

Applications invited for financial assistance from the WELSH CHURCH ACTS FUND

The Welsh Church Act 1914 is an Act of Parliament under which the Welsh part of the Church of England was separated and disestablished. The Welsh Church Act Trust was established from the proceeds and assets, which were distributed evenly amongst the former County Councils in Wales and further divided between the Unitary Authorities with their establishment in 1996.

Applications for financial assistance from the fund are invited from organisations, associations and clubs for various schemes operating within the County Borough of Conwy. These are considered on a biannual basis by Members of the Council at an appropriate meeting to be held in June/July and November/ December.

The charitable purposes for which the fund may be applied are as follows:

- Advancement of education (NOT TUITION FEES);
- Advancement of knowledge and appreciation of the arts and literature of Wales;
- Relief of poverty;
- Advancement of religion;
- Relief in sickness;
- Elderly persons;
- Social and recreational;
- Aesthetic, architectural, historical and scientific matters;
- Medical and social research, treatment, etc;
- Probation;
- People who are blind or visually impaired;
- Emergencies or disasters.

The fund generates approximately £10,000 per annum for distribution and, therefore, it is not possible to make substantial payments. Grants normally range from £50 to £2,000 but this is not exhaustive.

In most cases, grants will not be made if assistance for a particular application has been received from other departments of the Authority, either monetary or benefits in kind. Also, grants cannot be made for:

- party political purposes.

In some instances, grant payments will only be made on receipt of appropriate documentation; for example, receipts, invoices or other suitable proof of expenditure.

The Authority expects organisations to acknowledge any financial assistance granted by the Council in any advertising or literature that is produced. The Council has a bilingual policy, part of which encourages organisations who receive financial assistance from the Council to provide their services or activities bilingually, as far as possible. Advice and guidance on bilingual good practice can be obtained from the Council's Welsh Language Officer on [01492 576130](tel:01492576130).

For further enquiries and application forms, please contact Mrs Catherine Dowber (welshchurchactsfund@conwy.gov.uk) on [01492 576201](tel:01492576201). Alternatively, please write to:

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The closing date for applications is the first week in May and October each year.