

Meeting of:	Welsh Church Act Estate Committee
Date of Meeting:	Monday, 20 June 2022
Relevant Scrutiny Committee:	Corporate Performance and Resources
Report Title:	Applications for Financial Assistance 2022/23 Tranche 1
Purpose of Report:	To consider applications for financial assistance funded from the Welsh Church Act Estate.
Report Owner:	Tom Bowring, Director of Corporate Resources
Responsible Officer:	Matt Bowmer 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 £40,000 has been set for issuing grants during 2022/23. • An unallocated budget amount of £5,250 carried over from 2021/22 is also available for allocation during 2022/23. • The total grants budget for 2022/23 is £45,250. • Grants set out in Appendix A total £24,840 	

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.
- 2.2 The revenue outturn for 2021/22 and projections for 2022/23 are included in Appendix C and make provision for grant allocations of £45,250 in 2022/23.

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 £40,000 has been provided for grants in the Trust's revenue estimates for 2022/23. A further amount of £5,250 carried forward from 2021/22

is also available for allocation during 2022/23 giving a total sum of £45,250 available for grant awards during the year.

- 4.2** It is recommended that an allocation of £24,840 made for applications for grant assistance as set out at Appendix A to this report, which will leave a remaining balance of £20,410 to be allocated during the remainder of 2022/23.

Employment

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

Legal (Including Equalities)

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

5. Background Papers

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE 2022-2023

WELSH CHURCH ACTS

Tranche 1

Committee Date 20th June 2022

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's Church, Cowbridge (Recommended by The Vale of Glamorgan Council.)	Church Tower Repairs. The grant is needed to repair the damage to the church tower which has resulted in water ingress.	Places of Worship and Burial Grounds	£5,000.00	£5,000.00	Estimated Total Project Cost is £85,000. To be funded by: Money already raised in building fund, Grants from PPC from sale of church hall, Representative Body Church In Wales (applied for), Garfield Weston Foundation (applied for), All Churches Trust(applied for) and Heritage Lottery (applied for). Detailed schedule of works, Inspection Report from Mann Williams, Consulting Civil & Structural Engineers, Cost Report b and Annual Report & Financial Statements as at December 2020 all included in the application. Recommendation Award in principle until outcome of other grant applications has been ascertained.
2	St Mary Magdelene's Church, Monkash	Repair of the Chancel Roof. The entire church roof is in need of repair but is unaffordable at an estimated cost of £200,000 + VAT. Therefore it is proposed to concentrate on repairing the roof of the chancel which is posing a particular hazard with falling slates as well as letting in rain which is damaging the internal fabric of the building. Costings have been agreed with architect based on a quotation for the full roof repair. Recommended by The Vale of Glamorgan Council.	Places of Worship and Burial Grounds	£5,000.00	£5,000.00	Total project cost £42,600. To be financed by existing funds and donation, Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme, Grant from Representative Body of Church In Wales and Benefact Trust (applied for), Grant Application National Churches Trust (applied for), Local Donations and fund raising (events organised include a concert, garden party and a fashion show). Included in the application are two estimates and schedule of works, Church Accounts for 2020 & 2021, Bank Statements, Acknowledgement statements from Church in Wales, Benefact Trust & National Church Trust, links to the Constitutional Arrangements & Equal Oppotunities Policy. Additional information includes photographs and a draft Pilgrim Trail. Recommendation Award in principle until outcome of other grant applications and planned fund raising events has been ascertained.
3	St Denys Church in Wales, Lisvane	Fitting Out of Newly Built Church House. Following the construction of the Church House at 7 Church Road, Lisvane at a cost of circa £500,000 funding is sought to provide an AVA system and screen facilities with internet links, Office Furniture and Childrens Furniture to equip the new building. Recommended by Cardiff Council.	Places of Worship and Burial Grounds	£4,995.40	£3,750.00	Total Project cost estimated at £4,995.40. Two quotations provided for the items grant assistance is claimed for. Church Accounts as at December 2021 and Bank Statement provided along with the organisations Constitution and Equal Oppotunities Policy. Recommendation Award £3,750.
4	Cowbridge Tennis	New Tennis Facility. Project includes the removal of a mound of earth to create space for the construction of a new floodlit tennis court, the provision of a suitable outdoor viewing area, the construction of an outdoor shelter for players and parents and improving disabled access to the venue. Recommended by The Vale of Glamorgan Council.	Other	£5,000.00	£5,000.00	Total Project Cost £104,394. Financed by Own Funds, Vale of Glamorgan Stronger Communities Grant £12,000 (approved), Lawn Tennis Association Loan (in progress), Vale of Glamorgan S106 grant £15,000 (approved) and Sport Wales Grant (offer received). Confirmation letters from Stronger Communities, s106 and Sport Wales Grant Included with application. Quotes for clearing and construction of the tennis court with floodlighting, for Sheltered Area a Decking, Pathway & Disabled Access Ramp. The organisation's Accounts for 2020/2021, Bank Statement as April 2022, Constitution, Equal Oppotunities Policy and British Tennis Diversity & Inclusion Policy also included in application. Recommendation Award in full.
5	St Lawrence at Lavernock Trust (SALT) Registered Charity no.1138257	Restoration of St Lawrence Church at Lavernock. The Grade II listed building currently suffers from damp stonework which is destroying the internal render and plasterwork. The project, in two stages, requires the removal of inappropriate cement mortar originally applied in the 1970's and then after a period of drying repoint the external walls in a lime mortar which will allow the structure to breathe and preserve it for the long term. Recommended by The Vale of Glamorgan Council.	Places of Worship and Burial Grounds	£5,000.00	£4,380.00	Total Project Cost £7,295. Financed by Funds already received and this WCA application. 2 quotes provided. Bank Statement from dated April 2022 included along with information on the Aim's & Objectives of the St Lawrence at Lavernock Trust and Trustees Duties Document. St Lawrence at Lavernock Trust do not have an Equal Oppotunities Policy. Recommendation Award £4,380
6	Saint Dochdwy's Churchyard in Penarth. Registered Charity.	Churchyard Maintenance. Initial clearance of large overgrown churchyard to enable the viewing of family memorials and war graves which are not at the moment easily accessible. Hoping to form a "Churchyard Working Group" to maintain the upkeep of the churchyard once the intial clearance has been undertaken. Recommended by The Vale of Glamorgan Council.	Places of Worship and Burial Grounds	£1,750.00	£1,710.00	Total Project Cost £2,280. The charity has a Churchyard Maintenance Fund. One quotation received. Financial Statements as at 31st December 2020 and Bank Statement dated 29th April 2022 included in the application. Constitution and Equal Oppotunities Policy are that of the Church In Wales. Recommendation Award £1,710
		Total Requested / Recommended		£26,745.40	£24,840.00	

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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 2022/23

	<u>2021/22</u>	<u>2022/23</u>	<u>2022/23</u>
	As per Accounts	to 30/05/2022	Full Year
	Actual	Actual	Estimate
	£	£	£
Income			
Property Rents	17,949	9,224	17,500
Dividends			
Projected Investment Income	31,756	0	31,000
Interest - VoG on £100,000	140	0	200
Total Income	49,845	9,224	48,700
Expenditure			
Printing, stationery, advertising general etc	0	0	0
Court and Legal Fees	1,750	0	2,000
Valuation and Planning	1,305	0	3,000
Survey Costs	250	0	200
Other premises costs e.g. Grounds Maintenance	150	0	2,000
Audit Fees	1,400	0	1,500
Grants	41,254	0	45,250
Total Expenditure	46,109	0	53,950
Total (Surplus)/Deficit for the year	-3,736	-9,224	5,250
Carried forward from Prev Grant allocation	0	-5,250	-5,250
Total Contribution (from)/to Reserves	3,736	0	0
Adjusted Total	0	-14,474	0

Grant funds available:
Grant Allocation 2021/22
 Recommended at Committee 20.06.22

Total
45,520
 -24,840 As shown in Appendix A

Balance remaining

20,680