



## GRANTS TO THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR PANEL – 14TH DECEMBER 2011

**SUBJECT: APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

**REPORT BY: DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

The Panel's budget for 2011/2012 is as follows:

Budget 2011-12	£85,000.00
Carry forward balance from 2010-11	£75,393.75
Total Budget 2011-12	<b>£160,393.75</b>
Total Grants awarded to date (-)	(£12,152.75)
GAVO Admin cost	(£972.22)
Balance:	£147,268.78

The total of amounts requested for applications listed in **Appendix 1 £5,990.00** (16 No.) The total requested under **Appendix 2 is £3,185.00** (21 No.). This currently gives a total sum requested of **£9,175.00**.

### 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 Caerphilly county borough council has received written confirmation on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2011 confirming the 2011/12 budget, giving a total for this year of **£170,573.00**.

The current year's applications are appended in **Appendix 3**. The total of amounts requested in accordance with the agreed criteria is **£9,399.34**.

### 3. DECISIONS OF OFFICERS

All applications shown above as allocated have not been processed. Once Panel has met, the necessary action will be taken.

#### **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