

Name of Committee:	Welsh Church Act Estate Committee
Date of Meeting:	23/09/2019
Relevant Scrutiny Committee:	Corporate Performance and Resources
Report Title:	Applications for Financial Assistance 2019/20
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 £44,000 has been set for issuing grants during 2019/20. • At the meeting of 17th June 2019 grants were awarded to a value of £20,000 • Appendix A to the report recommends the approval of grants to the value of £23,077 • Given a number of revenue applications have been received for which an award was also made in 2018/19 it is proposed that awards are limited to applications for one off projects and not recurring funding. • A significant number of awards have been received in this year and it is proposed that in order to ration funding that organisations should only be awarded funding once in every three year period. 	

1. Recommendation

- 1.1** That Committee considers and approves the applications for grant assistance as set out at Appendix A to this report.
- 1.2** That Committee approves the recommendation that funding should be prioritised to unique applications limited to once in every three year period

2. Reasons for Recommendations

- 2.1** In furtherance of the objectives of the trust.
- 2.2** To ensure that there is sufficient funding available for grant awards across the financial year.

3. Background

- 3.1** 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.
- 3.2** The purposes for which the Welsh Church Act fund may make grants is set out in summary at Appendix B to this report.
- 3.3** The applications received are set out in Appendix A to this report.

4. Key Issues for Consideration

- 4.1** Appendix A to this report sets out a summary of the applications to be considered.
- 4.2** Appendix C to this report sets out the fund's revenue estimates for the current financial year.

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

- 5.1** 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

6. Resources and Legal Considerations

Financial

- 6.1** The sum of £50,000 was originally provided for grants in the Trust's revenue estimates for 2019/20 following a review of income and expenditure it is proposed that this is reduced to £44,000. In June 2019 an award of £20,000 was made for applications for grant assistance as set out at Appendix A to this report which leaves a remaining balance of £24,000 to be allocated during 2019/20.
- 6.2** Requests for funding totalling £30,861.97 have been put forward for the second tranche of awards of 2019/20. In order to ration funding in future years it is proposed that funding should be prioritised to organisations that are making applications for one off projects and awards should be limited to once in every three years per organisation.
- 6.3** The applications for this tranche which are recommended for funding total £23,077 which leaves £923 remaining to allocate. It is considered that this is insufficient for a final tranche of awards in 2019/20 however a full list of applications will be brought before Committee in January for information, these awards would be deferred until 2020/21 financial year. Committee may choose to award funding on a case by case basis from the limited remaining allocation or funded by drawing down from reserves.
- 6.4** At its meeting on 8th January 2018 Welsh Church Act Committee agreed to progress the recommended options for the lane to the rear of Church Road Cadoxton at an estimated cost of £30,000. This cost will need to be funded from reserves and is reflected in the financial estimates shown in Appendix C.
- 6.5** This draw down of £32,000 from reserves will leave an estimated reserve balance of £86,000 at 31st March 2020.

Legal (Including Equalities)

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

7. Background Papers

Letters of application and grant application forms.

ITEM NO	NAME OF ORGANISATION (Date of original application)	SPECIFIC PURPOSE FOR WHICH GRANT REQUESTED	CLASSIFICATION OF CLAIM	AMOUNT REQUESTED	GRANT RECOMMENDED	COMMENTS
Applications Referred from 17-06-19 Meeting						
1	Cambrian Educational Foundation For Deaf Children Registered Charity No 515 848	Educational development of deaf children	Other Awards	Undisclosed	£0.00	Maximum award per annum per child for equipment etc. is £500. The amount of any award applied for has been left to the committee's discretion. Previously awarded £750 in 2017/18 to enable work to be extended no funding proposed as application is not unique and previous award made in 2017/18.
2	Music in Hospitals & Care, RWCMD, North Rd, Cardiff	Funding for 4 concerts for elderly people living in care homes in Cardiff to include a bespoke repertoire to maximise memory stimulation	Other Awards	£880.00	£0.00	Registered charity, local branch of national organisation. Total cost of project £1,200 (breakdown included in application) £277 already received from Cardiff University Blank Verse Choir and £43 contribution from Music in Hospitals & Care. Previous grant awarded £996.00 in 2018/19 for "Singing for Joy" dementia project. No funding proposed as application is not unique and previous award made in 2017/18.
3	The Mentor Ring. A Limited Company by Guarantee with Charitable Objective, registered with Companies House, registration no 7472750.	Provision of sewing classes for ethnic minority women for 3 hrs per week to provide "Relief in Need" where the sessions assist in mental distress and enable women to discuss hardships with one another while expressing themselves through a creative activity.	Other Awards	£4,314.97	£4,315.00	Articles of Association, financial statements and bank statements provided. List of costings, venue hire, tutors, materials, travel etc. also provided but now received total expenditure £5,753.30. Reserves £1,438.32.
NEW APPLICATIONS						
4	Princes Street Evangelical Baptist Church	Purchase of Instanta WA10N Automatic Water Boiler, Bisley BS Flush Front Filing Cabinet and Soundcraft SI Impact Digital Mixer.	Places of Worship and Burial Grounds	£1,905.00	£0.00	Total cost of items claimed £2,539.40 (estimate provided). Balance to be paid out of church funds. 2018 Financial report shows a surplus balance of £59,765.60. Previous claims 2017/18 £5,000 & 2018/19 £2,000. No funding proposed given previous awards in 2017/18 and 2018/19.
5	St Illtud's Church Llantwit Major	Repairs to organ and purchase of a seating system (20 collapsible chairs) and a series of display boards.	Places of Worship and Burial Grounds	£4,287.00	£4,287.00	Total Project cost £5,715.76. Full audited accounts submitted, more than adequate cash to fund balance. Verification of cost of items claimed included in application. Possible previous claim prior to 2013 to restore Galleie Chapel.
6	St Eltelyn's Church Hall	Replacement of double doors to enable access to all. Doors also double up as an emergency exit but are currently screwed shut as there was a problem closing them	Places of Worship and Burial Grounds	£1,200.00	£1,200.00	Total project cost £1,710 inc vat. Balance to be met from church funds. Statement of Accounts provided, bank current a/c balance £29,059.21 as at June 2019. 2 quotes included in application.
7	Capel Siriol	Restoration of Saron Vestry to form a community Heritage Hub for Treos to include disabled toilet, kitchen, internal staircase and lift at the ground floor. Meeting room with Wifi to the first floor. Paving & landscaping to external areas.	Places of Worship and Burial Grounds	£5,000.00	£5,000.00	The Community have created a not for profit company "Capel Siriol Ltd" and have successfully completed Phase 1 of the project and renovated the chapel itself. Phase 2, the renovation of the vestry building and creation of the community hub is the subject of this grant application. Costs estimated at £167,940 with quotations for the capital and professional costs provided. Grant funding secured from the Rural Communities Development Fund £122,775, Heritage Lottery Fund £36,900 and Strong Communities Fund £3,267, proof provided. Bank current account balance £32,000. Previous WCA grant award of £5,000 in 2015 for phase 1.
8	Tabernacle Welsh Baptist Church	Installation of ramp and provision of disabled toilet facilities.	Places of Worship and Burial Grounds	£5,000.00	£0.00	Withdrawn
9	Rectorial Benefice of Canton - St Catherines Church	St Catherines Church Hall - External Refurbishment	Places of Worship and Burial Grounds	£3,275.00	£3,275.00	Total project cost £6,375 excluding scaffolding costs if required. Quote provided by Heath Decorators (cheapest). Balance met by proceeds of fund raising activities and allocation from reserves. Bank current account statement included in application £7,716CR.

10	Grange Pavilion	Redevelopment of the Grange Pavilion. Provision of a meditative space within the pavilion for hosting mental health and well being events as well as yoga and meditation classes etc.	Other Awards	£5,000.00	£5,000.00	Grange Pavilion is a newly registered charity. Large project refurbishing a bowling green and pavilion building, total cost £1,722,813. Applying specifically for a contribution towards flooring for a meditative space within the new building. Quotation for the flooring £6,531.30 enclosed. Confirmed grant funding for the complete project of £1,550,564 (£1,528,999 verified with supporting documentary evidence) and pending grant funding of £160,416. Also community fundraising £6,833. Constitution, financial statement and bank statements (£118k) included in application. Award in principal subject to confirmation of other grant funding.
Total Requested / Recommended				£30,861.97	£23,077.00	

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WELSH CHURCH ACT FUND

WELSH CHURCH ACT ESTATE COMMITTEE

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 2019/20

	<u>2018/19</u>	<u>2019/20</u>	<u>2019/20</u>
	As per Accounts	to 16/09/2019	Full Year
	Actual	Actual	Estimate
	£	£	£
Income			
Property Rents	17,510	11,767	17,510
Dividends			
Projected Investment Income	40,515	10,010	37,495
Interest - VoG on £100,000	510	0	510
Total Income	58,535	21,777	55,515
Expenditure			
Printing, stationery, advertising general etc	0	0	500
Court and Legal Fees	0	0	0
Planned works to the land to the rear of Church Road, Cadoxton	0	0	30,000
Repairs and Maintenance	0	0	0
Valuation and Planning	0	2,500	7,500
Feasibility Report	0	0	0
Other premises costs e.g. Grounds Maintenance	5,519	0	4,115
Audit Fees	1,400	0	1,400
Grants	53,395	18,790	44,000
Total Expenditure	60,314	21,290	87,515
Total (Surplus)/Deficit for the year	1,779	-487	32,000
Total Contribution (from)/to Reserves	-1,779	487	-32,000
Adjusted Total	0	0	0

Grant funds available:

	Total
2019/20 from above	44,000
Recommended at Committee 17.06.19	-20,000
Recommended at Committee 23.09.19	-23,077 As shown in Appendix A
Balance remaining	923

Reserve Analysis

Opening Reserve Balance 31st March 2019	118,000
Projected deficit on account drawn down from reserve	-32,000

Projected Reserve Balance 31st March 2020

86,000