###### THE REPRESENTATIVE BODY

**GRANTS FOR THE REPAIR, EXTENSION, OR PROVISION**

**OF PLACES OF WORSHIP**

Eligibility criteria and grant rates are amended from time to time. Applications should be obtained from the Resources section of the Church in Wales website or from the Representative Body directly to ensure that the form used is current.

# Criteria

# Applications must be supported by the Archdeacon and Diocesan Churches and Pastoral Committee.

1. Applications must only relate to the church or place of worship. Retrospective applications for completed work are ineligible.
2. Works relating to churchyards are not eligible.

# The Churches and Pastoral Committee must provide confirmation that the church will not close within 5 years.

1. Works must be in accordance with faculty rules and, where applicable, planning permission and building regulations.
2. Applications for the construction of new places of worship must be endorsed by the Bishop. The site for the new church must be in the ownership of the Representative Body.
3. The resources available for grants are limited and the Committee will wish to see that the parish has made every effort to secure funds from external sources. The maintenance of existing places of worship will be the priority and, in relation to extension or new construction, the parish will need to show a genuine need. The Committee will be influenced by the desire to meet the needs of an increasing congregation; the improvement of the use and facilities in an existing building; meeting the requirements of current legislation (such as Equalities Act 2010 and Health & Safety Regulations, Asbestos Report, Fire Risk Assessment).
4. The results of Part 1 of the Representative Body guidance note “Appraising Church Buildings” should be provided showing that the church will perform a key role in future outreach within the parish.
5. Grants are payable either in full at the completion of the works or in stage payments supported in each case by a copy of the appointed architect’s certificate or equivalent professionally qualified advisor’s endorsement.
6. Grants must be taken up within 2 years of the date of the award. A further grant will only be made for applications submitted at least two years after the previous award.

# Eligible Costs

* + Works of repair to the fabric of a church excluding stained glass or decoration unless such works represent less than 10% of a major repair project.
  + Works to improve safety and accessibility
  + Extensions or major reordering
  + New churches

**Grant Rates**

Maximum £3,000 or 100% of eligible costs where project costs are below £3,000.

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| **Parish:** | **RB No.** |
| **Church:** | |
| **Professional Advisor (Architects etc.):**  (It will be expected that the professional advisor will supervise and sign off any works)  **Address:** | |

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| **1.** | | (**a**)  (**b**) | Is the building listed? If so, give grading.  Is the church in a conservation area? |  |
|  | | (**c**) | Has an application been made for any grants, e.g. Heritage Lottery Fund, Cadw, People and Places?  Please give details and indicate the outcome if known. |  |
|  | | (**e**) | Please check whether there is need for:   1. Planning and/or Building Regulation Approval 2. Listed Building/Conservation Area Consent 3. Faculty Application (See Part 1, Sections 2 & 3, Rules of the Diocesan Courts) |  |
|  | **(f)**  **(g)**  **(h)** | | If you have answered YES to any of questions (e) i ii or iii, please give details of the outcome:    Date of last quinquennial inspection of the church?  Do the proposed works relate to the recommendations in the QI?  If so, please provide a copy of the relevant sections. |  |

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| **2.** | **Summary of works**  Brief description of the main items of work proposed set out in categories  e.g. roof; stonework; etc. .  Ineligible works e.g. stained glass repair, decoration or other works not directly to the fabric should be costed separately and not included in the estimated cost of works in 3(a) below.  Provide a PCC resolution approving the proposals and indicate the anticipated start date. |

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| **3.** | **(a)** Estimated cost of works (inc. fees & VAT)  (*exclude VAT that can be recovered under the*  *Listed Places of Worship Scheme)*  **(b)** Amount already in hand    **(c)** Amount promised  **(d)** Current shortfall **(a-(b+c))** | **£**  **£**  **£**  **£** |

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| **4.** | **Breakdown of Funding**  Give details of any funds in hand or promised. If no funding available, indicate any efforts that have been made to raise funds. | **In Hand** | **Promised** |
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| **5.** | **Other Applications**  Please give details of any other sources of funding that are being investigated. |

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| **6.** | (**a**) Average yearly total of income for this church during the last 5 years  (**b**) Average yearly sum spent on maintenance during the last 5 years  **(c)** Average total income of the parish during the last 5 years if more than one  church  **(d)** Please indicate any reserves held by the parish | **£**  **£**  **£**  **£** |

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|  | **(e)** How often is the church used for public worship?  **(f)** Average attendance for Sunday services?  **(g)** Average attendance for mid-week services, if applicable?  **(h)** Is there a Sunday School? |  |

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| **8.** | **Proposal to erect a new place of worship**   1. Is the site freehold? 2. Is the site leasehold? 3. Please indicate if it is not owned by the Representative Body yet 4. Approximate population of area to be served 5. How does this relate to the population of the nearest parish?      1. What is the projected population growth in the locality? 2. How far away is the nearest Church in Wales church? |  |

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| **9.** | Provide a description of the proposed building(s) and plans and specification. The proposals should have the support of the Diocesan Churches and Pastoral Committee. Indicate when the works will be carried out. |

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| **10.** | Any other notes or information (a supplementary sheet may be used) |

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| **11.** | **Applicant:**    **Address: Date**  **Archdeacon’s Endorsement: Date:**  **Bishop’s Endorsement: Date:**  **(*only where there is a proposal for a new place of worship)*** |

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|  | Please attach a copy of the Parochial Church Council resolution approving the proposals and indicate the planned start date for the work. |

Completed applications should be returned to: **Property**

**RBCW**

**2 Callaghan Square**

**Cardiff**

**CF10 5BT**