

Welsh Church Fund

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Budget Available - £56,644.59

Full Report Value: £11,875.00

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Application reference: WCF-23-07

Project Title	External & Internal Fabric Improvements
Applicant	Llanddarog Parish Church
Ward	LLANDDAROG
Project Description/ Community Benefit	<p>St Twrog's Church, Llanddarog is a well-known landmark for visitors who have travelled through West Wales. Its position and visibility on a hill overlooking the A48 trunk road means that it dominates the skyline by day and night, courtesy of floodlighting. The existing structure is a Grade II listed building, built in the 1850s on the site of a previous church, and designed by the architect R K Penson. The uniqueness of the building, created by the spire-tower, some one hundred feet in height, which is a single structure built of sandstone.</p> <p>The Church is owned by the Church in Wales, but the church members, principally the Church Committee, are fully responsible for its upkeep. Only with Church in Wales approval can the project move forward with any works on the building, which has been sought and approved.</p> <p>The church is well known throughout the Diocese as a 'living' church, utilised, throughout the week and raising significant amounts for charities, not just in the church, but also through many of the community events held. There are two services on most Sundays, usually one in Welsh and the other in English, and one bilingual service a month, every other Tuesday morning in school term time a bilingual service held, also several other services.</p> <p>The improvements will include, minor roof slate repairs, the provision of lead DPC's under the copings of the four easternmost gables, localised repointing and stone repairs, the replacing of discoloured polycarbonate window guards with new stainless-steel powder coated black guards. The replacement of plastic rainwater goods with new cast iron RWG⁹s. The provision of an improved steps arrangement to the vestry and Internal redecoration. Repair of a section of the churchyard boundary wall which is being compromised by the large tree next to it. Internal redecoration including removal of plaster in places and re-plastering, as necessary.</p> <p>The need for these repairs is to reduce water ingress and dampness, with internal redecoration as necessary to avoid fabric deterioration,</p>

	<p>also enhancing the church to encourage further participation of the community it serves.</p> <p>The Church Committee consists of 19 members, who are responsible for future maintenance and liability of the project and will continue to hold events to raise money as an when necessary to ensure sufficient funds are available for the day-to-day maintenance.</p>
<p>Total Project Cost</p> <p>Eligible Capital</p> <p>Amount and % of grant requested</p> <p>Match funding</p>	<p>£166,284 – Gross</p> <p>£166,284.00</p> <p>£23,850.00 – General preliminaries, H&S £97,944 – External fabric repairs £10,158.00 – Churchyard boundary works £24,540 – Internal works £5,292.00 – Nave truss repairs £3,600 – Completion of works & contingency</p> <p>£10,000 Maximum award</p> <p>£156,284.00</p> <p>Trust own funds secured of £93k, also £62k in a reserve fund, ongoing fundraising, also applying to other external funders, to maintain the reserve fund.</p>
Officer Comments	<p>All the required supporting evidence has been provided including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listed building consent • Tender documents <p>The Chapel has consulted extensively with all residents and relevant parties, have provided this evidence with the application.</p> <p>Fully supported by Ward Member – Cllr. Ann Davies</p>
Economic Benefit/Outputs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of individuals into training/education - 0 • Number of individuals into volunteering - 19 • Number of individuals into employment - 0 • No of community groups/organisations assisted - 1 • Number of social enterprises created - 0 • Number of social enterprises supported - 0 • Number of full-time jobs created - 0 • Number of jobs safeguarded - 0 • Number of physical improvements – 5 • Public and private leverage funding - £156,284.00
Recommendation	Award - £10,000

Application reference: WCF-23-10

Project Title	Urgent repairs
Applicant	Penybanc Welfare Association
Ward	SARON
Project Description/ Community Benefit	<p>Acoustic ceiling tiles and roof insulation need to be replaced at Penybanc Hall due to a recent infestation of squirrels. A pest control company attended 3 times in 2022 to attend to the issue.</p> <p>The squirrels are thought to have originally entered the premises during the Covid lockdown, when the hall was unattended. The committee has paid a company to extend coverage of inadequate sized weatherboards where the squirrels had access to the roof space, this work should stop future entry.</p> <p>Unfortunately, the squirrels had nested in specific areas and have gnawed through ceiling tiles causing significant damage.</p> <p>Funding is required to purchase materials, including insulation and tiles. Essential works will take approximately 3 weeks to complete.</p>
Total Project Cost	£15,000 – Gross
Eligible Capital	£15,000.00
	£3,000.00 – Hire of skips
	£12,000 – Replacement insulation/ceiling tiles & labour
Amount and % of grant requested	£1,875.00 @ 12.5%
Match funding	£13,125.00
	£12,000 – Mynydd y Betws Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund - secured
	£1,125.00 – Own funds
Contributing to the themes of the Fund	Recreation, Education, Health, Environment, Energy efficiency/sustainability & Culture.
Officer Comments	<p>All the required Policies have been provided.</p> <p>The project contributes to all themes of the fund.</p> <p>Significant Community Benefit to many target groups, with satisfactory evidence of need, with ongoing community consultation undertaken on a regular basis.</p> <p>Evidence of good governance and successful track record of project delivery, strong management group, evidence of financial sustainability in place.</p>

	<p>Currently the hall is losing income, so the work is essential for the long-term sustainability of the hall, which has previously been funded with the support of this funding.</p> <p>They will be able to re-open the hall for parties and events, which has had a negative effect on their rental income and has caused disappointment to potential hirers who had previously returned regularly, following COVID to celebrate at the hall.</p> <p>This funding request would be difficult to source from elsewhere, due to the urgency of the repairs to re-open the facility, due to the income being lost.</p>
<p>Economic Benefit/Outputs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of individuals into training/education - 0 • Number of individuals into volunteering - 2 • Number of individuals into employment - 0 • No of community groups/organisations assisted - 1 • Number of social enterprises created - 0 • Number of social enterprises supported - 0 • Number of full-time jobs created - 0 • Number of jobs safeguarded - 0 • Public and private leverage funding - £3,000
<p>Recommendation</p>	<p>Award - £1,875.00</p>