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Paper Overview:

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



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Welsh Government

Community Facilities Programme

The Community Facilities Programme is a grant scheme operated by the Welsh Government. Grants are available at two levels; small grants of under £25,000 and larger grants of up to £250,000. Grants can be used to improve community facilities which are useful to, and well used by, people in the community.

The Programme is open to community and voluntary sector organisations, including social enterprises. The focus of the programme is on increasing opportunity, creating prosperity for all and developing resilient communities where people are engaged and empowered.

The Community Facilities Programme is a capital only grant scheme. Grants are available for the physical improvement of community facilities; this could include land and buildings. The scheme does not provide grants for revenue costs.

For more information:

Community Facilities Programme

Cadw

Cadw is the Welsh Government's historic environment service. It protects Wales's historic environment and promotes its sustainable management for present and future generations. It provides **Advice and Support** on historic assets including listed buildings, scheduled monuments and historic places of worship.

Historic buildings grant

The **Historic Buildings Grant** is a capital grants programme for historic buildings that has been helping to maintain historic community assets such as village and community halls, and places of worship. Due to the ongoing Covid-19 crisis Cadw will be contacting current applicants to review progress with their applications. There are currently no details provided for new applicants.

Ancient monument grant and management agreement

The **Ancient monument grant and management agreement** is a capital grants programme for ancient monuments. Similarly, the Cadw website does not currently include information for new applicants, and says that existing applicants will be contacted in due course.

For more information:

www.cadw.gov.wales

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:

[Charity Commission](http://www.charitycommission.gov.uk)

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.

The foundation has a preference to distribute grants to front line organisations working directly with people in need. The list below gives examples of organisations and projects they fund, but they are always interested to hear about different projects which provide appropriate solutions to local problems:

- Community Services: Information, advice and guidance services; community transport schemes; employability training; volunteering; healthy eating and living; foodbanks
- Community Centres: Salary or running costs for community centres or village halls which offer a range of activities for all ages.
- Alternative Education: Support schemes for young people struggling in mainstream education; homework clubs; supplementary education classes for vulnerable individuals.
- Youth: Youth clubs and detached youth work; after school and holiday clubs

For more information:

Who and What We Fund

Email: grants@trusthousecharitablefoundation.org.uk

Web: www.trusthousecharitablefoundation.org.uk

ASDA Foundation

The ASDA Foundation is a charitable and corporate foundation, with a focus on supporting small, local activities that directly involve their customers; with a mission to transform communities and improve lives within the UK. Below are the different ways the Foundation can support communities:

- Supporting Communities Grant: This grant is aimed at supporting communities through lockdown in the areas of food, hygiene, and wellbeing.
- Transforming Communities and Improving Lives Grants: These grants are about bringing people together in local communities. This could be by offering better facilities, providing easier access to activities for all ages and abilities and encouraging everyone to celebrate what is important to them.
- Green Token Giving: Green Token Giving is designed to support small, local grassroots organisations, supporting local people in the community around your local store.
- Match Funding: Colleagues can claim up to £300.00 per year to match funds they raise for charities and good causes which meet the scheme's eligibility criteria
- Emergency: The Asda Foundation can provide assistance during times of emergency. This includes emergencies on a personal level such as a house fire or a community wide disaster such as floods

For more information:

www.asdafoundation.org

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 run-down 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

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 supports a wide variety of projects at churches, chapels and meeting houses through their grant programmes. The grants are available to any Christian place of worship in the UK that is open for regular worship. From repairing a roof to helping to install an accessible toilet - and many other projects - the grants can be used to help keep churches open for worship and community activities and allow them to continue to serve people and communities in all sorts of ways. The Trust offers four types of grant:

- Cornerstone - Large grants for urgent and essential structural repair projects with estimated costs of at least £100,000 that will help places of worship become wind and watertight, and for installing kitchens and toilets with estimated costs of at least £30,000, to improve access for all.
- Gateway - Medium grants to support churches in their project development up to RIBA stage 1; supporting local church trusts; and essential repair projects with estimated costs of between £10,000 and £100,000.
- Foundation Grants for Maintenance - Small grants to support small, urgent maintenance and repair issues or to carry out small investigative works costing up to £10,000.
- Preventative Maintenance Micro-Grants - Micro grants to support the cost of maintenance services.

For more information:

Tel: (0)20 7222 0605

Email: info@nationalchurchestrust.org

Web: www.nationalchurchestrust.org

Allchurches Trust Limited

Allchurches Trust is one of the UK's largest grant-making charities. They support the repair, restoration, protection and improvement of church buildings, cathedrals and other places of Christian worship, especially where those changes support wider community use. The grants also equip Christian charities and churches to help the most vulnerable and tackle social issues, including homelessness,

poverty, climate change and cultural cohesion. The grants are normally available to fund capital projects and equipment, not salaries or running costs. The grant programmes include:

- Roof alarm grants – protecting churches from metal theft.
- Heritage grants - helping to build and protect sustainable skills to care for the UK and Ireland's historic environment.
- Transformational grants - provides funding for Christian organisations to make a step change in their capacity, reach, impact and spiritual growth, enabling them to forge connections with many more people and communities who will benefit from their work.
- Recurrent grants – help support a range of activities that are focused on social action, enhancing community engagement, ministry, mission, musical and schools outreach and much more.
- Methodist grants - provides grants to Methodist churches to run building development projects that focus on church growth, community engagement and improving accessibility.

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. They also welcome applications from faith based organisations that are either exempt under the Charity Commission guidelines or are registered charities. The Foundation awards grants to those working under a number of broad categories, including:

- Community: The Foundation is pleased to make a significant volume of grants every year to Community projects, many of which rely on the time and goodwill of volunteers.
- Faith: The Foundation supports communities by providing funds towards practical projects such as facilities in places of worship & inclusive activities for the wider community.

The types of grant the Foundation make, whatever their size, tend to fall into one of three categories – Capital, Revenue and Project work.

For more information:

Application Guidelines

Tel: (020) 7399 6565

Email: admin@garfieldweston.org

Web: www.garfieldweston.org

James Pantyfedwen Foundation

The James Pantyfedwen Foundation regularly supports chapels and churches from all parts of Wales by offering grants to renovate and develop their buildings. Assistance can be sought for repairs and building improvements relating to the main church building, vestry and church hall but priority will be given to improvements rather than maintenance of the fabric. Grants will not be awarded for cemeteries/outside works or for the restoration and purchase of church organs.

For more information:

Tel: 01970 612806

Web: www.jamespantyfedwenfoundation.org.uk

Email: POST@JAMESPANTYFEDWEN.CYMRU

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 and disability, education, heritage and the arts and humanities.

Under the **Funding for Places** grant programme, the Foundation support the conservation and restoration of places of worship with outstanding historic and architectural significance. Funding for places of worship is awarded through two

routes: Fabric repairs grants for churches and Historic buildings & landscapes funding.

For more information:

Tel: 020 7323 5730

Email: grants@wolfson.org.uk

Web: www.wolfson.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. The scheme covers repairs to the fabric of the building, along with associated professional fees, plus repairs to turret clocks, pews, bells and pipe organs.

For more information:

Tel: 0800 500 3009

Website: www.lpwscheme.org.uk

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

Heritage Funding Directory

The Heritage Funding Directory is a free guide to financial support for anyone undertaking UK related heritage projects. This is a useful starting point for navigating funding sources in the sector and it is recommended that you visit the funder's website directly to explore the latest information.

The Directory's entries cover historic buildings, landscapes, parks and gardens, churchyards and cemeteries, industrial heritage, archives, historic churches, museums, archaeology, the environment, heritage skills, conservation and more.

For more information:

www.heritagefundingdirectoryuk.org

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.

For more information:

Tel: 0845 013 6601

Website: www.memorialgrant.org.uk

War Memorials Trust

War Memorials Trust works to protect and conserve war memorials in the UK. The charity provides free advice to anyone as well as running grant schemes to support repair and conservation projects.

For more information:

Tel: 020 7233 7356

E-mail: conservation@warmemorials.org or grants@warmemorials.org

Website: www.warmemorials.org

Lottery Funding

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

The National Lottery Community Fund website has an option to search **Funding Programmes** to enable individuals and community groups to locate funding for a variety of different projects.

The National Lottery Community Fund Advice Line can be contacted on 029 2168 0214 or wales@nlcommunityfund.org.uk

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)
02920 872087 (English)
Email: c2c@cardiff.gov.uk
- **Carmarthenshire County Council**
Tel: 01267 234567
Email: direct@carmarthenshire.gov.uk
- **Ceredigion County Council**
Tel: 01545 570881
Email: financegrants@ceredigion.gov.uk
- **Conwy Borough Council**
Tel: 01492 574000
Email: Information@conwy.gov.uk
- **Denbighshire County Council**
Tel: 01824 706000
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
- **Pembrokeshire County Council**
Tel: 01437 764551
Email: enquiries@pembrokeshire.gov.uk
- **Powys County Council**
Tel: 01597 827460
Email: customerservices@powys.gov.uk
- **Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council**
Tel: 01443 425005
[Enquiry Form](#)
- **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: calltorfaen@torfaen.gov.uk
- **Wrexham County Borough Council**
Tel: 01978 292000
[Enquiry Form](#)

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: 01633 241550
Email: info@gavo.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
- Gwynedd
Tel: 01286 672626
Email: enquiries@mantellgwynedd.com
Website: www.mantellgwynedd.com
- Isle of Anglesey - Medrwn Môn
Tel: 01248 724944
Email: post@medrwnmon.org
Website: 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.wales
- 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: 07943 189265
Email: scvs@scvs.org.uk
Website: www.scvs.org.uk

- Torfaen Voluntary Alliance
Tel: 01495 365610
Email: info@tvawales.org.uk
Website: www.tvawales.org.uk

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

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