



GRANTS TO THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR PANEL – 14TH JULY 2011

SUBJECT: APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

REPORT BY: GAVO

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

The Panel's budget for 2011/2012 is £85,000 as previous years. An under spend figure will be brought to the Panels attention at the next panel meeting. No grant awards have been made to date.

The total of amounts requested for applications listed in **Appendix 1 £14,741.25** (11 No.) One organisation has submitted two applications. Panel are to consider the Second application. The total requested under **Appendix 2 is £5,290.00** (39 No.). This currently gives a total sum requested of **£20,031.25**.

2. WELSH CHURCH ACTS FUND

2.1 At previous meetings of the Panel it was decided that the following criteria would apply when considering applications for assistance from the Welsh Church Fund.

- (i) A grant of no more than £1,500 to be given to partly fund projects of £4,500 and over;
- (ii) Smaller projects less than £4,500 be grant aided up to a third of the total cost;
- (iii) All organisations receiving grants produce the necessary financial records to show the expenditure has been incurred;
- (iv) No organisation be allowed to apply in consecutive years.

2.2 At the meeting of 13/07/09 Members agreed that in future, officers would approve those groups meeting the Church Act Fund Criteria, using delegated powers. Such decisions would then be reported to the Panel for information, where Members could ask for further information if required.

2.3 The Council's normal annual allocation from the Fund is £46,045. However Monmouthshire C.C. have advised us that additional funding of £30,697 has again been allocated for 2011-2012 giving a total for this year of £76,742. The current year's applications are appended in Appendix 3. The total of amounts requested in accordance with the agreed criteria is **£16,405.98**

3. DECISIONS OF OFFICERS

All applications shown above as allocated have not been processed. Once panel have met, the necessary action will be taken. This is to ensure that the correct procedure has been carried out, as this is the first panel that GAVO will be administering.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The financial implications are those set out in the foregoing report.

5. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

There are no personnel implications

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

That Members assess the applications contained in Appendix 1 and note the applications in Appendix 2 and 3.

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Appendices:
Appendix 1 Panel Awards
Appendix 2 General Criteria Awards
Appendix 3 Welsh Church Fund Awards