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This funding guide outlines and signposts sources of financial assistance available to organisations and groups for the construction, development and maintenance of community buildings and places of worship. This guide also includes sources of financial assistance available for faith groups in Wales.
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**Welsh Government**

**Community Facilities Programme**
The Community Facilities Programme is a capital grant fund which aims to develop and improve community facilities which in turn provide services that communities need in order to tackle poverty and its effects.

The main focus for the programme is on increasing opportunity, tackling poverty and providing a large variety of services for communities throughout Wales.

Capital Grants are available by application to a maximum of £500,000 for a variety of improving projects within the community. Applications need to demonstrate how the facilities need to be improved in order to secure funding.

For more information:

Community Facilities Programme

**Cadw**

Cadw offers grants as a contribution towards the costs of repairing and restoring historic assets as well as match funding towards community, local authority and third sector led projects. Some of the grants include:

**Historic Buildings Grant**
This grant can be used to repair or restore buildings of outstanding architectural or historic interest and ‘at risk’ listed buildings which will improve the appearance of conservation areas.

Note: Cadw are not currently inviting new grant applications as they are concentrating available resources on those projects subject to existing offers.

For more information:

Historic building grant

**Ancient Monuments Grant**
Cadw is able to offer grants to help owners of scheduled ancient monuments to protect and enhance them.

Financial help is given for positive works on a regular basis, such as:

- fencing
- scrub clearance
- erosion repair
- stock control

Note: Cadw are not currently inviting new grant applications as they are concentrating available resources on those projects subject to existing offers.
For more information:

Ancient Monuments Grant

Civic Initiative (Heritage) Grants Scheme
Cadw runs a grant scheme for helping voluntary organisations to promote a better understanding of their local heritage.

The scheme is aimed at small-scale projects which help to preserve, enhance or improve the historic environment of Wales and increase social awareness of Welsh heritage.

Note: Cadw are not currently inviting new grant applications as they are concentrating available resources on those projects subject to existing offers.

For more information:

Civic Initiative (Heritage) Grants Scheme

Grants for War Memorials
Cadw’s grant scheme is designed to help with projects for the repair and conservation of war memorials in Wales.

Developed in partnership with the War Memorials Trust, the scheme will help to safeguard memorials for future generations, with grants of up to 70% of the eligible costs (up to a maximum of £10,000) available for conservation and repair.

Cadw also provide details of additional help that may be available from the Department for Culture, Media and Sport, the War Memorials Trust and the Heritage Lottery Fund.

For more information:

Grants for War Memorials

03. The Charity Commission

Many funding streams, including some of those listed below, are only available to groups with charitable status. The Charity Commission website provides comprehensive information and an application pack for people who wish to register a charity.

The Charity Commission offer advice and guidance on the application process, including the provision of model documents and help in setting the objectives of the charity.

For more information:

www.charity-commission.gov.uk

04. Community Buildings

The Tudor Trust
The Tudor Trust is an independent grant making trust, providing financial assistance to community and voluntary organisations in the UK, with a particular focus on community organisations, which work directly with people who are at the margins of society.
Applicants don’t need to have charitable status but will need to demonstrate that the funding will be used for a charitable purpose and that the applicant can demonstrate, key characteristics mentioned in the Tudor Trust Funding Guidelines.

Most grants go towards the core costs of running an organisation, including salaries, overheads and day-to-day running costs.

The Trust can also provide funding for the following:

– Capital Costs
– Project Costs
– Equipment Costs

For more information:

Tudor Trust Funding Guidelines
Tel: 020 7727 8522
Web: www.tudortrust.org.uk

The Trusthouse Charitable Foundation
The Trusthouse Charitable Foundation is a grant making charity which supports projects in rural communities and/or areas of urban deprivation in the UK.

Funding is directed towards established projects related to the Foundation’s priority areas: health and disability; community support; and arts, education and heritage. Eligibility for each grant depends on the annual income of the organisation, the amount of funding that is being applied for and whether you are looking for capital or running costs. Grants of up to £30,000 are available.

For more information:

Guidelines for applicants
Tel: 020 72644990
Web: www.trusthousecharitablefoundation.org.uk

ASDA Foundation
The ASDA Foundation assists registered charities and community groups within the UK that require financial assistance. The Foundation only supports a limited number of requests that have the direct involvement from ASDA colleagues. No minimum or maximum grant amount is stipulated, and applications may be made at any time. ASDA colleagues will typically support local charities, community groups, schools, playgroups, community centres and football teams.

For more information:

www.asda.com
B&Q Waste Donation Scheme

B&Q operates its Waste Donation Scheme through all of its stores within the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland. B&Q donates products that they are unable to sell and waste materials for re-use. These products include:

- slightly damaged tins of paint
- off-cuts of timber
- odd rolls of wallpaper
- end-of-range materials

Any products that have been donated by B&Q should be used in such a way that they benefit the local community and the environment.

For more information:

www.diy.com

The Rayne Foundation

The Rayne Foundation makes grants to charitable and not-for-profit organisations across the UK tackling a variety of issues. The main focus is to connect communities, building bridges between marginalised groups and mainstream society, and to enable individuals to reach their full potential. The Rayne Foundation will consider applications in the fields of arts, health and wellbeing, education in its widest sense, and those that cover social issues. The Rayne Foundation provides funding for salaries and all types of project costs, general running or core costs and finally capital costs of buildings and equipment.

For more information:

Tel: 020 7487 9656
Email: info@raynefoundation.org.uk
Website: www.raynefoundation.org.uk

Screwfix Foundation

The Screwfix Foundation is a charity set up by trade retailers Screwfix. They have a clear purpose of raising funds to support projects that will fix, repair, maintain and improve properties and community facilities specifically for those in need in the UK.

Grants of up to £5,000 are available and may be used for a number of things including repairing rundown buildings and decorating the homes of people living with illness and disability.

For more information:

Tel: 01935 414100
Email: foundation@screwfix.com
Website: www.screwfix.com
05. Places of Worship and Faith Groups

National Churches Trust
The National Churches Trust is a not-for-profit organisation, who are independent from the government and church authorities. The Trust promotes and supports church buildings of historic, architectural and community value across the UK, and accepts applications from listed and unlisted Christian places of worship throughout the UK. The grants that the Trust offer are:

Repair Grants Programme
The Repair Grants programme offers grants usually of between £5,000 and £40,000 towards the cost of urgent and essential structural repair projects. Places of worship of any denomination and age can apply with applications from listed and unlisted Christian places of worship across the UK being considered.

Community Grants Programme
The Community Grants programme offers grants usually of between £5,000 and £20,000 towards the cost of projects introducing facilities to enable increased community use of places of worship. Projects that include toilets and catering facilities are prioritised.

Partnership Grant
The Partnership Grant offers grants of £2,500 and above for urgent repair projects with an estimated costs of between £10,000 and £100,000 (including VAT and fees).

Project Development Grant
The Project Development Grant programme offers the opportunity to apply for grants of up to £10,000 to help churches develop high quality sustainable repair and community projects. This grant programme is a pilot scheme and is intended to support churches to become more sustainable.

Maintenance Grants
Under a proactive maintenance approach, a Maintenance Grant from the National Churches Trust, in partnership with the Pilgrim Trust, will allow interventions to address small, urgent maintenance issues and repairs, costing between £2,000 to £10,000, before a major building component fails.

For more information:
Tel: (0)20 7222 0605
Email: info@nationalchurchestrust.org
Web: www.nationalchurchestrust.org

Allchurches Trust Limited
Allchurches Trust Limited is a registered charity which aims to promote the Christian religion, to contribute to the funds of any charitable institutions or associations and to carry out any charitable purpose.

Grants will be considered in response to appeals in support of Churches, Church establishments, religious charities and charities preserving UK heritage.
Grant applications can be obtained from the Allchurches Trust website or by clicking on the link in this text.

For more information:

Tel: 01452 873189  
Email: atl@allchurches.co.uk  
Web: www.allchurches.co.uk

Welsh Church Act Fund
The Welsh Church Act Fund is a charitable trust. The purpose of the trust is to make grants of a philanthropic nature for a wide range of purposes, including the restoration and maintenance of places of worship and burial grounds. Individuals should contact their local authority to find out information relating to eligibility criteria and the trusts current funding priorities.

Local authority contact information can be found at the end of this guide.

Garfield Weston Foundation
The Garfield Weston Foundation is a grant-giving charity for UK registered charities. The Foundation will also consider applications from a limited number of exempt organisations, these include:

- churches
- educational establishments
- hospitals and housing corporations.

There are no formal deadlines for submitting applications and organisations should allow approximately four months for a final outcome, though acknowledgement letters are sent within four weeks.

Details of how to apply are available on the Foundations’ website

For more information:

Guidelines for Applicants.  
Tel: (020) 7399 6565  
Web: www.garfieldweston.org

James Pantyfedwen Foundation
The Foundation’s objectives have been set out in a scheme agreed with the charity commission. These are as follows:

“the advancement, encouragement and promotion of religion, education, the arts and agriculture and other charitable purposes for the benefit of Welsh persons primarily in Wales”.

Guidance for individuals and organisations submitting applications on behalf of Churches can be obtained by clicking on the link in this text or by visiting the Foundation’s website.
The Wolfson Foundation
The Wolfson Foundation is a grant making charity offering financial support for new build, refurbishment and equipment in a wide range of fields including science and medicine, health, education, the arts and humanities.

One of the foundation’s current funding priorities covers the conservation of Anglican churches.

Further information on eligibility can be found in the Historic Building and landscape section of the foundations website.

For more information:
Tel: 020 7323 5730
Web: www.wolfson.org.uk

Landfill Communities Fund (LCF)
The Landfill Communities Fund enables operators of landfill sites to contribute funds to enrolled Environmental Bodies (EBs) to carry out projects that meet environmental objectives contained in the Landfill Tax Regulations.

Objective E of the Landfill Tax Regulations covers:

The repair, maintenance or restoration of a Place of Worship or a Place of Architectural Importance.

ENTRUST regulates the Landfill Communities Fund (LCF) on behalf of HM Revenue & Customs. Entrust are unable to provide funding or grants, however they have set up a funding directory enabling organisations to locate sources of financial assistance.

For more information:
Web: www.entrust.org.uk

Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme
The Scheme makes grants towards the VAT incurred in maintenance and repairs to listed buildings which are primarily used for public worship.

For more information:
Tel: 0845 601 5945
Website: www.lpwscheme.org.uk
**06. Historic Buildings**

**The Idlewild Trust**
The Idlewild Trust provides financial assistance for projects concerned with encouraging performing arts, visual arts and the fine arts, the advancement of education within the arts and the preservation of buildings and items of historic interest or national importance. However the Trust does not fund new work within a restoration project such as new heating systems, annexes or facilities.

Grants of up to £5,000 are available to UK registered charities or publicly exempt charities.

For more information:
E-mail: info@idlewildtrust.org.uk
Website: www.idlewildtrust.org.uk

**The Pilgrim Trust**
The Pilgrim trust is committed to preserving the United Kingdom’s unique heritage for the benefit of future generations. The Trust’s main emphasis is on projects that conserve historical buildings, monuments and collections.

Further details on what the Trust funds and how much funding is available can be found in the Funding Guidelines document.

For more information:
Tel: 020 7834 6510
Email: info@thepilgrimtrust.org.uk
Website: www.thepilgrimtrust.org.uk

**Funds for Historic Buildings**
The Funds for Historic Buildings website is a comprehensive guide to funding for anyone seeking to repair, restore or convert for a new use any historic building in the United Kingdom (excluding the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man) which is listed, scheduled or in a conservation area and of acknowledged historic merit. Access to this website is free of charge to all users.

For more information:
Website: www.ffhb.org.uk

**07. Memorial Structures**

**Memorials Grant Scheme**
The UK Government Department for Culture, Media and Sport funded Memorials Grant Scheme has an annual budget of about £500,000 and is active in Wales. The Scheme makes grants towards the VAT incurred by registered charities (and faith groups exempted from registering as charities), in the construction, repair and maintenance of public memorial structures.
In addition to this, funding is available through Cadw’s Grants for War Memorials scheme. For details please see the Cadw section at the beginning of this document.

For more information:

Tel: 0845 600 6430
Website: www.memorialgrant.org.uk

08. Lottery Funding

The Welsh branch of the Big Lottery Fund delivers funding to a range of different projects which meet the priorities set out in policies laid down by the Welsh Government.

The Big Lottery Fund website has a Funding Finder which has been set up to enable individuals and community groups to locate funding for a variety of different projects.

Their website also has a Big Lottery Fund in your constituency page which aims to help elected public representatives provide their constituents with information on funding schemes available in their locality.

The Big Lottery Fund Advice Line can be contacted on 0300 123 0735.
09. Local Authority Support

Support may vary between each local authority so individuals should contact their relevant local authorities to find out what funding is available in their locality.

Set out below are the contact details for the 22 local authorities in Wales.

- **Blaenau Gwent Council**
  Tel: 01495 311556
  Email: info@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk

- **Bridgend Council**
  Tel: 01656 643643
  Email: talktous@bridgend.gov.uk

- **Caerphilly County Borough Council**
  Tel: 01443 815588
  Email: info@caerphilly.gov.uk

- **Cardiff Council**
  Tel: 02920 872088 (Welsh)
  02920872087 (English)
  Email: c2c@cardiff.gov.uk

- **Carmarthenshire County Council**
  Tel: 01267 234567
  Email: direct@carmarthenshire.gov.uk

- **Ceredigion County Council**
  Tel: 01545 570881
  Email: reception@ceredigion.gov.uk

- **Conwy Borough Council**
  Tel: 01492 574000
  Email: Information@conwy.gov.uk

- **Denbighshire County Council**
  Tel: 01824 706101
  Email: customerservice@denbighshire.gov.uk

- **Flintshire County Council**
  Tel: 01352 752121
  Email: customerservices@flintshire.gov.uk

- **Gwynedd Council**
  Tel: 01766 771000
  Enquiry Form

- **Isle of Anglesey County Council**
  Tel: 01248 750057
  Email: Contacts Page
- Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council
  Tel: 01685 725000
  Email: customer.care@merthyr.gov.uk

- Monmouthshire County Council
  Tel: 01633 644644
  Email: contact@monmouthshire.gov.uk

- Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council
  Tel: 01639 686868
  Email: contactus@npt.gov.uk

- Newport City Council
  Tel: 01633 656656
  Email: info@newport.gov.uk
  Enquiry Form

- Pembrokeshire County Council
  Tel: 01437 764551
  Email: enquiries@pembrokeshire.gov.uk

- Powys County Council
  Tel: 0845  6027030
  Email: customer@powys.gov.uk

- Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council
  Tel: 01443 425005
  Email: customerservices@rctcbc.gov.uk

- City and County of Swansea
  Tel: 01792 636000
  Email: Contacts Page

- The Vale of Glamorgan Council
  Tel: 01446 700 111
  Enquiry Form

- Torfaen County Borough Council
  Tel: 01495 762200
  Email: your.call@torfaen.gov.uk
  Enquiry Form

- Wrexham County Borough Council
  Tel: 01978  292000
  Email: contact-us@wrexham.gov.uk
10. County Voluntary Council

The relevant County Voluntary Council will be able to advise Individuals sources of financial assistance for that particular locality.

Most County Voluntary Council websites provide funding factsheets; these will be accessible from their website.

– Gwent Association of Voluntary Organisations
  Tel: 01633241550
  Email: Sandra.davies@gavowales.org.uk
  Website: www.gavowales.org.uk

– Bridgend Association of Voluntary Organisations
  Tel: 01656 810400
  Email: bavo@bavo.org.uk
  Website: www.bavo.org.uk

– Cardiff Third Sector Council
  Tel: 029 2048 5722
  Email: enquiries@c3scv.org.uk
  Website: www.c3sc.org.uk

– Carmarthenshire Association of Voluntary Services
  Tel: 01267 245555
  Email: info@cavs.org.uk
  Website: www.cavs.org.uk

– Ceredigion Association of Voluntary Organisations
  Tel: 01570 423232
  Email: gen@cavo.org.uk
  Website: www.cavo.org.uk

– Community and Voluntary Support Conwy
  Tel: 01492 534091
  Email: mail@cvsc.org.uk
  Website: www.cvsc.org.uk

– Denbighshire Voluntary Services Council
  Tel: 01824 702441
  Email: office@dvsc.co.uk
  Website: www.dvsc.co.uk

– Flintshire Local Voluntary Council
  Tel: 01352 744000
  Email: info@flvc.org.uk
  Website: www.flvc.org.uk

– Mantell Gwynedd
  Tel: 01286 672626
  Email: enquiries@mantellgwynedd.com
  Website: http://www.mantellgwynedd.com/english/index.html
- Isle of Anglesey - Medrwn Môn
  Tel: 01248 724944
  Email: post@medrwnmon.org
  Website: http://www.medrwnmon.org/

- Voluntary Action Merthyr Tydfil
  Tel: 01685 353900
  Email: enquiries@vamt.net
  Website: www.vamt.net

- Neath Port Talbot Council for Voluntary Service
  Tel: 01639 631246
  Email: info@nptcvs.org.uk
  Website: www.nptcvs.co.uk

- Pembrokeshire Association of Voluntary Services
  Tel: 01437 769422
  Email: enquiries@pavs.org.uk
  Website: www.pavs.org.uk

- Powys Association of Voluntary Organisations
  Tel: 01597 828675
  Email: Enquiry form
  Website: www.pavo.org.uk

- Rhondda Cynon Taff - Interlink
  Tel: 01443 846200
  Email: sjames@interlinkrct.org.uk
  Website: www.interlinkrct.org.uk

- Swansea Council for Voluntary Service
  Tel: 01792 544000
  Email: scvs@scvs.org.uk
  Website: www.scvs.org.uk

- Torfaen Voluntary Alliance
  Tel: 01495 745156
  Email: Kyle@tvawales.org.uk
  Website: www.tvawales.org.uk

- (Vale) Glamorgan Voluntary Services
  Tel: 01446 741706
  Website: http://www.gvs.wales/

- Association of Voluntary Organisations in Wrexham
  Tel: 01978 312556
  Email: info@avow.org
  Website: www.avow.org