

**Regeneration & Leisure Executive Board Report**  
**Welsh Church Fund 2015- 2016**  
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**Application Reference – WCF- 15 - 44**

<b>Project Title</b>	Upgrading of the Centre
<b>Applicant</b>	Antioch Christian Centre
<b>Project Description</b>	<p>The Antioch Centre objectives are to improve the social and economic quality of life in Llanelli. They currently provide a variety of activities for the community ranging from food and clothes bank, Life share for debt and money advice, 50+ lunches, family events, also health and wellbeing classes.</p> <p><b>This project is to upgrade the centre</b> ensuring it is fit for purpose going forward and enabling the centre to cope with the increasing demand and provide quality services for the local community.</p> <p>The community and other agencies access the facilities/services or are referred to them as determined by their needs and Antioch anticipate this demand increasing given the continued austerity agenda being implemented by central government.</p> <p>This includes:</p> <p><b>Health</b> - Weekly exercise classes – Zumba, armchair exercises for 50+, Yoga, Under 9's Indoor cricket, Wrestling; Mental Health courses/counselling – weekly-fixed term; weekly Tenovus choir; Charity fundraisers; In partnership with Hywel Dda Health Bd's Community Resource Team provide a base for Phlebotomy/other clinics, Dementia support group - signposting to a variety of community based health interventions to promote healthier living e.g Healthy Cooking on a Budget Courses.</p> <p><b>Children and Young People</b> - Weekly family support group; Weekly Brownies and Rainbows classes, sleepovers; weekly Youth group activities; Monthly support and playgroup for disabled children; Local PTA's annual Fayres; occasional Charity Fundraisers; 5 day Theatre Summer School and youth activities; Monthly youth consultation meetings.</p>

	<p><b>Training/Education</b> - Monthly Driving Awareness Training course; 6 x 6 weeks of Healthy Cooking on a Budget courses for adults, 16-25 years, children; Weekly Basic Skills Course – Communities First; One day First Aid/Food Hygiene Courses; One day Child Protection Course; Stroke Awareness Day; Time Credits training; Annual conferences for men, women and young people; Recording/rehearsal space, music tuition and Rock School examinations.</p> <p><b>Mitigate Poverty</b> - Food/Clothes/Furniture Bank open 2 hours a day for 4 days pw; Lunch &amp; Play provides support in school holidays for families that qualify for free school meals – play activities and a hot meal for children and parents; Christmas LIFESHARE event provides 2 course Christmas meal, Santa’s Grotto, toys for children, Christmas hamper for the family; Internet access for money/debt advice ; weekly debt and benefit advice one-to-one sessions working with Communities First; Monthly Indoor bootsales providing access to affordable quality second hand goods ; Charis - a group of women that befriend prostitutes working in local brothels – bi-weekly and providing support from the food/clothes/furniture bank</p>
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	<b>£432,471.00 - Gross</b>
<b>Eligible Capital</b>	<b>£432,471.00</b>
<b>Eligible Revenue</b>	<b>Nil</b>
<b>Ineligible Costs</b>	<b>Nil</b>
<b>Cllr and Officer Consultations Undertaken</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr. Meryl Gravell</li> <li>• Cllr. Pam Palmer</li> <li>• Amy Hawkins – Cluster Manager Communities First</li> <li>• John Collard – Seaside Community Association</li> <li>• Paul Sheridan – Carmarthenshire Manager, The Wallich Homeless Charity</li> <li>• Cllr. Winston Lemon</li> <li>• Cllr. Louvain Roberts</li> </ul>
<b>Ownership/ Lease</b>	Lease Agreement
<b>Funding Package</b>	<b>£432,471.00</b>
<b>Value of Community</b>	<b>£432,471.00</b>

<p><b>Investment</b></p> <p><b>Amount of grant requested</b></p> <p><b>Value of Levered Funds</b></p>	<p><b>£10,000.00</b> (Maximum award for projects in excess of £100k)</p> <p><b>£422,471.00</b> <b>Communities and Facilities Programme - Applied</b></p>
<p><b>Economic Benefit</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of individuals into training/education</li> <li>• Number of individuals into volunteering</li> <li>• Number of individuals into employment</li> <li>• <b>Number of community groups assisted - 19</b></li> <li>• Number of social enterprises created</li> <li>• Number of social enterprises supported</li> <li>• Number of full time jobs created</li> <li>• Number of jobs safeguarded</li> <li>• <b>Public and private leverage funding - £432,471.00</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>Officer Comments</b></p>	<p>Antioch has a site visit booked with the Welsh Government for the Community Facilities Programme on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2015. This is one of the final stages for assessment of the grant application. A decision on whether to award the money will be imminent. Antioch currently complies with State Aid regulations. In relation to this project's outputs, both the Church Fund and WG Community Facilities Programme grants could also be awarded under the General Block Exemption Regulation.</p>
<p><b>Officer Recommendation</b></p>	<p><b>Award - £10,000.00</b></p>
<p><b>Subject to</b></p>	<p><b>All match funding being secured</b></p>

## Application Reference – WCF- 15 - 51

<b>Project Title</b>	Churchyard Wall Repairs
<b>Applicant</b>	St Teilo's Church - Llandeilo
<b>Project Description</b>	<p><b>St Teilo's Church</b> stands on a site where there has been Christian worship for nearly fifteen centuries, dating back to the mission of St Teilo in the sixth century. A visitor to Llandeilo cannot help noticing the church, which, with its enormous churchyard, is the town's most conspicuous feature. The church building which you see today was completed in 1850; the tower is late medieval, but the churchyard and the site on which the church stands have a much longer history.</p> <p>At the opening of the present building in 1850, the nave was a vast one, seating some 700 people. In 1979 the north aisle was divided off to create a hall area within the building, together with a kitchen and conveniences, to adapt the building to the needs of the parish.</p> <p>On the south side of the churchyard, in the wall along Church Street, may be seen an alcove in which a small conduit carries water from a spring in the churchyard itself. This is the outlet from St. Teilo's well which is situated near the eastern end of the church. The well supplied the townsfolk with water for centuries, until covered over in the mid nineteenth century. It is probably a sacred spring, perhaps used as a baptistry from early times.</p> <p>This project is for the emergency church wall repairs which will be supervised by the Architect who provided the Quinquennial report.</p> <p>Carmarthenshire County Council has stated that this work has to be carried out as a matter of urgency, temporary netting has been erected to provisionally secure the wall for public safety.</p>
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	£12,350.00
<b>Eligible Capital</b>	<b>£12,350.00 - Gross</b>
<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 Edward G Thomas</li> <li>• Parochial Church Council</li> <li>• CCC Technical Services</li> </ul>
<b>Ownership/ Lease</b>	Ownership
<b>Funding Package</b>	£12,350.00
<b>Value of Community</b>	<b>£12,350.00</b>

<p><b>Investment</b></p> <p><b>Amount of grant requested</b></p> <p><b>Value of Levered Funds</b></p>	<p><b>£3,000.00 @ 25%</b></p> <p><b>£9,350.00</b> <b>Own funds secured</b></p>
<p><b>Economic Benefit</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of individuals into training/education</li> <li>• Number of individuals into volunteering</li> <li>• Number of individuals into employment</li> <li>• <b>Number of community groups assisted - 1</b></li> <li>• Number of social enterprises created</li> <li>• Number of social enterprises supported</li> <li>• Number of full time jobs created</li> <li>• Number of jobs safeguarded</li> <li>• <b>Public and private leverage funding - £12,350.00</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>Officer Comments</b></p>	<p>This project funding request is for repairs to the churchyard wall, which meets the criteria of the fund.</p>
<p><b>Officer Recommendation</b></p>	<p><b>Award - £3,000.00</b></p>
<p><b>Subject to</b></p>	

## Application Reference – WCF- 15 - 52

<b>Project Title</b>	Internal/External Refurbishment
<b>Applicant</b>	Bethlehem Congregational Chapel
<b>Project Description</b>	<p><b>Bethlehem</b> is a tiny farming village in the county of Carmarthenshire, Wales, lying in the Tywi Valley Northeast of Llandeilo and Southwest of Llangadog, the chapel is situated a few hundred yards South of the village, which is quiet and scheduled, that is apart from the month of December when thousands of people flock to the village in order to post their Christmas cards and receive the unique Bethlehem Postmark on their letters, even from places as far away, as America and Germany.</p> <p>The chapel itself, once described as one of the loveliest in Wales, is actually very simple, and seemingly completely unchanged since it was last altered as long ago as 1874. Typically for a rural Welsh chapel, there is no notice board outside advertising the name of the minister and his contact details, or even of the times of the services. It is simply taken for granted that everyone in the area knows. Facing the roadside, steep steps mount up to the schoolroom, beneath which is a door which once led into a stable, now converted into a toilet. At the bottom of the steps, a stone mounting block betrays the fact that many of the congregation, even in the first half of the twentieth century, would have had to travel on horseback, some a great distance across wild country, in order to worship here. This end of the building is a plain, simple box construction.</p> <p>This project is for essential repairs to include roof, wall plates, fascia boards and re-plastering, full breakdown of costs have been provided with the application.</p>
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	£8,240.28
<b>Eligible Capital</b>	<b>£8,240.28 - Gross</b>
<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 Andrew James</li> </ul>
<b>Ownership/ Lease</b>	Ownership – Independent Religious Organisation

<b>Funding Package</b>	£8,240.28
<b>Value of Community Investment</b>	£8,240.28
<b>Amount of grant requested</b>	<b>£2,060.00 @ 25%</b>
<b>Value of Levered Funds</b>	<b>£6,180.28 Own funds secured</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>• Number of individuals into employment</li> <li>• <b>Number of community groups assisted - 1</b></li> <li>• Number of social enterprises created</li> <li>• Number of social enterprises supported</li> <li>• Number of full time jobs created</li> <li>• Number of jobs safeguarded</li> <li>• <b>Public and private leverage funding - £8,240.28</b></li> </ul>
<b>Officer Comments</b>	Refurbishment works are required to the chapel, which fit the criteria of the grant
<b>Officer Recommendation</b>	<b>Award - £2,060.00</b>
<b>Subject to</b>	

## Application Reference – WCF- 15 - 53

<b>Project Title</b>	Astro Turf Surface
<b>Applicant</b>	Newcastle Emlyn Bowling Club
<b>Project Description</b>	<p>The objectives of the club are to foster, promote and regulate the amateur level green Game of Bowls in Newcastle Emlyn, which was established 88 years ago, and current users of the facility is in excess of 500.</p> <p>The present surface is currently unfit for purpose as other clubs in the Ceredigion league are very reluctant to play on the inferior surface and every club in the league have written a letter of complaint, undoubtedly, bowling would be finished in Newcastle Emlyn if not replaced.</p> <p>Members of the club have visited St Mellon's in Cardiff and Cowbridge bowling green's to seek advice and assistance in developing this project and subsequent quotes have been obtained from Greengage and Dales respectively who developed their surfaces.</p> <p>After due consideration and consultation, the overwhelming majority of the current users were in favour of Dales, and this project is for new artificial astro turf surface.</p>
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	£30,750.00
<b>Eligible Capital</b>	<b>£30,750.00 - Gross</b>
<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. Hazel Evans</li> <li>• CAVS</li> <li>• Sport Wales</li> <li>• Ian Jones – Head of Leisure &amp; Sport</li> <li>• Community Councillors</li> </ul>
<b>Ownership/ Lease</b>	Lease Agreement with Carmarthenshire County Council
<b>Funding Package</b>	£30,750.00
<b>Value of Community</b>	<b>£30,750.00</b>



<p><b>Investment</b></p> <p><b>Amount of grant requested</b></p> <p><b>Value of Levered Funds</b></p>	<p><b>£3,000.00 @ 9.76%</b></p> <p><b>£27,750.00</b></p> <p><b>£12,000 – Own funds secured</b></p> <p><b>£12,800.00 – Sponsorship/fundraising secured to date</b></p>
<p><b>Economic Benefit</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of individuals into training/education</li> <li>• Number of individuals into volunteering</li> <li>• Number of individuals into employment</li> <li>• <b>Number of community groups assisted - 1</b></li> <li>• Number of social enterprises created</li> <li>• Number of social enterprises supported</li> <li>• Number of full time jobs created</li> <li>• Number of jobs safeguarded</li> <li>• <b>Public and private leverage funding - £30,750.00</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>Officer Comments</b></p>	<p>Long term assistance has been given to this group in developing and moving forward with this project, extensive consultation has been undertaken with both internal and external bodies to achieve the successful outcome of this project.</p>
<p><b>Officer Recommendation</b></p>	<p><b>Award - £3,000.00</b></p>
<p><b>Subject to</b></p>	

## Application Reference – WCF- 15 - 54

<b>Project Title</b>	Refurbishment
<b>Applicant</b>	St David's Church - Betws
<b>Project Description</b>	<p>St David's Church, Betws, is described as being medieval, possibly 13-15th century, despite extensive renovation in 1872 it still retains about 60% of its medieval core fabric. The church was originally in the parish of Llangyfelach just over the Betws mountain which also included modern day Hendy. The name 'Betws' suggests that there was once a 'bedehouse' in the area, thought to have been a building on the nearby Maes y Betws field. Along with all the other bedehouses in Wales this building has long disappeared. They were all either destroyed or incorporated into present church buildings. A bedehouse was a place of sanctuary, and also associated with almshouses. They had a 'bedesman' in residence whose task was to pray for the founder. The 'bedes' of the name are the rosary beads used in the Catholic Church. Of course, all British churches were once Catholic, until Henry VIII invented a novel way of obtaining a divorce by changing his, and the rest of the country's, religion.</p> <p>A recent archaeological study of the structure of the building suggests that the nave and chancel may date back to 1300. The south porch, which is the entrance to the church, was added a little later but might also belong to the 14th century. Elements of the nave and porch roofs are thought to be 17th century and the bellcote has been dated to 1696.</p> <p>This project is for refurbishment as recommended by Hook Mason Architects in their report which is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carry out repairs and re-pointing to the South West buttress, including the supply and installation of suitable anchoring devices as deemed necessary to secure the buttress to the church building wall.</li> <li>• To install a suitable soak away system adjacent to the church building at the South West corner, to adequately remove any rainwater runoff from the roof and gutter. The soak away will be located beneath the tarmac path in line with building regulations.</li> <li>• Remove all overhead heaters, isolators and vestry storage heaters. Change all lights to LED units.</li> </ul> <p>In undertaking these works, the fabric of the church will be restored to a satisfactory state, ensuring the full use of the building.</p>

<b>Total Project Cost</b>	£6,916.72
<b>Eligible Capital</b>	<b>£6,916.72 - Gross</b>
<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. Ryan Bartlett</li> <li>• CCC Planning Department</li> <li>• James Yeandle – CCC Conservation Officer</li> </ul>
<b>Ownership/ Lease</b>	Ownership – Church In Wales
<b>Funding Package</b>	£6,916.72
<b>Value of Community Investment</b>	<b>£6,916.72</b>
<b>Amount of grant requested</b>	<b>£1,729.18 @ 25%</b>
<b>Value of Levered Funds</b>	<b>£5,187.54</b> <b>Funds have been secured from the following.</b> Betws Community Council Garfield Weston Foundation Cadw
<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>• Number of individuals into employment</li> <li>• <b>Number of community groups assisted - 1</b></li> <li>• Number of social enterprises created</li> <li>• Number of social enterprises supported</li> <li>• Number of full time jobs created</li> <li>• Number of jobs safeguarded</li> <li>• <b>Public and private leverage funding - £6,916.72</b></li> </ul>
<b>Officer Comments</b>	A recent survey by an approved electrical contractor deemed the church to be in an unsatisfactory condition; accordingly remedial works have been agreed and are due to start in February 2016, which fit the criteria of the grant.
<b>Officer Recommendation</b>	<b>Award - £1,729.18</b>
<b>Subject to</b>	