

## Funding:

# Community buildings, places of worship and faith groups

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## Introduction

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.

## 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**

**Web:** [www.wales.gov.uk](http://www.wales.gov.uk)

## CADW

### 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.

Guidance for applicants and application forms are available on the [Cadw website](#).

- **Historic building grant**

### Ancient Monuments Grants

Cadw is able to offer grants to help owners of scheduled ancient monuments to protect and enhance them. Such grants generally take one of two forms:

The first involves a grant to the owner or someone acting on his/her behalf for works which will benefit the monument. The second is based on a 'management agreement' between Cadw and the occupier of a monument which lasts for a set number of years.

Under such an agreement financial help is given for positive works on a regular basis, such as:

- fencing
- scrub clearance
- erosion repair
- stock control

**For more information**

**Tel:** 01443 336000

**Web:** [www.cadw.wales.gov.uk](http://www.cadw.wales.gov.uk)

## 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:**

**Web:** [www.charity-commission.gov.uk](http://www.charity-commission.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.

The Trust can 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](http://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](http://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:**

**Web:** [www.asda.com](http://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:**

**Web:** [www.diy.com](http://www.diy.com)

## Co-op Membership Community Fund

The Co-op Membership Community Fund allows community groups, self-help organisations and charities across the UK to benefit from funding for a range of community projects. No stipulations are made for match funding and grants typically range from £100 to £2,000. There is no deadline for applications. Eligible costs are equipment, event costs, rent or fixtures, sport or computer equipment.

**For more information:**

**Tel:** 0844 262 4001

**E mail:** [community.fund@co-operative.coop](mailto:community.fund@co-operative.coop)

**Website:** [www.co-operative.coop](http://www.co-operative.coop)

## The Rayne Foundation

The Rayne Foundation aspires to understand and engage with the needs of UK society. They work within **four sectors**; arts, education, health and medicine, and social welfare and development. The Rayne Foundation provides funding for salaries and all types of project costs, 'seed corn' projects, 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](mailto:info@raynefoundation.org.uk)

**Website:** [www.raynefoundation.org.uk](http://www.raynefoundation.org.uk)

## 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:

The **Repair Grants programme** offers grants of £10,000 and above for urgent and essential structural repair for projects with estimated costs of at least £50,000 (including VAT and fees). The Trust's main priority in 2014 is repairs to roofs and rainwater goods

The **Community Grants Programme** offers grants of £5,000 and above towards projects that enable access and wider use of places of worship by the introduction of new facilities. Projects must have an estimated cost of at least £25,000 (including VAT and fees).

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).

The **WREN Heritage Fund** offers a limited number of grants between £15,000 and £75,000 (including VAT and fees) for urgent structural repair projects supported by other public grant offers with a minimum cost of £50,000 (including VAT and fees). The funds focus is to provide valuable funding for environmental, community and heritage projects.

**For more information:**

**Tel:** (020) 7600 6090

**Email:** [grants@nationalchurchestrust.org](mailto:grants@nationalchurchestrust.org)

**Web:** [www.nationalchurchestrust.org](http://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](mailto:atl@allchurches.co.uk)

**Web:** [www.allchurches.co.uk](http://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](http://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.

### For more information:

**Tel:** 01970 612806:

**Web:** [www.jamespantyfedwenfoundation.org.uk](http://www.jamespantyfedwenfoundation.org.uk)

**Email:** [pantyfedwen@btinternet.com](mailto:pantyfedwen@btinternet.com)

## 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](http://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:

#### Finding Funding

**Web:** [www.entrust.org.uk](http://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

**Web:** [www.lpwscheme.org.uk](http://www.lpwscheme.org.uk)

## Funds for Historic Buildings FFHB

### 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:

#### Application Guidance

**E-mail:** [info@idlewildtrust.org.uk](mailto:info@idlewildtrust.org.uk)

**Website:** [www.idlewildtrust.org.uk](http://www.idlewildtrust.org.uk)

## 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 600 6430

**Web:** [www.memorialgrant.org.uk](http://www.memorialgrant.org.uk)

## 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 **constituent support 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.

## GRANTnet

GRANTnet is a free service from GRANTfinder, which has been set up to help small businesses, charitable and community groups locate sources of funding appropriate to their needs.

**For more information:**

**Web:** [www.grantnet.com](http://www.grantnet.com)

## Local Authority Support

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

- **Blaenau Gwent Council**  
**Email:** [info@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk](mailto:info@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk)  
**Tel:** 01495 311556
- **Bridgend Council**  
**Email:** [talktous@bridgend.gov.uk](mailto:talktous@bridgend.gov.uk)  
**Tel:** 01656 643643
- **Caerphilly County Borough Council**  
**Email:** 01443 815588  
**Tel:** [info@caerphilly.gov.uk](mailto:info@caerphilly.gov.uk)
- **Cardiff Council**  
**Email:** [c2c@cardiff.gov.uk](mailto:c2c@cardiff.gov.uk)  
**Tel:** 02920 872088 (Welsh)  
02920872087 (English)
- **Carmarthenshire County Council**  
**Email:** [direct@carmarthenshire.gov.uk](mailto:direct@carmarthenshire.gov.uk)  
**Tel:** 01267 234567
- **Ceredigion County Council**  
**Email:** [reception@ceredigion.gov.uk](mailto:reception@ceredigion.gov.uk)  
**Tel:** 01545 570881
- **Conwy Borough Council**  
**Email:** [Information@conwy.gov.uk](mailto:Information@conwy.gov.uk)  
**Tel:** 01492 574000
- **Denbighshire County Council**  
**Email:** [customerservice@denbighshire.gov.uk](mailto:customerservice@denbighshire.gov.uk)  
**Tel:** 01824 706101

- **Flintshire County Council**  
**Email:** [customerservices@flintshire.gov.uk](mailto:customerservices@flintshire.gov.uk)  
**Tel:** 01352 752121
  
- **Gwynedd Council**  
**Email:** N/A  
**Enquiry Form**  
**Tel:** 01766 771000
  
- **Isle of Anglesey County Council**  
**Email:** [Contacts Page](#)  
**Tel:** 01248 750057
  
- **Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council**  
**Email:** [customer.care@merthyr.gov.uk](mailto:customer.care@merthyr.gov.uk)  
**Tel:** 01685 725000
  
- **Monmouthshire County Council**  
**Email:** [contact@monmouthshire.gov.uk](mailto:contact@monmouthshire.gov.uk)  
**Tel:** 01633 644644
  
- **Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council**  
**Email:** [contactus@npt.gov.uk](mailto:contactus@npt.gov.uk)  
**Tel:** 01639 686868
  
- **Newport City Council**  
**Email:** [info@newport.gov.uk](mailto:info@newport.gov.uk)  
**Enquiry Form**  
**Tel:** 01633 656656
  
- **Pembrokeshire County Council**  
**Email:** [enquiries@pembrokeshire.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@pembrokeshire.gov.uk)  
**Tel:** 01437 764551
  
- **Powys County Council**  
**Email:** [customer@powys.gov.uk](mailto:customer@powys.gov.uk)  
**Tel:** 0845 6027030
  
- **Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council**  
**Email:** [customerservices@rctcbc.gov.uk](mailto:customerservices@rctcbc.gov.uk)  
**Tel:** 01443 425005

- **City and County of Swansea**  
**Email:** [Contacts Page](#)  
**Tel:** 01792 636000
  
- **The Vale of Glamorgan Council**  
**Email:** N/A  
**Enquiry Form**  
**Tel:** 01446 700 111
  
- **Torfaen County Borough Council**  
**Email:** [your.call@torfaen.gov.uk](mailto:your.call@torfaen.gov.uk)  
**Enquiry Form**  
**Tel:** 01495 762200
  
- **Wrexham County Borough Council**  
**Email:** [contact-us@wrexham.gov.uk](mailto:contact-us@wrexham.gov.uk)  
**Tel:** 01978 292000

## County Voluntary Council (CVC)

The relevant County Voluntary Council (CVC) will be able to advise individuals about 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**  
**Funding and Information sheets**  
**Tel:** 01633 241550  
**Email:** [Sandra.davies@gavowales.org.uk](mailto:Sandra.davies@gavowales.org.uk)  
**Enquiry form**  
**Web:** [www.gavowales.org.uk](http://www.gavowales.org.uk)
  
- **Bridgend Association of Voluntary Organisations**  
**Funding and Information sheets**  
**Tel:** 01656 810400  
**Email:** [bavo@bavo.org.uk](mailto:bavo@bavo.org.uk)  
**Web:** [www.bavo.org.uk](http://www.bavo.org.uk)

- **Cardiff Third Sector Council.**  
Funding and Information sheets  
Tel: 029 2048 5722  
Email: [enquiries@c3sc.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@c3sc.org.uk)  
Web: [www.c3sc.org.uk](http://www.c3sc.org.uk)
- **Carmarthenshire Association of Voluntary Services**  
Funding and Information sheets  
Tel: 01267 245555  
Email: [info@cavs.org.uk](mailto:info@cavs.org.uk)  
Web: [www.cavs.org.uk](http://www.cavs.org.uk)
- **Ceredigion Association of Voluntary Organisations**  
Funding and Information sheets  
Tel: 01570 423232  
Email: [gen@cavo.org.uk](mailto:gen@cavo.org.uk)  
Web: [www.cavo.org.uk](http://www.cavo.org.uk)
- **Conwy Voluntary Services Council**  
Funding and Information sheets  
Tel: 01492 534091  
Email: [mail@cvsc.org.uk](mailto:mail@cvsc.org.uk)  
Web: [www.cvsc.org.uk](http://www.cvsc.org.uk)
- **Denbighshire Voluntary Services Council**  
Funding and Information sheets  
Tel: 01824 702441  
Email: [office@dvsc.co.uk](mailto:office@dvsc.co.uk)  
Web: [www.dvsc.co.uk](http://www.dvsc.co.uk)
- **Flintshire Local Voluntary Council**  
Funding and Information sheets  
Tel: 01352 744000  
Email: [info@flvc.org.uk](mailto:info@flvc.org.uk)  
Web: [www.flvc.org.uk](http://www.flvc.org.uk)
- **Gwynedd**  
Funding and Information sheets  
Tel: 01286 672626  
Email: [enquiries@mantellgwynedd.com](mailto:enquiries@mantellgwynedd.com)  
Web: [www.mantellgwynedd.com](http://www.mantellgwynedd.com)
- **Isle of Anglesey - Medrwn Môn**  
Funding and Information sheets  
Tel: 01248 724944  
Email: [post@medrwnmon.org](mailto:post@medrwnmon.org)  
Web: [www.medrwnmon.org](http://www.medrwnmon.org)
- **Voluntary Action Merthyr Tydfil**  
Funding and Information sheets  
Tel: 01685 353900  
Email: [enquiries@vamt.net](mailto:enquiries@vamt.net)  
Web: [www.vamt.net](http://www.vamt.net)
- **Neath Port Talbot Council for Voluntary Service**  
Funding and Information sheets  
Tel: 01639 631246  
Email: [info@nptcvcs.org.uk](mailto:info@nptcvcs.org.uk)  
Web: [www.nptcvcs.co.uk](http://www.nptcvcs.co.uk)
- **Pembrokeshire Association of Voluntary Services**  
Funding and Information sheets  
Tel: 01437 769422  
Email: [enquiries@pavs.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@pavs.org.uk)  
Web: [www.pavs.org.uk](http://www.pavs.org.uk)
- **Powys Association of Voluntary Organisations**  
Funding and Information sheets  
Tel: 0845 009 3288  
Email: [info@pavo.org.uk](mailto:info@pavo.org.uk)  
Web: [www.pavo.org.uk](http://www.pavo.org.uk)
- **Rhondda Cynon Taff - Interlink**  
Funding and Information sheets  
Tel: 01443 846200  
Email: [sjames@interlinkrct.org.uk](mailto:sjames@interlinkrct.org.uk)  
Web: [www.interlinkrct.org.uk](http://www.interlinkrct.org.uk)
- **Swansea Council for Voluntary Service**  
Funding and Information sheets  
Tel: 01792 544000  
Email: [scvs@scvs.org.uk](mailto:scvs@scvs.org.uk)  
Web: [www.scvs.org.uk](http://www.scvs.org.uk)



- **Torfaen Voluntary Alliance**  
Tel: 01495 745156  
Email: [anne@tvawales.org.uk](mailto:anne@tvawales.org.uk)  
Web: [www.tvawales.org.uk](http://www.tvawales.org.uk)
  
- **Vale Centre for Voluntary Services**  
**Funding and Information sheets**  
Tel: 01446 741706  
Email: [vcvs@valecvs.org.uk](mailto:vcvs@valecvs.org.uk)  
Web: [www.valecvs.org.uk](http://www.valecvs.org.uk)
  
- **Association of Voluntary Organisations in Wrexham**  
**Funding and Information sheets**  
Tel: 01978 312556  
Email: [info@avow.org](mailto:info@avow.org)  
Web: [www.avow.org](http://www.avow.org)

Contact details the County Voluntary Councils can be found on the [Sustainable Cymru](#) website.

