

THE REPRESENTATIVE BODY OF THE CHURCH IN WALES

CHURCHYARD IMPROVEMENT GRANT

Criteria

1. Applications must be supported by the Archdeacon and Diocesan Churches and Pastoral Committee.
2. Works should be in accordance with faculty rules and, where appropriate, any other permissions that may be required e.g. planning permission.
3. PCCs should also seek funding from other sources, particularly the local community council, the diocese and the local authority, as trustee of the Welsh Church Acts Fund.
4. Priority will be given to boundary repair, particularly retaining walls. Other works will only be considered upon production of an architect's or structural engineer's report confirming that the boundary is in good repair.
5. Applications for works to the boundary walls of a church that is listed should be accompanied by a report from an architect/chartered building surveyor/structural engineer.
6. £25,000 will be available each year. Once this has been exhausted, applicants may either seek a 12 month interest-free loan or defer an application until new funding becomes available in the following year.

Eligible Costs

- Boundary repair
- Footpath repair, including provision of handrails or other safety equipment where required
- One-off assistance to bring a churchyard into good condition.
- Clearance of headstones to create a garden of remembrance to ease maintenance
- In exceptional circumstances, clearance of graveyard including exhumation.

Grant Rates

50% of eligible costs up to a maximum of £2,500 for any one grant.

A 12 months interest-free loan may be offered to cover any remaining shortfall.

Only one grant will be available in any 5-year cycle for any particular churchyard except where the Property Committee considers that there are exceptional circumstances.

THE REPRESENTATIVE BODY
GRANTS FOR CHURCHYARD IMPROVEMENT

Parish:	R.B. No:
Church:	

I. Nature of the work (Please include photographs of the church/churchyard)
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2.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Is the churchyard still in use? b) If in use, what is the average number of burials per annum over the last 5 years? (c) Is the church listed? If so, give grading (d) Is the church in a conservation area? (e) Will any graves, vaults, monuments etc., be affected by the proposed works? (f) Date of last Quinquennial Inspection of church/churchyard (g) How often is the church used for public worship? (g) Is there a need for <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Planning permission and/or Building Regulation approval (ii) Listed Building/ Conservation Area Consent (iii) Faculty permission (h) Average yearly total of church income during the last 5 years 	
		£

	<p>(i) Is there a churchyard maintenance fund? If not, please give reasons in section 10.</p>	
	<p>(j) How much is in the fund?</p>	<p>£</p>

<p>4. Boundary Repairs</p> <p>Has it been established that the adjoining owner has no liability for the boundary?</p> <p>Has it been investigated whether repair costs could be recovered by insurance?</p> <p>Are any parts of the boundary separately listed? (e.g. lych gate) If so, please give details:</p>	
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<p>5. Summary of Work Please provide a copy of the advisor's report. Please list in order of priority.</p>

6.	(a)	Estimated cost of repair (inc. fees & VAT)	£
	(b)	Sum already in hand	£
	(c)	Sum promised	£
	(d)	Current shortfall (a - (b + c))	£ _____ =====

7. <u>Breakdown of Funding</u>	In Hand	Promised

8. Other Applications
Please give details of any other applications for funding i.e. those that have been refused or where the outcome is awaited.

9. When will the work be carried out?

10. Any other notes or information (a supplementary sheet may be used if necessary)

11. Professional Advisor (Architect etc)
Address

12. Applicant
Address

Date

Archdeacon's Endorsement

Date

Completed applications should be returned to: Property
RBCW
39 Cathedral Road
Cardiff
CF11 9XF