

Meeting of:	Welsh Church Act Estate Committee
Date of Meeting:	Monday, 20 January 2020
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 £45,577 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 • At the meeting of 23rd September 2019 grants were awarded to a value of £18,077 • It is proposed that the remainder of the £7,500 is allocated against the three outstanding applications. • Awards are limited to applications for one off projects and non recurring funding. • Organisations will only be awarded funding once in every three year period. 	

Recommendations

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

Reasons for Recommendations

1. In furtherance of the objectives of the trust.
2. To ensure that there is sufficient funding available for grant awards across the financial year.

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 applications to be considered.
- 2.2 Appendix C to this report sets out the fund's revenue estimates for the current financial year.

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 £44,000 was provided for grants in the Trust's revenue estimates for 2019/20 in the September report following an update from Tilney the Independent Financial Advisers for the Charity this can be increased slightly to

£45,577. In June 2019 an award of £20,000 was made for applications for grant assistance , and in September 2019 a further £18,077 was allocated with one application deferred to the next Committee. There is a remaining balance of £7,500 to be allocated during 2019/20.

- 4.2 Requests for funding totalling £9,112.50 have been put forward for the third tranche of awards of 2019/20 one of which was deferred from tranche two. 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. The remaining grant allocation of £7,500 has been apportioned of the three applications.
- 4.3 The applications for this tranche which are recommended for funding total £7,500.
- 4.4 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.
- 4.5 This draw down of £30,000 from reserves will leave an estimated reserve balance of £88,000 at 31st March 2020.

Legal (Including Equalities)

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

5. 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
	Application Referred from 23-09-19 Meeting					
1	Grange Pavilion (Recommended by Cardiff Council) Grange Pavilion, Grange Gardens, Grangetown, Cardiff CF11 7LJ	Redevelopment of the Grange Pavilion is a scheme costing in excess of £1.7M and work commenced in July 2019. This application is specifically in respect of funding for the provision of a meditative space within the pavilion for hosting mental health and well being events as well as yoga and meditation classes etc. The core aim of the organisation is to further or benefit the residents of Grangetown and the neighbourhood without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or political, religious or other opinions by associating together the said residents and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the residents.	Other Awards	£5,000.00	£4,500.00	Grange Pavilion is a newly registered charity. Large project refurbishing a bowling green and pavilion building as an inclusive community space for all, 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) have been included in the application. The £118k will be utilised to support the delivery of the scheme and fund raising balance and contingency for the scheme. The scheme is in progress which is why an application has been made for a particular aspect of the scheme not yet completed.
	New Claims					
2	The Smallpiece Trust 74 Upper Holly Walk, Leamington Spa CV32 4JL	Project title - STEM Enrichment Challenge. Delivery of 3 STEM Enrichment Challenge Days including teacher engagement process to organise the day, the delivery by the Smallpiece Trust's Education Officer, feedback and evaluation analysis and the students' resources and prizes. Also the provision of 3 Smallpiece Trust Think kits for each participating school. The days give up to 60 pupils young people a hands on experience that will allow them to participate in a range of activities. Resources are provided to teachers to run projects with up to 20 students.	Other Awards	£2,812.50	£2,000.00	This is a national Welsh scheme it is proposed that funding would be conditional on the STEM says being carried out in schools located in the Vale of Glamorgan or Cardiff. No breakdown on how costs have been calculated. Very detailed financial statements included. This is a national organisation and the balance sheet shows total funds of £24,516,884 as at 4th January 2018. The Smallpiece Trust uses its reserves to cover all its overhead and general management costs as well as subsidising STEM activities, as this is a national organisation consequently the organisation seeks funding from others to reach more children in certain areas. The organisation would normally target schools with high levels of free school meals. Measurement of success is done by collating student and teacher feedback and reports are prepared for stakeholders and funders, progress is also tracked over a 5 year programme. Award to specify that the schools should be located in Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan and contacts in the Education departments to be provided to help identify appropriate schools for the events.
3	ValePlus (Cymru) and ValePlus Extra Ltd 118a High Street, Barry, Vale of Glamorgan CF62 7DT	Provision of Workbenches, Tables & Chairs for new Art's & Craft's classroom, situated at their main premises High Street Barry. This will provide a dedicated space for woodwork, arts and crafts and gardening. Service users will participate in all aspects of producing ccraft goods and the expanded space will enable the organisation to increase the number of adults with learning disabilities supported and will lead to the creation of a mini Social Enterprise increasing our level of self generated income.	Other Awards	£1,300.00	£1,000.00	Total budget for the new classroom project is £8,400. £6,000 grant funded from 2 other sources and £600 of own funds available. Financial statements as at 30/04/2019 included showing fund balances totalling £309,576. No quotations provided for items claimed for award subject to the provision of satisfactory quotations. Application reduced by £500 to remove contribution to electricity as this is a recurring cost. Award made subject to quotations being provided and suggest refer the organisation to the Mayor's Foundation grant for additional funding for the scheme.
Total Requested / Recommended				£9,112.50	£7,500.00	

VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

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	13,367	15,910
Dividends			
Projected Investment Income	40,515	19,132	40,073
Interest - VoG on £100,000	510	0	510
Total Income	58,535	32,499	56,493
Expenditure			
Printing, stationery, advertising general etc	0	0	0
Court and Legal Fees	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	1,990	2,016
Audit Fees	1,400	0	1,400
Grants	53,395		45,577
Total Expenditure	60,314	4,490	56,493
Total (Surplus)/Deficit for the year	1,779	-28,009	0
Total Contribution (from)/to Reserves	-1,779	487	0
Adjusted Total	0	-27,522	0

Grant funds available:

	Total
2019/20 from above	45,577
Recommended at Committee 17.06.19	-20,000
Recommended at Committee 23.09.19	-18,077
Recommended at Committee 20.01.19	-7,500 As shown in Appendix A
Balance remaining	0

Reserve Analysis

Opening Reserve Balance 31st March 2019	118,000
Projected draw down from reserves for Church Road	-30,000
Projected deficit on account drawn down from reserve	0
Projected Reserve Balance 31st March 2020	88,000