

Regeneration & Leisure Executive Board Report

Welsh Church Fund 2018 - 2019

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Balance Available: £73,058.55

Report Value: £12,388.00

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Application Reference – WCF-18-17

Project Title	Essential Repairs to Vestry facilities
Applicant	Adulam Baptist Chapel
Project Description	<p>Adulam Baptist Chapel was founded in 1709 AD, Adulam Baptist Chapel is the oldest non-conformist chapel in Llanelli. The building was constructed in 1840 AD with additional renovations made in 1879.</p> <p>The chapel is utilised on a regular basis with two services every Sunday, Weddings, Baptisms, Funerals, Sunday School, Harvest Services, St David's Day concerts, prayer meetings, Christmas parties, Area Denominational and Interdenominational meetings, quarterly ministerial meetings, meetings of the Baptist Association of Carmarthenshire, Llanelli Town Civic Services and the Deacons and Trustees meetings.</p> <p>The vestry is a key space and currently there are issues with the toilet facilities within the vestry which are in a very poor condition and need updating. Proposed will be to re-plaster and paint the internal walls of the vestry's facilities. The chapel members currently have to hire in portable toilets for each event to avoid the disappointment over their current facilities. The upgrade/refurbishment of the vestry toilets will make it more assessable and friendly to wheelchair users and be able to offer improved changing facilities for young members attending Sunday school.</p> <p>Following the upgrade and transformation to the vestry's toilet facilities this will help play a key role for access to future services. A safe and unique space in the village, accessible by all which is comfortable. The area can be utilised in many different ways including for educational purposes and to help support a culturally dynamic area.</p>
Total Project Cost	£9,552.00- Gross
Eligible Capital	<p>£9,552.00 All Materials include (below) Re-plaster / Painting Electrics & plumbing works Removal skip</p>

Eligible Revenue	New lighting Nil
Ineligible Costs	Nil
Cllr and Officer Consultations Undertaken	Consultation has been undertaken with the local and wider community, also current users of the venue, which identified the need for this project and individual letters have also been received from the local junior school.
Ownership/ Lease	Not applicable
Funding Package	£9,552.00
Value of Community Investment	£9,552.00
Amount of grant requested	£2,388.00 @ 25%
Value of Levered Funds	£7,164.00 James Pantyfedwen – applied
Economic Benefit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of individuals into training/education • Number of individuals into volunteering • Number of individuals into employment • Number of community groups assisted - 1 • Number of social enterprises created • Number of social enterprises supported • Number of full time jobs created • Number of jobs safeguarded • Public and private leverage funding - £7,164.00
Officer Comments	<p>The chapel holds a lot of fundraisers and school concerts where at the moment some of their funds are going on portable toilets therefore the improvements are essential, which will endeavour to increase community usage of the facility also.</p> <p>Having the new toilet facilities space would make possible increased use of the facility for social community purposes, significantly improving long term sustainability of a community asset.</p>
Officer Recommendation	Award - £2,388.00
Subject to	

Application Reference – WCF-18-16

Project Title	Leisure Centre Building Extension
Applicant	Trimsaran Village Forum
Project Description	<p>The Lesiure Centre has been in community ownership since 2002, and even though it may be unique as a community owned facility, it is not unique to the concept of a being a one stop shop provider and in order to maximise its potential and further develop services for future generations it is essential to extend its footprint to allow space to grow and develop services that are essential to the community.</p> <p>The need for the project has been identified by the Forum centre staff and users of the facility, also the wider community. The centre does not have adequate space to provide a number of key activities and these services are either not currently being provided within the village or are temporary housed at facilities that are not fit for purpose.</p> <p>This project is to enable Trimsaran Forum to build an extension to the existing Leisure Centre to create further space for workshops and training, which will allow the facility to accommodate a family group, youth provision, older people activities and further training to all in the surrounding area.</p> <p>The proposed extension will be an L shaped single story attached to the current cafe area and within the boundaries of the current land leased from Carmarthenshire County Council and in order for the floor space to be maximised there will be a bi folding door between the existing cafe and new extension, which will allow a multipurpose space that can service a variety of functions and activities.</p> <p>The project will increase footfall at the centre and provide additional income, this will in turn increase the centre’s future sustainability and its ability to provide services and activities for future generations.</p> <p>The aim will be to raise the education standards of the community and provide them with the skills and confidence needed to develop and expand their earning capacity, helping to raise the standards of living in the area, by providing a programme of training and education, delivered through partnerships with organisations such as Coleg Sir Gar, Menter Cwm Gwendraeth, CAVS and Community First.</p> <p>The extension will give Bobl Bach the ability to reach out to the families that are not currently accessing the service as Trimsaran is a Flying Start area that has 105 children from the ages of 0-3 that do not currently use the provision and this project will provide and benefit them in having the space to grow and to be able to offer additional services to the families, providing a closer relationship</p>

	<p>with the wider community which its current facility does not allow. It will provide them space to have one to one sessions of a private nature that are essential within this service.</p> <p>The future development of the centre is ongoing as it is expected that the centre will continue to provide the community with the necessary services and be able to adapt to the future needs of the village. It is intended that the three key services will continue into the future as part of the development of the centre as the hub of the community as all three are essential to the health and wellbeing of the community.</p> <p>The village of Trimsaran has the highest percentage of Welsh speakers within the county of Carmarthenshire and is key to the identity of the village and despite a large number of non-Welsh speakers' moving into the area it has retained the language, which is partly due to having a category A Welsh speaking school but also due to traditional activities and cultural events that have been continued and preserved.</p> <p>The Forum is particularly keen to ensure Trimsaran retains its Welsh language for future generations and see the Leisure Centre as being a key element of sustainability and there is also strong partnerships with Menter Cwm Gwendraeth Elli and the project aims to provide a programme of Welsh Language learning in addition to the current "Clonc" afternoon session held in the cafe each week.</p> <p>As a community facility and registered charity the centre is constantly seeking ways of raising funds through events and functions, through sales and hire charges to enable self-sustainability, however, in order to be able to develop new services to the community it does require some assistance through grant funding.</p>
<p>Total Project Cost</p> <p>Eligible Capital</p> <p>Eligible Revenue</p> <p>Ineligible Costs</p>	<p>£210,356.00 - Gross</p> <p>£210,356.00 Building extension Full tender specification breakdown received with application</p> <p>Nil</p> <p>Nil</p>
<p>Cllr and Officer Consultations Undertaken</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Kim Broom • Meryl Gravell OBE • Trimsaran Community Council • Mike O'Shea – Welsh Government • Coleg Sir Gar • Lisa Clarridge – Head of Community Grants • Nerys Burton – Chief Executive Menter Cwm Gwendraeth • Amy Wakefield – CCC Senior Community Involvement Officer

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCC Planning Department • Pobol Bach Family Centre • Derwendeg Medical Centre Trimsaran
Ownership/ Lease	Lease agreement with CCC
Funding Package	£210,356.00
Value of Community Investment	£210,356.00
Amount of grant requested	£10,000.00 @ 4.75%
Value of Levered Funds	<p>£200,356.00</p> <p>£155,000 – Community Facilities Programme - secured £25,000 – Solar Panel – secured £10,356.00 – Own funds secured £10,000 – Targeted Finance fund – applied</p>
Economic Benefit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of individuals into training/education - 40 • Number of individuals into volunteering - 22 • Number of individuals into employment • Number of community groups assisted - 12 • Number of social enterprises created • Number of social enterprises supported • Number of full time jobs created - 2 • Number of jobs safeguarded - 2 • Public and private leverage funding - £200,536
Officer Comments	<p>Welsh Government funding was approved mid-July 2018, following procurement tender process, which was finalised in October 2018, which identified a shortfall against original application costs submitted. Therefore this funding has been applied due to the deadline of all match funding confirmation being secured to be confirmed with Welsh Government by 1st December 2018, as all CFP monies have to be spent by 31st March 2019.</p> <p>Without the approval of this funding, may jeopardise the overall project commencing, which has been two years in developing to this stage.</p> <p>The centre enjoys the full support of the community council who provide both financial support and advice on all matters relating to maintaining and developing the Leisure Centre as a hub of the community and enjoys the support of the community the individuals and organisations that use the facility, as it is valued and enjoyed as a place for all to meet.</p>

	<p>There will always be an ongoing programme of product development the forum will always seek ways of making Trimsaran a better place to life and work.</p> <p>As the overall project is in excess of £100,000 the value of award is in line with the funding criteria.</p>
Officer Recommendation	Award - £10,000.00
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