



Grants – Application Form

Please specify which grant you are applying for:

Council Grant	
Loneliness Project Grant	yes
Christmas Lighting Grant	

Organisation Name	Ebenezer Baptist Church
Organisation Type <i>Provide your registered charity number, if applicable</i>	1198946
Organisation Address <i>If your organisation is not based in one premises, please state which areas you cover</i>	Ebenezer Baptist Church Park Place Abertillery NP13 1ED
Grant Amount Request	£3000

What would this funding be used for? <i>Please be as precise as possible</i> Ebenezer began its warm Hub in 2022 since then we have welcomed many families and individuals. In response to the cost of living crisis .However we soon realised that the chief issue was loneliness. Loneliness is the experience of having no regular social contact, no safe place to belong, and no meaningful relationships — a gap our Warm Hub directly fills. Without funding, the Warm Hub would be unable to sustain current levels of demand or deliver the long-term outcomes expected by statutory partners under the Well-being of Future Generations framework. Funding will ensure: • Weekly food and hospitality supplies to maintain dignified, nutritious provision • Safe, warm, accessible spaces for older adults, families, and vulnerable residents • Volunteer-led delivery that keeps costs low and strengthens community ownership

- **Consistent, predictable support**, which is essential for people experiencing loneliness
- **Continued partnership working** with Abertillery Learning Community, public health teams, and local agencies, enabling effective signposting and early intervention

How does your project benefit the Abertillery and Llanhilleth area and its residents?

We have kept records of the footfall over the last year, **over 1,800 individual visits** were recorded over a 12-month period. This shows both the scale of local need and the trust the community places in us. Many of the people who come through our doors are experiencing loneliness, linked to poor health, low income, caring responsibilities or living alone.

Our consistent footfall demonstrates that residents rely on the Warm Hub as a safe place to connect with others, access support, and feel part of something.

Our partnership with **Abertillery Learning Community (ALC)** continues to strengthen and deliver real benefits for both students and local residents. Through their *Chillax* project, staff and students use the school garden to grow fresh produce which is then used to prepare a **nutritious soup every week** for our Warm Hub. This regular contribution not only supports food security for local families but also helps young people understand the value of community action and healthy eating.

We work closely with ALC to create **meaningful volunteering and learning opportunities** for students within our toddler group. These placements help young people develop confidence, social skills, and real-world experience, while giving our families additional support and positive intergenerational interaction. The relationship is genuinely **mutually beneficial**, strengthening community ties and helping students feel part of something bigger.

Alongside this, we continue to provide **signposting and support** to a range of agencies and services that benefit residents, ensuring people can access the help they need at the right time

How many residents of our wards do you believe will benefit from this project?

Many of those who come into warm hub are frequent visitors, some are young mums who pop in, others are people who live alone, some come with friends others come to meet their friends. Over the years we have become a predictable space where there is always someone available to have a chat. A conservative estimate is that over 70 individuals have or will benefit from this project.

What is the total cost of your project?

£3000

Please detail any project costs which will be met by your group

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The church will provide the building, utilities, volunteer time, equipment, and all in-kind support needed to run the project safely and effectively.

Letter of support To ebenezer

To whom it may concern

The lunch club{Warm hub} coffee mornings Food bank and clothing supplies for people in need as well as those who need spiritual support pray meetings bible studies and not forgetting the well attended toddler play group.

People from all walks of life can use these facilities whether you feel lonely isolated retired or whatever your situation There is always somewhere to go someone to help.

Since I moved here a year ago I have regularly attended all the activities at Ebenezer Church I feel that Ebenezer is a beacon of connection and comfort. Unfortunately sometimes and villages do not have these facilities available .Abertillery is a deprived town a lot of the shops are shut down and there is high unemployment in this area people largely look to Ebenezer for comfort and connection and with others in the community volunteers walk hand in hand and are much appreciated for the selfless contribution -Without this facility we would feel devastated

J [REDACTED]

C [REDACTED]

L [REDACTED]

ALCC ClerkMailbox

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: [REDACTED]
To: ALCC ClerkMailbox
Subject: Re: Ebenezer Baptist Church

Good afternoon Molly,

I have had a look at my application form and unfortunately the last digit was wrong

[REDACTED]
Funding will be used to sustain the core elements of Ebenezer's Loneliness Project, ensuring that residents experiencing isolation, poor health, and financial hardship can continue to access a warm, welcoming, and supportive space each week.

Costs will be allocated as follows:

Refreshments

These items are essential to creating a relaxed, sociable environment where participants feel comfortable staying, talking, and forming connections.

Since we began this work, we have learned that although the cost of living crisis was the initial catalyst, most residents now come because of **loneliness, social isolation, or personal need**. People attend not just for warmth or food, but for connection, routine, and a sense of belonging.

To ensure no one is excluded, we have adopted a **"pay what you can" principle**, so that those who are struggling financially are never disadvantaged or made to feel uncomfortable. This approach is vital for dignity and inclusion, but it also means we must be extremely careful with our resources. Rising food costs, increased attendance, and the vulnerability of many participants make it difficult to sustain provision without external support. Funding is therefore essential to help us continue offering refreshments and hospitality that create the safe, welcoming environment our community relies on.

Volunteer Support and Delivery Costs

Although the project is volunteer-led, small costs arise from delivering sessions — for training materials and resources such as L2 food course and replacing items essential to the project. As a guideline we spend £2800 annually on refreshments alone.

We greatly value the support we receive from organisations such as yours.

I hope that this makes the application much clearer and answers the questions you have.



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Organisation Name	Zion Miners Chapel and Community Room
Organisation Type <i>Provide your registered charity number, if applicable</i>	Community Groups
Organisation Address <i>If your organisation is not based in one premises, please state which areas you cover</i>	High St, Llanhilleth Abertillery Gwent NP13 2RB
Grant Amount Request	£2500

What would this funding be used for? <i>Please be as precise as possible</i> The grant would be used for us to continue to run and develop our existing groups 1) Dementia Friendly and Living Alone Group held Monthly 2) Friendship Group held Fortnightly 3) Bereavement Coffee Time held Fortnightly 4) Community Musical Evenings held bi-Monthly 5) Community Office (open when required) All of our groups are open to all ages and help to combat loneliness, illness related issues, lack of self confidence and encourage people to meet and learn from one another. The funds would allow us to continue and develop our groups to reach more people, allowing us to purchase the required food, equipment and cover running costs.

How does your project benefit the Abertillery and Llanhilleth area and its residents?

Our project has been running many years and benefits all ages within our communities. As one 94-year-old told us "You have helped me regain some confidence in meeting others".

We encourage all of our members to take part in the groups and our programme of groups is varied.

Our groups are run by all ages of volunteers learning new skills and building self confidence

How many residents of our wards do you believe will benefit from this project?

At present we have 54 people who attend our groups

What is the total cost of your project?

£2500

Please detail any project costs which will be met by your group

Please include details of other grant funding bids you have applied for or received for this project

Exceptional Circumstances

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Organisation Name	Blaenau Gwent Play Team
Organisation Type <i>Provide your registered charity number, if applicable</i>	
Organisation Address <i>If your organisation is not based in one premises, please state which areas you cover</i>	Blaina Integrated Children's Centre High Street Blaina NP133BN
Grant Amount Request	£1550

What would this funding be used for?

Please be as precise as possible

The funding will be used to expand and strengthen the Blaenau Gwent Play Team's existing Play in the Park programme, enabling us to reach more children and families across the borough. At present, limited staffing and resources restrict delivery to one park at a time. This grant will increase our capacity, allowing us to run multiple sessions across different locations and broaden access to free, high-quality play opportunities.

The budget will support additional staffing to safely deliver more sessions, as well as transport costs to move play equipment between a wider range of parks. Funding will also be used to provide free healthy snacks for children attending addressing the holiday hunger that some families face during school holidays, especially the longer Summer holiday period.

All sessions are free and run for two hours, offering a safe, supervised, and engaging environment where children can play freely. A wide range of loose parts and play equipment is provided to complement existing park facilities, encouraging creativity, physical activity, and social interaction. Each session also includes an arts and crafts activity, interactive games with trained staff on hand to facilitate play, support children's development, and ensure a positive experience for all participants.

We propose to run an additional session to the one currently funded by the Local Authority in the Abertillery/Llanhilleth area over our five-week summer period beginning the week commencing 27th July. Should the grant be awarded but the recruitment of staff be impeded due to the short time before the holidays start the funding will be rolled over to the subsequent school holidays or one off events.

How does your project benefit the Abertillery and Llanhilleth area and its residents?

Our project brings the fundamental benefits of active, outdoor play directly to the children and families of Abertillery and Llanhilleth.

By utilising local parks, we create safe, welcoming spaces where children can be physically active, explore their surroundings, and develop a lifelong enjoyment of the outdoors. This supports healthier lifestyles, improves physical fitness, and provides a positive outlet for energy.

The sessions also offer valuable social opportunities, through play, children develop key life skills such as communication, cooperation, and confidence. At the same time, parents and caregivers have the chance to meet, connect, and build supportive relationships, helping to strengthen the wider community.

Importantly, the project encourages greater use and appreciation of local green spaces. By transforming parks into vibrant, positive environments, we promote community pride and a sense of ownership. Our aim is for families to feel confident using these spaces independently, ensuring the benefits of the project continue long after the sessions have ended.

How many residents of our wards do you believe will benefit from this project?

Our previous statistics suggests our summer sessions reach upwards of 50 children per session. We also have many parents and caregivers who bring their children and engage with the team and each other.

What is the total cost of your project?

£1550

Please detail any project costs which will be met by your group

Please include details of other grant funding bids you have applied for or received for this project

The cost to deliver a session is £310, this includes staffing, a snack for all children, resources, publicity to promote the session and transport.

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Organisation Name	North Gwent Table Tennis Club
Organisation Type <i>Provide your registered charity number, if applicable</i>	Sports club
Organisation Address <i>If your organisation is not based in one premises, please state which areas you cover</i>	Covers Abertillery & Tredegar
Grant Amount Request	£ 1500 We would also be able to run the project on a lower budget if the amount requested is not approved.

What would this funding be used for?

Please be as precise as possible

North Gwent table tennis club is a community club built on the legacy of Tredegar legend Gerald Watkins who established the club over 30 years ago.

The funding will be used to improve the running of current sessions and ensure the junior section doesn't close. In recent times the ever growing costs of halls etc has caused a lack of funding for improved equipment and coaches for our thriving players in the junior section. The club runs in both Tredegar and Abertillery leisure centres. The club has 2 senior nights, 1 junior night and a Friday morning live long ping pong session which takes GP referrals for those requiring gentle exercise after a stroke etc.

The money would be used to improve equipment for all sessions. It would also support a coach for the junior set up ensuring this doesn't close. It will also allow the coach to promote and go into schools to recruit new children to the sport. Sessions at under £4 per night for juniors and we want to continue to make this accessible in a deprived area of Wales. Many of the juniors in our section have gone on to represent county and Wales. We want to continue this legacy from huge success story of Charlotte Carey from Ebbw Vale.

The club also runs two tournaments a year with local players being able to play against those from all over Wales. Without further funding we won't have the equipment to do this or be able to keep the junior section.

The junior section runs on a Friday evening which supports anti social behaviour getting young people off the streets into a sport.

How does your project benefit the Abertillery and Llanhilleth area and its residents?

Please see link to recent article in Table tennis Wales website around history of the club which started from local Tredegar resident Gerald Watkins. <https://tabletennis.wales/how-north-gwent-ttc-continuously-celebrates-impact-of-volunteering/>

This project will continue the legacy of the club gaining new members right through from juniors to those requiring gentle exercise. We want to give opportunities to young people in the area to get into a sport without the financial cost. We currently have 3 juniors representing Wales and 5 representing Gwent all from Blaenau Gwent Without further funding the junior section is due to close as it is becoming unmanageable without a further coach This coach would also engage with local schools to get children involved into the sport.
The sessions take place in both Abertillery & Tredegar.

How many residents of our wards do you believe will benefit from this project?

20-30 young people at junior section

20 adults 50-80 at the Friday live long ping pong session aimed at GP referrals for exercise after strokes etc.

20 adults at senior night

What is the total cost of your project?

£ 1500

Please detail any project costs which will be met by your group

Please include details of other grant funding bids you have applied for or received for this project

£500 improved equipment for all club nights including seniors, GP referral group and junior set up.

Abertillery school can also use equipment in P.E time. This will also enable the continuation of tournaments twice a year for local players to play against players all over Wales

£200 Club kit for junior players to be able to attend local tournaments, represent Gwent in county and

£800 coaching for junior section. Currently this section is looking to fold as there is not enough support to coach the players at Welsh & county standard and recruit new players from the community.

The coach would also go into local schools to promote and engage local young people into the club.

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Organisation Name	Hospice of the Valleys
Organisation Type <i>Provide your registered charity number, if applicable</i>	Hospice Registered Charity Number 517724
Organisation Address <i>If your organisation is not based in one premises, please state which areas you cover</i>	Festival Drive, Ebbw Vale, Blaenau Gwent, NP23 8XF
Grant Amount Request	£500

What would this funding be used for?

Please be as precise as possible

Sponsorship of our Christmas Concert 2026 which is due to take place on Friday 11th December, this event raises vital funds to support the care and support the Hospice provides to people living in Blaenau Gwent more specifically the residents of the Abertillery and Llanhilleth districts. Sponsorship would support the hire of The Met and for the concert and the associated costs of advertising, marketing and promotion which I am confident would help make this another sell out event generating vital funds. Benefits of our Corporate Sponsor Package are detailed below.

Gold (£500) Social media; 1 x announcement as event gold sponsor 1 x corporate sponsor blog 1 x announcement during event 1 x announcement general thank you post event 1 x announcement specific thank you post event 4 x complimentary free entries Logo on publicity; flyers and posters, social media tile Logo on event programme Logo on Hospice event page website 100 word biography on Hospice website and linked to corporate sponsor Branding on the day supplied by Corporate 1 x announcement in the Hospice quarterly newsletter 1 x announcement in the Hospice annual newsletter.

How does your project benefit the Abertillery and Llanhilleth area and its residents?

The Hospice looks after patients and their loved ones across the whole of Blaenau Gwent including patients and their loved ones who reside in the Abertillery and Llanhilleth districts. Residents would benefit in a wide range of ways as the concert raises vital funds so residents and their loved ones can access FREE care and support, this includes specialist palliative and end of life care. The concert also would raise awareness of the Hospice in the area encouraging future donations from the community and involvement. We want to raise awareness of what the Hospice delivers and that our services are there for all in Abertillery and Llanhilleth. The concert would also attract people from other areas as well as residents providing an affordable evening of entertainment and cultural activity. Our concert at The Met is now an annual event that the community can look forward to building a stronger connection bringing the community together to support and raise awareness of the Hospice.

How many residents of our wards do you believe will benefit from this project?

The concert is open to all in your wards, and we would warmly welcome them to our Concert, our Hospice Service is FREE and accessible to all adults who need care and support facing life limiting or potentially life limiting illness. We also support young people with bereavement support offering talking therapies.

What is the total cost of your project?

£500

Please detail any project costs which will be met by your group

Please include details of other grant funding bids you have applied for or received for this project

We have also secured sponsorship from a building company who would be joint sponsors with the council, sponsorship would mitigate our costs of putting on this event in Abertillery.

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Not Applicable

spending.

- In the event of any activity or service funded by a grant from the Council not proceeding, ALCC is entitled to require repayment of some or all of the grant.
- In the event that a grant recipient wishes to use the funding for a different purpose than it was awarded for, they must not spend the funding and should submit a new grant application to re allocate it for the new purpose.
- In the event of grant funding being used for purposes other than which the grant was awarded for, ALCC is entitled to require repayment of some or all of the grant.
- In the event that a grant recipient is successful in securing funding from a different source for the same project, ALCC may request repayment of some or all of the grant.
- If requested, grant recipients must provide a completed Grants Completion and Feedback Report detailing how the funding was spent. Council will not consider further grant applications from the organisation if this report is not received, unless in exceptional circumstances.

The Application Form begins on the next page.

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Council Grant	
Loneliness Project Grant	
Christmas Lighting Grant	
School Transport Grant	X

Organisation Name	St. Illtyd's Primary School
Organisation Type <i>Provide your registered charity number, if applicable</i>	Local Authority Primary School
Organisation Address <i>If your organisation is not based in one premises, please state which areas you cover</i>	Llanhilleth, Abertillery, NP13 2JT

Grant Amount Request	£1666.00
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What would this funding be used for?

Please be as precise as possible

The funding will be used to provide transport for an extra-curricular educational visit for pupils at St Illtyd's Primary School. Access to transport enables children to take part in enriching learning experiences beyond the classroom, supporting the Curriculum for Wales by bringing learning to life through real-life experiences.

The visit will provide opportunities for pupils to develop their knowledge, skills and confidence in a meaningful context, whilst promoting curiosity, independence and wellbeing. Educational visits also encourage teamwork, communication, resilience and problem-solving, helping children to develop important life skills alongside their academic learning.

This funding will help ensure that all pupils have the opportunity to participate, regardless of their financial circumstances, reducing barriers to participation and promoting equality of opportunity. By supporting transport costs, the grant will enable the school to provide a high-quality educational experience that enriches classroom learning, broadens children's horizons and creates lasting memories that inspire a lifelong love of learning.

How does your project benefit the Abertillery and Llanhilleth area and its residents?

The project will directly benefit children and families within the Abertillery and Llanhilleth community by enabling local pupils to participate in an educational visit that enhances their learning and personal development. The visit will enrich the Curriculum for Wales through experiences that cannot be replicated in the classroom, helping pupils to develop confidence, independence, communication and teamwork.

By removing the financial barrier of transport costs, the grant will help ensure that every child has the opportunity to take part, regardless of their family's circumstances. The knowledge, skills and experiences gained will have a lasting impact on pupils' education and wellbeing, benefiting not only the children themselves but also their families and the wider community.

How many residents of our wards do you believe will benefit from this project?

173

What is the total cost of your project?	£1666.00
Please detail any project costs which will be met by your group <i>Please include details of other grant funding bids you have applied for or received for this project</i>	
<i>The school will meet any additional costs associated with the educational visit that are not covered by the transport grant through its educational visits budget and other allocated school funding.</i>	

Exceptional Circumstances If the amount requested is greater than £3,000, or if the grant request is for running costs, please explain what the exceptional circumstances are:
N/A

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Name of applicant	
Contact email address	