

Powys Welsh Church Act Fund



Funding criteria: community and voluntary organisations

The Powys Welsh Church Act Fund is a Charitable Trust Fund which is administered by the Community Foundation in 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.
- Protecting historic buildings
- Projects working to address disadvantage to benefit Powys residents.
- Projects providing social and recreational activities for Powys residents
- Project that encourage the arts

Grants available

Charities can apply for grants of between £1,000 and £5,000. Where there is an exceptional case for support, grants of £10,000 may be awarded. Capital grants may be awarded to assist organisations in the furnishing and upkeep of buildings.

Who can apply?

Churches and organisations in the Local Authority area of Powys running projects working with residents of the Local Authority area of Powys.

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.



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 to support fundraising for other groups and charities.
- Grants must be fully spent within one year of receipt of our offer letter.
- The application must show a clear need for financial support, financial hardship or additional support needs.
- If you are a Community Interest Company (CIC) registered in the last 18 months, you are not eligible to apply for this funding. If you do apply within your first 18 months of trading your application will be rejected.

For more information, visit www.communityfoundationwales.org.uk

Multiple Year Funding

We recognise how important it is for 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. The Powys Welsh Church Act Fund 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. 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. 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 turnover. For example, to apply for a grant of £1,000 per year, your annual income should be at least £2,000.

The Wellbeing of Future Generations Act 2015

The Wellbeing 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 are 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 would 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.

