

Welsh Church Fund 2022-2023
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Application Reference – WCF- 22-01

Project Title	Chapel Refurbishment & Repairs
Applicant	Bethel Chapel
Ward	LLANGALER
Project Description	<p>Drefach 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 internal plastering and decorating. The overall costs include all labour, scaffolding, and materials to ensure work is conducted to a high standard.</p>
Cllr and Officer Consultations Undertaken	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr. Ken Howell
Ownership/ Lease	Welsh Independent Chapel
Funding Package	£8,699.00 - Gross

Value of Community Investment Amount of grant requested Value of Levered Funds	<p style="text-align: center;">£8,699.00 £7,019.00 – Refurbishment & repairs £1,680.00 – Scaffolding</p> <p style="text-align: center;">£2,174.75 @ 25%</p> <p style="text-align: center;">£6,524.25 Own funds provided</p>
Economic Benefit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of community groups assisted - 1 • Number of physical improvements - 1 • Number of environmental improvement scheme -1 • Public and private leverage funding - £6,524.25
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 - £2,174.75
Subject to	

Application Reference – WCF-22-02

Project Title	Upgrade & Repairs
Applicant	Llandyfan Church - Llandeilo
Ward	LLANDEILO
Project Description	<p>The church is a short distance from Glynhir golf course in one direction and King's Road, Llandybie in another. At the bottom of King's Road, turning right by Blaengweche brings you directly to the Anglican chapel of ease at Llandyfân. It is a small church, plainly decorated inside, but even more attractive for its lack of pretension. The distinguishing feature of the church is its outside baptistry, evidence enough that this was once a Baptist place of worship. The baptistry is a pool formed by the water that emerges from the spring underneath with steps leading down to it. The mechanism that lowered a gate to damn the water until it reached a depth for immersion is still there, though completely rusted up.</p> <p>The church, connected to the parish of LlandeILOfawr, was originally used for worship by members of the established church, until it became a nonconformist chapel shared by four different denominations. The building then reverted to the established church in 1838, where it remains to this day.</p> <p>Roof repairs need to be undertaken, replacing roof tiles, which are causing water ingress to the interior walls.</p> <p>The church is used by the community for worship and other community activities, such as concerts, coffee mornings and open events throughout the year during normal times.</p> <p>The community have been encouraged, following COVID and lifted restrictions to use the facility on a regular basis and they hope to attract new members within comfortable surroundings.</p>
Cllr and Officer Consultations Undertaken	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Edward Thomas
Ownership/ Lease	Church in Wales
Value of Community Investment	£10,996.00- Gross
Capital costs	£10,996.00 Roof repairs including scaffolding
Amount of grant requested	£2,749.00 @ 25%
	£8,247.00

Value of Levered Funds	Applied from CADW
Economic Benefit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community groups/organisations assisted – 1 • Number of physical improvements - 1 • Number of environmental improvement scheme -1 • Public and private leverage funding £8,247.00
Officer Comments	<p>This project fits within the Welsh Church fund criteria.</p> <p>Fully support has been provided by Cllr Edward Thomas who has confirmed the facility is used by many various organisations as a meeting place, social venue, WI and is also used as the polling station for Trap & Llandyfan.</p>
Officer Recommendation	Award - £2,749.00
Subject to	

Application Reference – WCF-22-03

Project Title	Organ Restoration
Applicant	St Gwynogs Church
	LLANGENNECH
Project Description	<p>St Gwynog, Llangennech, is a multicelled church, of generous size. It was rebuilt in 1900-1904 to the designs of E. M. Bruce Vaughan, retaining some limited fabric from the earlier church.</p> <p>The exterior is buttressed throughout with cross-buttressing to the west tower, which has a crenelated parapet. The boiler house flue leads to a neo-gothic oolite chimney in the roof valley and the roofs are slated gables, the tower has a flat roof. Floors are suspended except in the tower.</p> <p>Regular services are conducted, concerts are held in the church, also organ recitals, which unfortunately are on hold, due to the required repairs needed.</p> <p>This project funding is towards restoring the organ as there is considerable damage to one of the pneumatic tubes, the other damage is located behind this and cannot be accessed without further dismantling, also damaged leather on the combination motors, which due to their positioning, will have to be removed to gain access to the lead tubing.</p> <p>The Church in Wales has regionalised its churches into groups called "Local Ministry Area," which consists of six churches, including St Gwynog, which are serviced by a group of full time and part time ministers under the leadership of a dean, currently the Revd Canon Huw Mosford.</p>
Cllr and Officer Consultations Undertaken	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Gary R Jones • Cllr Jacqueline Seward
Ownership/ Lease	Church in Wales
Value of Community Investment	£2,910.00 – Gross
Capital costs	£2,910.00 Restoration of Organ
Amount of grant requested	£727.50 @ 25%
Value of Levered Funds	£2,182.50 Own funds fundraising

Economic Benefit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community groups/organisations assisted – 1 • Number of physical improvements - 1 • Number of environmental improvement scheme -1 • Public and private leverage funding £2,182.50
Officer Comments	This project fits within the Welsh Church Fund criteria, Cllr's of the Ward have provided full support.
Officer Recommendation	Award - £727.50
Subject to	

Application Reference – WCF-22-04

Project Title	Repairing Libanus Cemetery Steps
Applicant	Libanus Chapel, Pwll
Ward	Hengoed
Project Description	<p>The main purpose of this project is to repair the Cemetery steps that form part of Libanus Chapel cemetery, Pwll, Llanelli. At present many older people are unable to reach the steep summit of the steps because they are so uneven and slippery. It is a cemetery for members of the chapel and many people in the village and larger community, so it is important that people can visit the graves of loved ones without danger. The chapel have had to keep putting out signs to warn people of the danger of using the steps, which has meant people not going or doing what they wanted to.</p> <p>It has been noted by the funeral directors, the masons, and the gardeners at the chapel that the current state of the steps are extremely dangerous, and work needs to be conducted as soon as possible.</p> <p>The funding would go towards removing the old rotten staircase from the base to the summit of the cemetery. The stairs would then be replaced with concrete stairs, creating platforms where necessary. Clearing of all the rubble would also be part of the project and assuring a good finish to the works for both the safety and aesthetics aspect of the project.</p> <p>It would create a safe and convenient route to Libanus cemetery when there are funerals. There are several graves in the cemetery, and it is visited by many people from the area and beyond.</p>
Cllr and Officer Consultations Undertaken	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Martyn Palfreman • Cllr Edward Skinner
Ownership/ Lease	Welsh Independent Chapel
Funding Package	£10,680.00 - Gross
Value of Community Investment	£10,680.00 Repair of Cemetery steps, including labour and materials
Amount of grant requested	£2,670.00 @ 25%
Value of Levered Funds	£8,100.00 Own funds secured

Economic Benefit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of community groups assisted -1 • Number of physical improvements - 1 • Number of environmental improvement scheme -1 • Public and private leverage funding - £8,100.00
Officer Comments	This project fits within the Welsh Church fund criteria, is a necessity to continue to allow people to visit the cemetery safely.
Officer Recommendation	Award £2,670.00
Subject to	

Application Reference – WCF-22-05

Project Title	Tool Kits for Apprentices
Applicant	Cyfle Building Skills Ltd
Project Description	<p>The Cyfle Building Skills Shared Apprenticeship Scheme commenced in September 2013 with 3 Regions, Carmarthenshire, Ceredigion/Pembrokeshire, and Neath Port-Talbot/Swansea. In October 2016, the organisation was awarded Charitable Status.</p> <p>Cyfle Building Skills is a Multi Award Winner Regional Shared Scheme that currently employs over 140 apprentices and is a Scheme that was launched by Southwest Wales Regional Shared Apprenticeship Ltd (SWWRSAL) and CITB in 2013 which is currently the largest Shared Apprenticeship Scheme in the UK. The aim is to provide a service which supports young adults into sustainable employment within the construction industry. This will help young people further their careers and their chances of gaining employment. They will have the opportunity to gain an NVQ level 2 & 3.</p> <p>This project is to support the following 20 Individual apprentices with the necessary start up tool kits to the value of £150.00, in line with the funding criteria.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ross Sherlock - Llanelli • Ciaran Howe – Llanelli • Aaron Kyle Davies – Llanelli • Owain Kees Evans – Carmarthen • Scott Furey – Ammanford • Rhys David Anthony – Pontarddulais • Ryan Evans – Swiss Valley • Jodie Williams – Ammanford • Dylan Thomas – Llanelli • Luke Ladd – Llanelli • Owain Babbage – Kidwelly • Rosalind Rossiter – Glanamman • Oliver Nancarrow – Ammanford • Quinn Mills - Llandeilo • Jordan Lewis – Burry Port • Stephen Glanville – Llanelli • Robin Hall – Llandybie • David Williams – Llanelli • Kieran Jones – Ammanford • Callum Jones – Ammanford

Cllr and Officer Consultations Undertaken	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr. Deian Harries • Construction Industry Cluster Group • Phil Lumley – Board Member
Ownership/ Lease	Not Applicable
Funding Package	£3,000.00
Value of Community Investment	£3,000.00 20 Individual tool kits @ £150.00
Amount of grant requested	£3,000.00 (20 Individuals @ £150.00)
Value of Levered Funds	Nil
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 - 20 • Number of jobs safeguarded • Public and private leverage funding
Officer Comments	<p>Cyfle is a not-for-profit organisation, with all incomes going back into the Apprenticeship Scheme which allows for the sustainability of the Scheme.</p> <p>An agreement was made with Cyfle that at induction stage the individual apprentices, completed, and signed the individual Welsh Church Fund application forms, which have now been received.</p> <p>Re-imburement of the fund on behalf of the individuals would be made to Cyfle Building Skills Ltd for the supported evidence of the purchase of 20 tool kits.</p>
Officer Recommendation	Award - £3,000.00
Subject to	

Application Reference – WCF-22-06

Project Title	“SHREK”
Applicant	Carmarthen & District Youth Opera
Ward	Carmarthen Town North /South
Project Description	<p>This project aims to deliver seven performances of the much-loved family musical “Shrek” at the Lyric Theatre, February 2023. The performances will take place between the 21st and 25th February, with evening performances every night as well as matinee performances on the Wednesday and Saturday.</p> <p>43 years ago in the Carmarthen Further Education, a small group of dedicated and enthusiastic adults formed an organisation that would provide an opportunity to young people in the area to develop their artistic musical talents, whilst also providing a stage to display their talents. Few would have dreamt that four decades later, that same organisation would have become one of Carmarthenshire’s most successful Cultural stories, whose reputation for high quality musical entertainment extends way beyond the County’s boundaries.</p> <p>As a result of continued success, even the larger St Peter’s Civic Hall could not sustain its growing audiences and by the mid 1980’s, the then empty and almost derelict Lyric Cinema proved to be the unlikely, but challenging solution. Following considerable negotiation and public sector funding, together with a huge manual effort by their adult volunteers, the Cinema was transformed into today’s wonderful 600-seater Lyric Theatre.</p> <p>Its future as a home to perform musical productions secured, the Youth Opera has thrived in staging major and at times, lavish productions and their aim as always is to reflect the objectives of Carmarthen Youth Opera in an effective and responsible way and to the highest standards they can achieve.</p> <p>The 64 cast with an age range between 9 and 25 years, will benefit enormously from the experience and exposure of being part of a major musical production and the productions have consistency gained Awards at National level.</p> <p>The adult volunteers will be around 70, with estimated audience numbers between 2100 and 2400.</p>
Cllr and Officer Consultations Undertaken	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jane Davies – CCC Cultural Senior Service Manager • Masonic Province of West Wales • Cllr Peter Hughes Griffiths • Sharon E Casey – Theatres Development Manager
Ownership/ Lease	Not applicable
Funding Package	£84,400.00 - Gross

<p>Value of Community Investment</p> <p>Amount of grant requested</p> <p>Value of Levered Funds</p>	<p>84,400.00 Spreadsheet breakdown of costs provided with application</p> <p>£3,000.00 @ 3.55%</p> <p>£81,400 £30,000 – Ticket sales £6,000 – Cast subscriptions £5,000.00 – Gift aid & subscriptions £1,000.00 – Donations £16,625– Programme sales & adverts £22,775 – External grant funding</p>
Economic Benefit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of individuals into training/education • Number of individuals into volunteering - 70 • Number of individuals into employment • Number of community groups assisted - 1 • Number of new services created • Number of physical improvements • Number of environmental improvement scheme • Public and private leverage funding - £81,400.00
Officer Comments	<p>Carmarthen Opera has a long and excellent reputation for the outstanding quality of its productions, and they continue to provide high quality performances and family entertainment, which has a wide appeal and support throughout the whole County.</p> <p>They offer young people high quality tuition in all aspects of the Performing Arts and play an important role in their development and interpersonal skills.</p> <p>They have Royal Patronage from the HRH, The Duchess of Cornwall, this always carries a high expectation and an awareness and compliance with protocols.</p>
Officer Recommendation	Award - £3,000.00
Subject to	