

**Welsh Church Fund 2020-2021**  
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**Balance Available: £45,546.71**

**Report Value: £1,330.50**

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**Application Reference – WCF-20-14**

<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Operation Umbrella</b>
<b>Applicant</b>	<b>St Paul's Manordeilo</b>
<b>Project Description</b>	<p>St Paul's church is located in the village of Cwmifor on the north side of the A40, 4 kilometres to the north-east of Llandeilo. It lies in a rectangular churchyard used as a cemetery.</p> <p>The intention is to include St Paul's within the 'Pilgrimage ring' comprising of eighteen churches, each with an individual appeal based on location, architecture, and spirituality. St Paul's can rightly hold its place as a site of pilgrimage because of its special atmosphere, stained glass and fine oil paintings. Rather austere from the outside the interior is unusually ornate for a Welsh Country Church, with a magnificent marble alter and pulpit. Originally planned by a local benefactress as a Roman Catholic church the project was abandoned but completed in 1860 after the building was rescued by an Anglican churchman, Rev. j. Griffiths of Lampeter for the sum of £275.</p> <p>The project is seeking funding for repairs needed to the Vestry roof. The Repairs are urgent, unless the project is completed the building will become unviable.</p> <p>The community benefit of this project is to existing and potential worshippers who would not find elsewhere the unique combination of church history, family ties and community cohesion they find at St Paul's.</p> <p>At a time of huge stress, the project will enable the church to be used to support the mental health and wellbeing of the whole community. The decline of public buildings such as places of worship is a source of distress to the local community, who, through they might not choose to worship there, nevertheless have an interest in its aesthetic appeal.</p>
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	<b>£5,322.00</b>
<b>Eligible Capital</b>	Vestry roof repair - £5,322.00

<b>Eligible Revenue</b>	Nil
<b>Ineligible Costs</b>	Nil
<b>Cllr and Officer Consultations Undertaken</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr. Joseph Davies</li> </ul>
<b>Ownership/ Lease</b>	Church in Wales - Building registered with Representative Body of Church in Wales
<b>Funding Package</b>	<b>£5,322.00</b>
<b>Amount of grant requested</b>	<b>£1,330.50 @ 25%</b>
<b>Value of Community Investment</b>	<b>£3,991.50</b> £1,669.50 – Williams Browns Hill (applied) £2,322.00 – Own funds secured
<b>Value of Levered Funds</b>	
<b>Economic Benefit</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of individuals into training/education</li> <li>• Number of individuals into volunteering</li> <li>• <b>Number of community groups/organisations assisted - 1</b></li> <li>• Number of social enterprises created</li> <li>• Number of social enterprises supported</li> <li>• Number of jobs created</li> <li>• Number of jobs safeguarded</li> <li>• <b>Number of physical improvements - 1</b></li> <li>• <b>Public and private leverage funding - £3,991.50</b></li> </ul>
<b>Officer Comments</b>	The church members have usually been very proactive fundraising. Due to the Covid pandemic this has not been possible, the church has found itself with depleting funds. Without this urgent repair on the roof the church will not be safe to use and will have to close. This will be a huge blow to the community it serves.
<b>Officer Recommendation</b>	<b>Award - £1,330.50</b>
<b>Subject to</b>	<b>Williams Brown Hill Fund being secured</b>