

Regeneration & Leisure Executive Board Report
Welsh Church Fund 2016- 2017
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Application Reference – WCF- 16-01

Project Title	Chapel Refurbishment & Repairs
Applicant	Bethel Chapel
Project Description	<p>Dre-fach Felindre is a village in Carmarthenshire, West Wales. It is located four miles south-east of Newcastle Emlyn. It lies at the confluence of three fast-flowing streams, the Nant Bargod, Nant Esgair and Nant Brân, where their steep-sided valleys open out into the Teifi Valley. In the 19th and early 20th century it was an important centre for the woollen industry and was given the epithet, "the Huddersfield of Wales". As the population increased, the villages of Dre-fach and Velindre extended and merged to form the present community.</p> <p>Bethel Baptist Chapel is situated in Drefach, built by Daniel Davies, in 1889-90, it has a typical plastered front with centre arch and Florentine timber tracery</p> <p>Dre-fach Felindre has little industry today. The mills still stand as monuments to the past but have been put to other uses. One now houses the National Woollen Museum, another a furniture warehouse and others have been converted to residences or accommodation for holiday visitors. There is a post office, a few shops, a church, several chapels and a primary school, Ysgol Gynradd Penboyr. There is a community hall, the Red Dragon Hall, and a children's playground.</p> <p>This funding request is to refurbish the Chapel, upgrade to include external fascias and guttering, internal plastering and decorating, also repairs to the graveyard gates. The overall costs include all labour, plant, scaffolding and materials to ensure work is carried out to a high standard.</p>
Total Project Cost	£8,496.00 – (Gross)
Eligible Capital	£8,496.00
Schedule of breakdown costs provided with Application	

Eligible Revenue	Nil
Ineligible Costs	Nil
Cllr and Officer Consultations Undertaken	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr. Ken Howell
Ownership/ Lease	Welsh Independent
Funding Package	£8,496.00
Value of Community Investment	£8,496.00
Amount of grant requested	£2,124.00 @ 25%
Value of Levered Funds	£6,372.00 £496.00 – Own funds secured £5,000.00 – Applied James Pantyfedwen Applying All Churches Trust
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 - £ 8,496.00
Officer Comments	Bethel Chapel holds regular services and currently has 50 members and their contributions support the ongoing maintenance of the building.
Officer Recommendation	Award - £2,124.00
Subject to	

Application Reference – WCF- 16 - 02

Project Title	Rebuilding of Boundary Wall
Applicant	Bethania Congregational Church
Project Description	<p>Bethania Independent Chapel is in the parish of Llannon, in the union of Llanelli, containing 1769 inhabitants. It extends six miles in length from north to south.</p> <p>Llannon has deep historical links with the Rebecca Riots and there is even rumoured to be a "secret passage" under the main road running through the village. This passage was said to have been used by Oliver Cromwell and possibly the Rebecca Rioters as an escape route. The passage runs from the Red Lion public house to the parish church.</p> <p>Another public house, called the Greyhound Inn, lies on the Llannon to Hendy road junction. It is unknown which is older, but the road that the Greyhound Inn lies on has a watering fountain which was built to water horses of passing carts.</p> <p>The village has grown in recent years with two new small housing estates having been constructed since 1999. The area is now considered more of a commuter village due to its proximity to the M4 in Hendy. The local school recently underwent a large extension programme to cope with the increased demand for schooling from the growing population.</p> <p>This project is for rebuilding the boundary wall surrounding the property known as Bethania Chapel, which is for a length of wall extending from the front of the chapel as far as the boundary towards Cross Hands.</p> <p>The existing wall is crumbling and parts of the rock face blocks are now falling into the pavement, effecting the pedestrian walk way.</p> <p>The gate and railings will also be removed and replaced.</p>
Total Project Cost	£15,014.40 – (Gross)
Eligible Capital	£15,014.40
Eligible Revenue	Quotations provided for rebuilding boundary wall
Ineligible Costs	Nil
Cllr and Officer Consultations Undertaken	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Emlyn Dole
Ownership/ Lease	Ownership – HMRC Charity reference XN27684

Funding Package	£15,014.40 - gross
Value of Community Investment	£15,014.40
Amount of grant requested	£3,000.00 @19.9%
Value of Levered Funds	£13,014.40 Own funds secured Applied to Stephen Clark Charitable Trust
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 - £15,014.40
Officer Comments	The Chapel has in excess of 80 Annual special services, with 30 members attending Sunday School services, and 35 individuals regularly attending services. The facility is utilised by community groups and the vestry is used as a polling station when required.
Officer Recommendation	Award - £3,000.00
Subject to	

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Application Reference – WCF- 16 - 04

Project Title	Equipment and Grand Piano Appeal
Applicant	All Saints Church, Ammanford
Project Description	<p>Having raised the incredible £500,000 required to undertake the renovation work they are now planning the next stage to ensure the facility includes all the necessary equipment and accessories in place in readiness for the official launch and to deliver their extensive community activity programme thereafter.</p> <p>All Saints is a focal point for Civic and Community Events and Celebrations; will be a hub of activity for a diverse set of groups including: Ammanford Arts Club, The British Legion, Gateway Charity Group for the Disabled, Home Start, Schools and the College.</p>

	<p>The transformation has allowed preserving an iconic Grade II listed building for future generations; its unique selling point is its seating capacity of 500+. The renovation will now allow the facility to remain open throughout the year which will bring great benefits to the community. Positive impacts include new projects and activities, increased footfall, more cultural performances, musical and dramatic performances.</p> <p>The venue is in demand from several local schools as they do not have capacity at their own facilities, as well as local choirs, arts and cultural groups, central to securing these bookings will be the purchase of a Grand Piano as each performance will need professional instrument accompaniment.</p> <p>The Grand Piano will be quite a feature, which will attract new bookings and the quality of the performances will be improved which will ensure repeat custom. The BBC has already expressed an interest in utilising the venue for Concerts.</p> <p>Funding is also required to purchase suitable Chairs, Tables and a trolley to effortlessly manoeuvre them from room to room. These are practical requirements which will allow them to offer the community facility out for hire at a competitive fee.</p>
<p>Total Project Cost</p> <p>Eligible Capital</p> <p>Eligible Revenue</p> <p>Ineligible Costs</p>	<p>£27,701.00 – (Gross)</p> <p>£22,701.00 £20,000 – Piano £360.00 – A Frame £210.00 – Cover £2,131.00 - Furniture</p> <p>Nil</p> <p>Nil</p>
<p>Cllr and Officer Consultations Undertaken</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr. Deian Harries
<p>Ownership/ Lease</p>	<p>Church ownership</p>
<p>Funding Package</p> <p>Value of Community Investment</p> <p>Amount of grant requested</p> <p>Value of Levered Funds</p>	<p>£27,701.00 - gross</p> <p>£27,701.00</p> <p>£3,000.00 @ 13.2%</p> <p>£19,701.00</p> <p>£5,000 – James Pantyfedwen secured £15,000 – Mynydd Y Betws applied</p>

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 - £19,701.00
Officer Comments	Re - dedication of All Saints and its official opening for community use is scheduled for late May 2016. In order to fulfill the objectives of All Saints accommodating special celebrations and performances, it is also their intention to purchase tables, chairs and a Grand Piano. The Grand Piano will be an attractive and essential addition to the community facility allowing them to meet the grant project outputs and outcomes.
Officer Recommendation	Award - £3,000.00
Subject to	


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Application Reference – WCF- 16-09

Project Title	Sessional Outreach Counsellor
Applicant	Cancer Information & Support Services
Project Description	<p>CISS introduced its unique outreach service into Carmarthenshire 2010, in response to more and more demand from health professionals referring patients to the service, plus self referrals. The project was a great success with over 8000 individuals being supported in the three years of the project.</p> <p>In spite of Lottery funding expiring in 2013, CISS was able to financially sustain the service albeit on a scaled down basis, however, demand on the service steadily increased and in the year to March 2015, 3015 contacts were made in Carmarthenshire. Hywel Dda Health Board and health professionals which include, Oncologists, GP's, Cancer specialist nurses and Social workers fully endorse the support CISS offers individuals across the county and recognising the effectiveness of the Outreach service, taking support to the individual's home in what can be very remote and rural areas of the county.</p> <p>The purpose of this application is to employ a further part time sessional outreach counsellor to address the increasing demand. CISS opened a charity shop in Blue Street, Carmarthen town centre in 2012 and profits from this shop will be put towards the workers costs, in support of the residents of Carmarthenshire.</p>

Total Project Cost	£13,476.00 – (Gross)
Eligible Capital	Nil
Eligible Revenue	£13,476.00 £11,700 – Sessional worker £1,680 – Travelling costs £96.00 – Mobile phone
Ineligible Costs	Nil
Cllr and Officer Consultations Undertaken	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr. Emlyn Dole – Leader • Cllr. Peter Hughes Griffiths - Chairman
Ownership/ Lease Funding Package	Not applicable for this project
Value of Community Investment	£13,476.00
Amount of grant requested	£3,000.00 £10,476.00
Value of Levered Funds	£5,476.00 – Own Funds secured £2,000.00 – Llanelli Rural Council - Applied £3,000.00 – Charitable Trust secured
Economic Benefit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of individuals into training/education - 21 • Number of individuals into volunteering - 21 • 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 - £13,476.00
Officer Comments	<p>All staff and some volunteers have achieved the Counselling Diploma qualification and in respect of those volunteers who currently and in future working towards the qualification, internal are training is also arranged by the organisation, such as palliative cancer care.</p> <p>The organisation is also working closely with Hospices within Carmarthenshire.</p>
Officer Recommendation	Award - £3,000.00
Subject to	

Application Reference – WCF- 16-10

Project Title	Celtic Challenge Event
Applicant	Towy Boat Club
Project Description	<p>The Towy Boat Club is local, situated on the river Towy 2 miles from Llanstephan, dedicated to providing boating facilities to both local members of the community and those visiting the area. The club opened in 1978 by local people and now has over 400 members.</p> <p>This funding request is to support a project being undertaken by the members of the rowing section of Towy Boat Club, consisting of six ladies and six men, who will with other boats, row their Celtic Long Boat in the Celtic Challenge Event.</p> <p>The Celtic Challenge is the World's Longest true rowing race where teams race from Arklow in County Wicklow, Ireland to Aberystwyth on the Welsh coast, a distance of about 90 nautical miles. Celtic and Pembrokeshire longboats take part and each boat is about 24 feet (8m) long and has 4 fixed seats and one cox.</p> <p>Each team doing the Celtic Challenge consists of 12 people who take it in turns to row, spending the time in between on a support boat. A small inflatable is generally used to transfer people between the support boat and the rowing boat.</p>  <p>The race is an extreme test of endurance and generally takes between 15 and 24 hours, depending on the weather. The race usually starts in the afternoon with all teams rowing throughout the night and sometimes arriving in Aberystwyth very early in the morning!</p>
Total Project Cost	£4,500.00 – (Gross)
Eligible Capital	Nil
Eligible Revenue	<p>£4,500.00</p> <p>To include transport, entry fees, accommodation, support crew, charter costs</p>

Ineligible Costs	Nil
Cllr and Officer Consultations Undertaken	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liz Dutch – Llanstephan & Llanybri Community Council • Nicola Thomas –Assistant Welsh Coastal Sculls Coach • Cllr Jane Tremlett
Ownership/ Lease Funding Package	Not applicable
Value of Community Investment	£5,000.00
Amount of grant requested	£5,000.00
Value of Levered Funds	£500.00 @ 10%
	£4,500.00
	Fundraising events, sponsorship - secured
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 - £4,500
Officer Comments	To raise funds for this event the rowing section has been running fundraising events at the boat club and is supported by all the members and community.
Officer Recommendation	Award - £500.00
Subject to	

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Application Reference – WCF- 16-11

Project Title	Improvement / Redesign of Chapel interior
Applicant	Gellimanwydd Chapel
Project Description	Gellimanwydd is the oldest chapel in Ammanford, dating back to 1782. It was also known as "Cross Inn Chapel"; Ammanford having been originally named "Cross Inn until 1880." When this Independent chapel was rebuilt in 1836, it was renamed "Christian Temple", as it was expected that the chapel would eventually become anglicised. Today, Welsh is the predominant medium for

	<p>the services and congregation. In 1865, the chapel was extended, with the vestry being added in 1884.</p> <p>The project is to enhance the core activities of Gellimanwydd Chapel, by re-designing the interior and creating a stage, which will improve and enhance the Christian services of the congregation by allowing better use of the chapel for its services.</p> <p>The project will involve taking out the front seats and first two rows of pews in the Chapel and replacing the area with staging, which will allow better use of the Chapel and make it fit for purpose for the 21 Century and the redesign will make the chapel far more suited for Congregational use, especially during family services when young children take part.</p> <p>It will also be far better for community use especially for concerts and services by community organisations. Local schools and organisations currently use the building but the improvement will ensure it is better suited to their needs and lead to more use age.</p> <p>Gellimanwydd have consulted with local organisations and have included letters of support from new groups who will use the facilities when the redesign is complete.</p>
Total Project Cost	£20,000.00 – (Gross)
Eligible Capital	£20,000.00 Re-design of Chapel interior
Eligible Revenue	Nil
Ineligible Costs	Nil
Cllr and Officer Consultations Undertaken	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr. Deian Harries
Ownership/ Lease	Ownership - Charity chapel reference X88943
Funding Package	£20,000.00 - gross
Value of Community Investment	£20,000.00
Amount of grant requested	£3,000.00 @ 15%
Value of Levered Funds	£17,000.00 £15,000.00 – Applying Mynydd y Betws £2,000.00 – Own funds secured
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

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 - £17,000
Officer Comments	<p>The grant will accelerate the implementation of the project. It is fully sustainable in both the short and long term. The refurbishment project will ensure that the chapel is fit for purpose and therefore lead to its long term sustainability.</p> <p>The project aims to provide this facility for community use. Also Gellimanwydd has a large car park that could be used during these services and concerts.</p>
Officer Recommendation	Award - £3,000.00
Subject to	

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Application Reference – WCF- 16-07

Project Title	Outdoor Classroom and Recreation Area – Llandybie School
Applicant	Llandybie PTFA
Project Description	<p>Llandybie school is in a small village, which has a major emphasis of community interaction through the school and its activities. The school has an abundance of outdoor space available but it is very much a concrete jungle with very limited outdoor provisions for children to explore and develop their outdoor learning experience.</p> <p>This project is for an Outdoor Community Classroom and Recreation Facility which will provide outdoor learning, play and creativity at the School. It is anticipated an enhanced healthy lifestyle through its physical interaction, along with an enhanced learning experience with the themed surrounding of the build and sustainability of the school will be enhanced with the addition of the proposed installation.</p> <p>The funding will be used for the building works, which includes material elements such as fencing, ground material and specific equipment. In the building and supplying an outdoor creative classroom for the purpose of physical activity, creativity and enhanced learning, which will provide Llandybie School and the community with a much needed, invaluable and unique area of learning and development.</p> <p>The outdoor classroom and recreation facility will contribute to the educational facilities of the school, along with the enhancement of recreational facilities for the children and village.</p>

	Significant consultation has been made with parents, members of the community, the school council, the after school club and the local pre- school Nursery, and all are in agreement and support that such an enhancement project would be a fantastic addition to the school and village of Llandybie.
Total Project Cost	£23,427.62 – (Gross)
Eligible Capital	£23,427.62
Eligible Revenue	Nil
Ineligible Costs	Nil
Cllr and Officer Consultations Undertaken	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr. Anthony Davies • Cllr. Anthony Jones • Stephanie Williams – LEA Senior School Organisation Officer
Ownership/ Lease	CCC Ownership
Funding Package	£23,427.62 - gross
Value of Community Investment	<p>£23,427.62</p> <p>£11,930.42 - 62m of 1.2m high fencing in green to include 2 1.2m high gates 1.2m high and 1.2m wide</p> <p>£11,497.20 - Play tower 2.6m x 3.3m to include ramp, slide climbing wall, bridge, 3 x tower platforms, alphabet and animal discovery boards and 6m x 6.5m of coloured EPDM wet pour surfacing.</p>
Amount of grant requested	<p>£3,000.00 @ 12.8%</p> <p>£20,427.62</p> <p>£15,000.00 – Applying Mynydd y Betws</p> <p>£5,000.00 – Applied Lottery Awards for All</p>
Value of Levered Funds	
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 - £23,427.62
Officer Comments	Llandybie School require to improve and enhance their barren, dilapidated, play area which an outdoor classroom with combined

	<p>recreation facility, which will provide a huge aesthetic impact to the School and village.</p> <p>The proposed project is a reflection of the core activities undertaken, and the PTFA rally round, socialise and interact, bringing people together and have a vision that this project will do the same.</p> <p>To receive this grant will allow the vision to become a reality and to finally have the ability to reach implementation would be a major step in the visual improvement of the school and its environment, along with the enhanced quality of the activities that can be rolled out.</p> <p>This project grant funding is in respect of a non statutory service and is being applied for by the PTA and has received CCC permissions for the project.</p>
Officer Recommendation	Award - £3,000.00