Covid 19 – Welsh Church fund Report

Fund	Name of Applicant	Project Title	Project Description	Geograp hic area	Area of Benefit / Target group	Comments	Consultation	Award Recommend- ation
Welsh Church Fund	Church In Wales	Zoom Support	Church In Wales cover the following parishes: Llanpumsaint, Llanllawddog, St Celynin Bronwydd , St Alban's CwmDuad, St David;s Abergwili, St Peter's Carmarthen, St John's Carmarthen, Christchurch Carmarthen, Langunnor, Newchurch and Cynwl Elfed. They are requesting a grant to enable them to purchase a business user Zoom Licence for a year, this allows up to 8 hosts. A host can have unlimited meetings supporting up to 100 participants. They already use Zoom extensively to support local communities; however, this support could be extended across the Local Ministry area with the purchase of more appropriate licences. They hold Zoom Youth groups, Funeral Bereavement support coffee mornings and Church services. Zoom has broken down barriers of attendance for the housebound, disabled and rurally isolated (without transport many of their churches are not served by public buses on Sundays). They have seen some people return to church and church social activities have increased numbers attending. They plan to continue virtual provision even when lockdown is completely lifted. They have plans to offer Zoom Meditation sessions soon, which may be of benefit to people's mental and spiritual health. Zoom has also allowed them to have staff and volunteer training, committee meetings etc. during lockdown to enable the continued smooth running of their projects and outreach. They recognised the benefits of Zoom especially regarding reducing the need for travel and subsequent impact on the environment. They will continue to use Zoom if they are able to fund the relevant licences. Project Cost: Business Zoom Licence, unlimited use for up to 8 hosts, each meeting being able to support 100 participants. This licence lasts for a year. £1,151.04 the £151.04 will be funded by Church in Wales Amount requested £1,000.00	County Wide	All in the community, including those in rural isolation		The Assessment Panel Team	£1,000.00
Total No Applicati ons	1							Total Amount £1,000.00

ANNEX 2

Report Date - **02 July 2020** Total Number of Covid 19 Applications - 1 Total Amount - **£1,000.00** Panel date: **02 July 2020**