF CLAIM	AMOUNT REQUESTED	GRANT RECOMMENDED	COMMENTS
New Applications						
1	St Mary The Virgin Church ,Wenvoe Vale of Glamorgan	Repointing of the church tower and porch In February 2021, a visual inspection of the tower at St Mary's (a Grade II* listed building) identified areas of repointing that had been undertaken to the tower in a hard, cementitious mortar. Following a more detailed rope access inspection it was identified that the pointing / masonry on all elevations is in poor condition with it either loose, falling out or hollow behind which in time will also become loose. Small amounts of plant growth can be seen on all elevations with loose lead flashing on the North Elevation over the boiler room out building. Imminently falling pointing and masonry was addressed at the time. The base around the tower has therefore been cordoned off as a precaution. It is therefore proposed that that all cementitious mortar is carefully removed, the joints raked out & pointing renewed in a lime-based mortar to encourage the fabric to breathe. The repointing includes to the internal face of the tower parapets which has previously been identified as being required. A part of the proposal the the loose lead flashing to the boiler room.	Places of Worship and Burial Grounds	£5,000.00	£5,000.00	Total project cost £61,600 including £3,000 architects fees. To be funded by Church Reserves £10,000 (approved), Listed Places of Worship Grant £10,267 (VAT Refund on completion of project), Parish Funding £5,000 (in progress) other grant applications £31,300 (in progress). Applications for grant assistance made to Representative Body of the Church in Wales £3,000, All Churches Trust £1,500, Pantyfedwen Trust £5,000, National Churches Trust £10,000 & Garfield Weston Trust £11,800. Two tender quotes presented in application with Taliesin's being appointed with a tender of £58,599 inclusive of VAT. Bank statement and Financial statements included along with links to the Church In Wales website for details of the Constitution and Equal Opportunities Policy. Propose Grant award made in principle pending confirmation of grant applications.
2	St Peters Church , Peterston-Super-Ely Vale of Glamorgan	Roof internal structural and water ingress repairs. St Peters Church is a Grade II listed church, the original masonry is thought to date to 14th century. The scheme encompasses repairs to the nave roof structure, drainage works to the north elevation of the tower and other urgent repairs such as repointing and repair of copings.	Places of Worship and Burial Grounds	£5,000.00	£5,000.00	Total project cost £12,935 exclusive of VAT (Construction Work £10,350, Archeologist fees £1,525 & Architect's Fees £1,060). Funded by Diocesan Grant £3,000.00 and Church Reserves (both approved). Bank statement / Profit & Loss Account / Balance Sheet as at December 2020 included in application as well 3 quotations.
3	Llantwit Major Tennis Club Llantwit Major Vale of Glamorgan	Installation of Flood Lighting. The project aims to install LED floodlighting to all four courts increasing playing time and coaching hours. Underground ducting, cable draw-pits and column support locations are already in place. Planning permission has been granted. The floodlights will be available to anyone who hires a court either as a member or as a casual user. A small charge will be made to every user who wishes to use the floodlights in order to pay for electricity and upkeep of the floodlights.	Other	£5,000.00	£5,000.00	Total Project Cost £63,528, detailed breakdown of costs included together with the supplier of each service required .Funding stream totalling £54,600 from Llantwit Major Town Council £6,000, Llantwit Major Social Club fund £29,000, VOG Council Section 106 Fund £15,000, Llantwit Major Tennis Club £5,000, Llantwit Major Tennis Club (Ollie Stephens) £3,100 and Millenium Stadium Charitable Trust £2,500. Bank Statement as at July 2021 provided along with the clubs Income & Expenditure Account as at August 2020 and Interim Accounts to June 2021. The clubs Constitution and Rules and Equality & Diversity Policy also included in application.
4	The Parish of Christ Church , Roath Park, Cardiff (Recommended by Cardiff Council)	Contribution to the funding of a replacement Community Hall. Community Hall is a resource for estimated local population of around 42,000, there is limited alternative provision. Prior to Covid the hall was utilised by Toddler groups, sports clubs, youth clubs, art group and Elderly Good Companions group. The existing Community Hall is a dilapidated condition with poor ventilation and out dated toilet and kitchen facilities therefore the hall has been kept closed due to health and safety concerns. The new Community Hall will be a vital community resource to address community needs beyond Coronavirus.	Places of Worship and Burial Grounds	£5,000.00	£5,000.00	Total project cost £626,000. Financed by agreed sale of excess church land land £302,500, funds raised to date by Community events £29,000, legacies & donations £124,000, All Churches Trust Grant £10,000 (confirmed), Bernard Sunley Foundation Grant £15,000 (confirmed), Garden Weston Foundation grant £30,000 (confirmed) and Joseph Rank Trust (amount not currently disclosed). Surveyor report From Downies Chartered Quantity Surveyors (South Wales) confirming the project cost included together with the Annual Report and Accounts as at 31st December 2020 together with bank statement dated 21st July 2021. Church in Wales Constitution also provided. Shortfall in funding currently in excess of £100,000 so award in principle only until additional revenue streams are confirmed.
5	Cornwall Baptist Church , Cornwall Street, Cardiff (Recommended by Cardiff Council)	Alleviate dampness in church external walls. The current render has large cracks allowing water ingress into the church. The church has been utilised for Toddler groups, Youth groups and regular coffee mornings.	Places of Worship and Burial Grounds	£5,000.00	£5,000.00	Total Project Cost £8,280, balance to be funded from own resources. Quotes attached. Bank Statement included together with copy of Statement of Faith & Constitution.
6	St Peters Church , Rhoose, Vale of Glamorgan	Carpet for extended church building to be used as a Community Hub. Community Hub is currently being constructed which is scheduled to be finished by late autumn/ early winter. The Hub will provide a community cafe and public toilets accessible to all, irrespective of use of the Hub. There will be access to safe play equipment, there will also be a regular Dementia Cafe. There will be free use of computers and internet on site and facility for a Youth club and a small room available for community hire. Carpet for extended church building which will be used as a community space for activities. Remedial work to floor needed prior to fitting carpet.	Places of Worship and Burial Grounds	£5,000.00	£5,000.00	Total Project cost £8,598, balance £3,598 to be funded by churches own resources. 2 quotes provided. Audited Accounts as at 31st March 2020 and Lloyds Bank Statement present. Links to Constitution, Safeguarding & Equal Opportunities Policy included.
Total Requested / Recommended				£30,000.00	£30,000.00	

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The Charitable purposes for which the fund may be applied.

The Welsh Church Act Estate Committee has delegated authority to manage in accordance with “The Scheme” the Welsh Church Act Estate as vested in the Council.

Set out below is a **summary only** of the purposes for which the Fund may be applied:

- (i) **Educational** - Provision of benefits not readily available from other sources, and recreation, social and physical training facilities, at educational establishments, not normally provided by the LEA.
- (ii) **Relief in sickness** - Assistance to persons who are sick, convalescent, disabled, handicapped or infirm, where such assistance is not readily available from other sources.
- (iii) **Relief in need** - Assistance generally or to individuals in need, hardship or distress.
- (iv) **Libraries, museums, art galleries etc.** – Advancing the appreciation of Welsh arts and literature in general.
- (v) **Social and recreational facilities in general.**
- (vi) **Protection of historic buildings etc.** – Promotion of interest in Welsh architecture, history and science in general, for the benefit of Welsh people.
- (vii) **Medical and social research, treatment in general etc.**- Preservation and protection of the physical and mental health of society in general. Provision of nurseries, convalescent homes and hostels
- (viii) **Probation etc.** - Assistance to persons on probation or the families thereof.
- (ix) **Blind persons** - Provision of welfare including accommodation.
- (x) **Aged persons** - Provision of accommodation.
- (xi) **Places of worship and burial grounds** – Restoration and maintenance.
- (xii) **Emergencies or disasters** - Directly assisting persons in need.
- (xiii) **Other charitable purposes** – Contributions to charitable organisations not inconsistent with the purposes of the trust.

The above is a précis only of the wide ranging purposes to which the Welsh Church Act Fund may be applied, and in cases of doubt reference should be made to the actual provisions of the scheme document.

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APPENDIX C

Revenue Estimates 2021/22

	<u>2020/21</u>	<u>2021/22</u>	<u>2021/22</u>
	As per Accounts	to 15/09/2021	Full Year
	Actual	Actual	Estimate
	£	£	£
Income			
Property Rents	17,610	12,187	15,000
Dividends			
Projected Investment Income	30,946	8,484	30,000
Interest - VoG on £100,000	56	0	50
Total Income	48,612	20,671	45,050
Expenditure			
Printing, stationery, advertising general etc	0	0	0
Court and Legal Fees	0	0	0
Valuation and Planning	1,050	250	1,000
Survey Costs	0	1,750	16,750
Other premises costs e.g. Grounds Maintenance	2,179	0	1,946
Audit Fees	1,300	1,400	1,400
Grant Funding released at Committee 14.06.21	-10,000	0	-850
Grants	46,804	10,750	45,000
Total Expenditure	41,333	14,150	65,246
Total (Surplus)/Deficit for the year	7,279		-15,000
Carried forward from 20/21 Grant allocation	0		-5,196
Total Contribution (from)/to Reserves	7,279		-20,196
Adjusted Total	0	6,521	0

Grant funds available:

Grant Allocation 2021/22	Total
Recommended at Committee 14.06.21	45,000
Recommended at Committee 4.10.21	-9,750
Balance remaining	-30,000 As shown in Appendix A
	5,250