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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.





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1. Welsh Government

Community Facilities Programme

The Community Facilities Programme is a grant scheme operated by the Welsh Government. Grants are available at two levels; small grants of under £25,000 and larger grants of up to £300,000. Grants can be used to improve community facilities which are useful to, and well used by, people in the community.

The Programme is open to community and voluntary sector organisations, including social enterprises. The focus of the programme is on increasing opportunity, creating prosperity for all and developing resilient communities where people are engaged and empowered.

The Community Facilities Programme is a capital only grant scheme. Grants are available for the physical improvement of community facilities; this could include land and buildings. The scheme does not provide grants for revenue costs.

For more information:

Community Facilities Programme

2. Cadw

Cadw is the Welsh Government's historic environment service. It protects Wales's historic environment and promotes its sustainable management for present and future generations. It provides **Advice and Support** on historic assets including listed buildings, scheduled monuments and historic places of worship.

Historic buildings grants

The **Historic Buildings Grant** programmes can help owners, custodians and communities care for and maintain Wales' historic buildings.

Ancient monument grant

Cadw's **Ancient monument grants** help to conserve historic monuments and archaeological sites and to support community projects to engage with local heritage assets.

For more information:

www.cadw.gov.wales

3. 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:

[Charity Commission](#)

4. 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.

Web: www.tudortrust.org.uk

Forte Charitable Foundation

The Forte Charitable Foundation provides grants for organisations (including social enterprises, not-for-profit registered companies and voluntary organisations) in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. It does not fund CICs. It funds UK based small to medium sized local organisations with a demonstrable track record of success working to address local issues in communities of extreme urban deprivation and deprived rural districts. It provides grants for revenue costs including core costs, salaries, running and project costs.

For more information:

Who and What We Fund

Email: grants@fortecharitablefoundation.org.uk

Web: <https://www.fortecharitablefoundation.org.uk>

ASDA Foundation

The ASDA Foundation is a charitable and corporate foundation, with a focus on supporting small, local activities that directly involve their customers, with a mission to transform communities and improve lives within the UK.

The **Local Community Spaces Fund** supports grassroots community groups to transform spaces at the heart of their local community. Information about this and other funds is available on the ASDA Foundation website:

<https://asdafoundation.org/>

B&Q Waste Donation Scheme

B&Q provides surplus waste to local causes with its Community Reuse Programme. These are the most common items donated:

- Plastic plant pots and trays;
- Plants that are past their best and other compostable materials;
- Damaged or part filled cans of paint;
- Pallets;
- Broken tiles and slabs;
- Ends of wallpaper rolls; and
- End of line stock.

It works with the platform Neighbourly to connect stores with local good causes: <https://hub.neighbourly.com/bandq-product-surplus>

The Rayne Foundation

The Rayne Foundation aims to enable charitable organisations and their leaders to:

- Develop and share solutions that address society's most challenging needs and neglected issues;
- Realise the potential of the organisations and individuals involved; and
- Create a fairer society.

One of its targeted grant schemes, [**Where people meet**](#), supports the development of holistic community centres in disadvantaged areas of the UK.

For more information:

Tel: 020 7487 9657

Email: info@raynefoundation.org.uk

Website: www.raynefoundation.org.uk

Screwfix Foundation

The Screwfix Foundation is a charity set up by trade retailers Screwfix. They have a clear purpose of raising funds to support projects that will fix, repair, maintain and improve properties and community facilities specifically for those in need in the UK.

Grants in the region of £5,000 are available and may be used to help those in need in projects that relate to the repair, maintenance, improvement or construction of. homes, community buildings and other buildings

For more information:

Email: foundation@screwfix.com

Website: <https://www.screwfix.com/landingpage/screwfix-foundation>

5. 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 supports a wide variety of projects at churches, chapels and meeting houses through their grant programmes. It supports church buildings with essential repairs, maintenance and facilities projects: from training and on-the-ground support and advice, to grants worth up to £50,000.

For more information:

Tel: (0)20 7222 0605

Email: info@nationalchurchestrust.org

Web: www.nationalchurchestrust.org

Benefact Trust

- Benefact Trust exists to make a positive difference to people's lives by funding, guiding and celebrating the work of churches and Christian charities; empowering the most vulnerable and giving people, communities and places a renewed opportunity to flourish. Its grant schemes include: **Community Impact Grants:** Funding for community projects;
- **Building Grants:** Supporting churches and Christian charity buildings;
- **Methodist Grants:** Funding for Methodist projects.

For more information:

Tel: 01452 873189

Email: info@benefacttrust.co.uk

Web: <https://www.benefacttrust.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.

Garfield Weston Foundation

The Garfield Weston Foundation is a grant-giving charity for UK registered charities. They also welcome applications from faith based organisations that are either exempt under the Charity Commission guidelines or are registered charities.

For more information:

Application Guidelines

Tel: (020) 7399 6565

Email: admin@garfieldweston.org

Web: www.garfieldweston.org

James Pantyfedwen Foundation

The James Pantyfedwen Foundation regularly supports chapels and churches from all parts of Wales by offering grants to renovate and develop their buildings. Assistance can be sought for repairs and building improvements relating to the main church building, vestry and church hall but priority will be given to improvements rather than maintenance of the fabric. Grants will not be awarded for cemeteries/outside works or for the restoration and purchase of church organs.

For more information:

Tel: 01970 612806

Web: www.jamespantyfedwenfoundation.org.uk

Email: POST@JAMESPANTYFEDWEN.CYMRU

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 and disability, education, heritage and the arts and humanities.

Under the **Funding for Places** grant programme, the Foundation supports the conservation and restoration of places of worship with outstanding historic and architectural significance. Funding for places of worship is awarded through two routes: Fabric repairs grants for churches and Historic buildings & landscapes funding.

For more information:

Tel: 020 7323 5730

Email: grants@wolfson.org.uk

Web: www.wolfson.org.uk

6. Historic Buildings

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.

Grants of up to £8,000 are available to UK registered charities or publicly exempt charities.

For more information:

E-mail: info@idlewildtrust.org.uk

Website: www.idlewildtrust.org.uk

The Pilgrim Trust

The Pilgrim Trust is committed to preserving the United Kingdom's unique heritage for the benefit of future generations. It supports the preservation, conservation and repair of significant historic buildings, structures and architectural features. The Trust also supports the conservation of works of art, objects, records and collections.

Further details on what the Trust funds and how much funding is available can be found on its [website](#).

For more information:

Tel: 020 7834 6510

Email: info@thepilgrimtrust.org.uk

Website: www.thepilgrimtrust.org.uk

Heritage Funding Directory

The Heritage Funding Directory is a free guide to financial support for anyone undertaking UK related heritage projects. This is a useful starting point for navigating funding sources in the sector and it is recommended that you visit the funder's website directly to explore the latest information.

For more information:

www.heritagefundingdirectoryuk.org

7. Memorial Structures

War Memorials Trust

War Memorials Trust works to protect and conserve war memorials in the UK. The charity provides free advice to anyone as well as running grant schemes to support repair and conservation projects.

For more information:

Tel: 020 7233 7356

Email: conservation@warmemorials.org or grants@warmemorials.org

Website: www.warmemorials.org

8. Lottery Funding

The Welsh branch of the **National Lottery Community Fund** delivers funding to a range of different projects that help people connect, grow and build a better future.

The National Lottery Community Fund website has an option to search **Funding Programmes** to enable individuals and community groups to locate funding for a variety of different projects.

The National Lottery Community Fund can be contacted on **0300 123 0735** or **wales@tnlcommunityfund.org.uk**

9. Local Authority Support

Support may be available from your local authority. You can [**find your local authority**](#) on the Welsh Government website.

10. County Voluntary Council

The relevant County Voluntary Council will be able to advise individuals on sources of financial assistance for that particular locality. Contact details are available on the [**“Knowledge Hub”**](#), the Third Sector Support Wales website.