

Meeting of:	<b>Welsh Church Act Estate Committee</b>
Date of Meeting:	<b>Monday, 14 June 2021</b>
Relevant Scrutiny Committee:	Corporate Performance and Resources
Report Title:	<b>Applications for Financial Assistance 2021/22</b>
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"> <li>• A budget of £45,000 has been set for issuing grants during 2021/22.</li> <li>• An unallocated budget amount of £5,196 carried over from 2020/21 is also available for allocation during 2021/22.</li> <li>• Grants set out in Appendix A total £9,750.00</li> </ul>	

## **Recommendations**

1. That Committee considers and approves the applications for grant assistance as set out in Appendix A of this report.
2. That Committee considers and approves the proposal to inform outstanding 2018/19 applicants that they must now reapply for Welsh Church Act funding due to the time period that has lapsed.

## **Reasons for Recommendations**

1. In furtherance of the objectives of the Trust.
2. To ensure the limited Welsh Church Act funding is utilised by organisations efficiently/

## **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. It is recommended that an allocation of £9,750 is made for applications for grant assistance as set out at Appendix A to this report, which will leave a remaining balance of £35,250 to be allocated during the remainder of 2021/22.
- 4.2 There is one grant award for St Augustine's Church Hot Air Curtains outstanding from 2018/19 which has been unable to proceed. Given, the timeframe that has elapsed and the limited resources available, it is recommend that we now contact this organisation to advise that they will be required to reapply for Welsh Church Act funding if they still require the funding. This will release an additional £850 to be allocated during 2021/22 which is reflected in the grant award balance of £45,000.
- 4.3 A further amount of £5,196 carried forward from 2020/21 is also available for allocation during 2021/22.

#### **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**

ITEM NO	NAME OF ORGANISATION (Date of original application)	SPECIFIC PURPOSE FOR WHICH GRANT REQUESTED	CLASSIFICATION OF CLAIM	AMOUNT REQUESTED	GRANT RECOMMENDED	COMMENTS
1	<b>New Applications</b> ST ANDREWS CHURCH	St Andrew's Tower Emergency Repairs (Phase 1) to the 15th century tower. Works required - Renewal of the abutment flashing between the pitched roof of the tower and the parapet wall, renewal of the lead box gutters, repairs to the parapet wall including the removal of cementitious pointing and repointing in lime mortar, refitting of lead rainwater spout to the north elevation repairs and redecoration to the timber access hatch and renewal of timber door hatch frame, isolated repairs to the pitched roof covering, including isolated new slates and ridge tile, repointing to the Tower walls in lime mortar and the introduction of several grab rails within the bell chamber in order to assist access within the chamber and out on to the roof	Places of Worship and Burial Grounds	£5,000.00	£5,000.00	Total project cost £26,985.60 based on winning tender £18,895.60 and professional fees estimated at £7,000, exclusive of VAT. Estimates included in application. Grant Money of £5,500 received from Headley Trust and £3,000 from online fundraising appeal. Grant claims in progress from the Diocesan Fabric Fund (£3,000), Gateway Grant National Churches Trust (£6,000). Remaining costs will be financed using church Reserves. Quinquennial Inspection of Churches report May 2019, tender document detailing the two tenders & inspection report from Volute architects included. Links to the Constitution document and Equal Opportunities policy also included in application. Award in principal pending confirmation of grant funding.
2	EGLWYS DEWI SANT CHURCH (Recommended by Cardiff Council)	Restructure and refurbish existing toilets built circa 1955 to provide an Accessible WC in the existing men's toilet and then to provide two further WCs in the current ladies toilet. This is required as existing toilet facilities do not provide facilities that meet the needs of people with mobility issues and do not meet current Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) requirements.	Places of Worship and Burial Grounds	£4,000.00	£4,000.00	Total project cost £29,700 + VAT. Financed by own fund raising £14,700 (£6,500 already raised), grant from Llandaff Diocesan RB Fabric Repair Fund £3,000 (confirmed) and VAT refund £5,940. Other grant applications all awaiting outcome, Ailchurches £3,000, Garfield Weston Foundation £3,000 and James Pantyfedwen Foundation £2,000. Included in application are a specification and tender of works as at December 2019, specification photographs, tender project report as at November 2020, tender costs November 2020 and authorisation for works to be undertaken from Llandaff Diocesan Advisory Committee. Church's Audited Accounts also submitted. Link provided for the Church in Wales Constitution. Award in principal pending confirmation of grant funding.
3	RHOOSE COMMUNITY LIBRARY - Registered Charity No 1166517	Purchase and Installation of Bike/ Scooter Racks	Other	£1,000.00	£750.00	Project Costs £1,000 (Scooter Rack £289.66, Bike Rack £528.96 inc VAT, Fitting approx £170 exc VAT). Links to various websites supplied to support prices quoted in application. Proposing to ask local companies to install for free as part of match funding. Constitution and Equality policies also included. Award in principal pending confirmation of match funding.
<b>Total Requested / Recommended</b>				<b>£10,000.00</b>	<b>£9,750.00</b>	

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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 02/06/2021	Full Year
	Actual	Actual	Estimate
	£	£	£
<b>Income</b>			
Property Rents	17,610	0	15,000
<b>Dividends</b>			
Projected Investment Income	30,946	420	30,000
Interest - VoG on £100,000	56	0	50
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>48,612</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>45,050</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Printing, stationery, advertising general etc	0	0	0
Court and Legal Fees	0	0	0
Valuation and Planning	1,050	0	1,000
Survey Costs	0	0	1,750
Other premises costs e.g. Grounds Maintenance	2,179	0	1,946
Audit Fees	1,300	0	1,400
Grant Funding released as per recommendation 2	-10,000	0	-850
Grants	46,804	0	45,000
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>41,333</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>50,246</b>
<b>Total (Surplus)/Deficit for the year</b>	<b>7,279</b>		<b>0</b>
<b>Carried forward from 20/21 Grant allocation</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>-5,196</b>
<b>Total Contribution (from)/to Reserves</b>	<b>7,279</b>		<b>-5,196</b>
<b>Adjusted Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>0</b>

<b>Grant funds available:</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Grant Allocation 2021/22</b>	<b>45,000</b>
Recommended at Committee 14.06.21	-9,750 As shown in Appendix A
<b>Balance remaining</b>	<b>35,250</b>

### Reserve Analysis

<b>Opening Reserve Balance 31st March 2021</b>	<b>119,747</b>
<b>Underspend against 20/21 utilised as part of 21/22 alloc</b>	<b>-5,196</b>
Projected draw down from reserves for Church Road	-30,000
<b>Projected Reserve Balance 31st March 2022</b>	<b>84,551</b>