

Meeting of:	Welsh Church Act Estate Committee
Date of Meeting:	Monday, 10 October 2022
Relevant Scrutiny Committee:	Corporate Performance and Resources
Report Title:	Applications for Financial Assistance 2022/23 Tranche 2
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
Executive Summary:	<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 allocated at Committee in June 2022 totalled £24,840 • A further award of £10,000 is recommended as part of this report. • A remaining sum of £10,410 is available for a third tranche.

Recommendations

1. That Committee considers and approves the applications for grant assistance as set out in Appendix A of this report [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

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 The revenue outturn for 2021/22 and projections for 2022/23 are included in Appendix C. Income projections for 2022/23 assumes investment and rental income broadly in line with income received in 2021/22. Expenditure includes £175 for Trustee training and £978 incurred for grounds maintenance costs at an investment property site Church Road Barry.
- 2.2 The projections for 2022/23 make provision for grant allocations of £45,250 in 2022/23. This includes a sum of £5,250 which has been carried forward for grant allocation from 2021/22.
- 2.3 Tranche 1 of 2022/23 grant awards were approved by Committee in June 2022 as set out in the table below.

Organisation	Scheme	Sum Awarded
		£
St Marys Church Cowbridge	Tower Repairs	5,000
St Mary Magdalene's Church Monknash	Repair of the Chancel Roof	5,000
St Denys Church Lisvane	Fitting Out of Newly Built Church House.	3,750
Cowbridge Tennis Club	New Tennis Facility	5,000
St Lawrence at Lavernock Trust	Restoration of St Lawrence Church at Lavernock	4,380

Saint Dochdwy's Churchyard in Penarth.	Initial Churchyard Clearance	1,710
Total		24,840

- 2.4 Appendix A to this report sets out a summary of the application to be considered these awards total £10k are summarised in the table below.

Organisation	Scheme	Sum Recommended
		£
Tabernacle Baptist Church, Penarth	Carpets and Relocation of Sound Mixing / IT Desk.	5,000
Princes Street Evangelical Baptist Church	Upgrade Light Fixtures Throughout Main Hall and Classrooms.	5,000
Total		10,000

- 2.5 This leaves a sum of £10,410 to be allocated as part of a third tranche in January 2023.

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. Climate Change and Nature Implications

- 4.1 There are no explicit climate change and nature implications associated with these proposals.

5. Resources and Legal Considerations

Financial

- 5.1 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.
- 5.2 A sum of £24,850 was allocated as part of Tranche 1 for 2022/23 at the June Committee.

- 5.3** It is recommended that an allocation of £10,000 made for applications for grant assistance as set out at Appendix A to this report, which will leave a remaining balance of £10,410 to be allocated during the remainder of 2022/23.
- 5.4** The Welsh Church Act Fund retains an unrestricted fund to fund unforeseen costs associated with the maintenance of its investment properties at 31st March 2022 this fund stood at £124K.

Employment

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

Legal (Including Equalities)

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

6. Background Papers

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE 2022-2023

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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
1	Tabernacle Baptist Church, Penarth	Carpets and Relocation of Sound Mixing / IT Desk. Replacement of badly worn and frayed carpeting to main church sanctuary, mother & baby lounge, landing and exit stairway / entrance hall together with the relocation of the sound mixing/IT desk and equipment to enable more efficient recording, sound and live streaming services, especially for those who can no longer physically get to the building.	Places of Worship and Burial Grounds	£5,000.00	£5,000.00	Estimated Total Project Cost is £9,090.00. To be funded by: Money already set aside from a designated building fund £3,500.00 and WCA grant if successful. Financial accounts and constitution included application. Quotation and Bank Statement.
2	Princes Street Evangelical Baptist Church	Upgrade Light Fixtures Throughout Main Hall and Classrooms. The upgrade project will provide significant savings on electricity consumption compared to the existing lighting fittings which use older less efficient technology. The lighting units being supplied would utilise modern LED technology which will last for many years in normal use and include emergency lighting for safety which the building currently lacks	Places of Worship and Burial Grounds	£5,000.00	£5,000.00	Total project cost £7,102.40. Any balance outstanding to be funded by church funds. Two quotations supplied 1 Financial Statements and Bank Statement (showing funds available to fund any balance outstanding on the project) included in the application as well the Churches Constitution.
Total Requested / Recommended				£10,000.00	£10,000.00	

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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 2022/23

	<u>2021/22</u>	<u>2022/23</u>	<u>2022/23</u>
	As per Accounts	to 30/09/2022	Full Year
	Actual	Actual	Estimate
	£	£	£
Income			
Property Rents	17,949	12,117	17,500
Dividends			
Projected Investment Income	31,756	7,571	31,000
Interest - VoG on £100,000	140	0	200
Total Income	49,845	19,688	48,700
Expenditure			
Trustee Training Costs	0	175	200
Valuation and Professional Fees	1,750	0	2,000
Court and Legal Fees	1,305	0	2,800
Survey Costs	250	0	200
Other premises costs e.g. Grounds Maintenance	150	978	2,000
Audit Fees	1,400	1,500	1,500
Grants	41,254	24,840	45,250
Total Expenditure	46,109	27,493	53,950
Total (Surplus)/Deficit for the year	-3,736	7,805	5,250
Carried forward from Prev Grant allocation	0	-5,250	-5,250
Total Contribution (from)/to Reserves	3,736	-2,555	0
Adjusted Total	0	0	0

Grant funds available:

	Total
Grant Allocation 2022/23	45,250
Recommended at Committee June 2022	-24,840
Recommended at Committee Oct 2022	-10,000 As shown in Appendix A
Balance remaining	10,410