

Fund Criteria:

Wrexham Community Endowment Fund

The Wrexham Community Endowment Fund is an umbrella of Funds and donations dedicated to enhancing education and strengthening communities in Wrexham.

Fund Objective 1 - to encourage, support and promote non-statutory educational attainment and lifelong learning, including early years. Applications should meet at least one of the following priorities:

- Projects that support the educational development of school aged children and young people
- Projects that support the educational development of children in the early years
- School based projects that support health matters and healthy living
- Educational attainment projects including lifelong learning
- Education inclusion projects with support for talented individual students in the form of scholarships, prizes for attainment and educational materials or other resources

Fund Objective 2 - to encourage, support and promote spiritual wellbeing and improve the lives of people with limited resources. Applications should meet at least one of the following priorities:

- Projects that promote safer and more inclusive communities
- Sustainable environment and neighbourhoods
- Supporting older people
- Working with children and young people
- Projects to encourage improved health and wellbeing
- Culture, heritage and sport

The Wrexham Welsh Church Act Fund is a Charitable Trust Fund which is administered by Community Foundation Wales. The Trust Fund is governed by the Welsh Church Act 1914. The fund supports:

- Projects that contribute to the refurbishment and upkeep of churches, chapels and community/village halls within the county.
- Projects working to address disadvantage to benefit Wrexham residents.
- Projects providing social and recreational activities for Wrexham residents.

Who can apply?

- Individual students who are currently full time residents of the Local Authority area of Wrexham, provided that the initiatives do not fall within statutory provision, can apply under Objective 1 only for an annual grant of up to £500.
- Churches and organisations working with residents of the Local Authority area of Wrexham can apply for grants up to £1,000. Preference will be given to applicants who can demonstrate exactly how they will meet the Fund's objectives and priorities, and who have not previously received support from this Fund.

In 2020 Community Foundation Wales published the findings of a piece of research undertaken with more than 100 community groups across Wales. Our Loud and Clear report highlighted that charities and community groups in Wales want funders to prioritise core funding and longer-term partnerships.

We have used the learning in this report to help us to shape our Wrexham Funds and to show groups that we believe in their core purpose and want to support them to work more effectively in their community's longer term.

We recognise how important it is for community groups to be able to plan for the future and that having secure funding can give you the confidence and reassurance to develop your project over the long-term. Wrexham Funds now offers groups the opportunity to apply for multi-year funding of up to 3 years but will also continue to offer 1 year project or small capital item funding.

We hope to be able to make at least one three-year grant per year. To be considered for a three-year grant please complete the additional section of the application form indicating how you plan to develop your project over the period of funding being applied for. NB. Your application will still be considered for one year funding if you are not successful with a three-year grant.

We also recognise the challenge of finding core funding, especially longer term. Community groups can now apply for funding towards core costs for up to 3 years, providing the group can provide accounts for at least the last 12 months and the amount being applied for is less than 50% of your annual turn over. EG. To apply for a grant of £1,000 per year, your annual income should be at least £2,000.

The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015

The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act is about improving the social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales. It requires organisations in Wales to think about the long-term impact of their decisions, to work better with people, communities and each other, and to prevent persistent problems such as poverty, health inequalities and climate change.

We're keen to encourage organisations to think about not just the community in which they live and work, but also how their work aligns with and complements the services and activities of other groups and organisations both voluntary and statutory. We'd like you to think about how your organisation can work together with others to add value, working in partnership rather than in competition. In your application, please explain your plans for the future as well as for the present, we would like to see how groups are thinking about the long-term impact of their decision making to work with and alongside others.

How to apply?

Applicants must complete an online application form which can be accessed via our website.

Please note:

- Grants will not be awarded retrospectively i.e. for costs incurred before receipt of our grant offer letter, and the signed terms and conditions have been returned.
- Grants are not available towards general fundraising or to support fundraising for other groups and charities.
- Grants must be fully spent within one year of receipt of our offer letter.