



Grants – Application Form

Please specify which grant you are applying for:

Council Grant	
Loneliness Project Grant	✓
Christmas Lighting Grant	

Organisation Name	The Wyndham rowles Community Centre
Organisation Type <i>Provide your registered charity number, if applicable</i>	Charity 1080032
Organisation Address <i>If your organisation is not based in one premises, please state which areas you cover</i>	Crown St Abertillery NP13 1PJ
Grant Amount Request	£ 1140

What would this funding be used for?

Please be as precise as possible

We would use funding to cover the cost of running a class to combat loneliness, getting people moving (via dance) then high refreshments and a chat after. The group class would be aimed at residents who are alone, fighting dementia and suffering with mental and physical health issues.

funding would cover costs for a 12 week block.

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

The Project would allow residents of all ages and abilities to socialise, learn something new and gain confidence meeting new people

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

on average 30 residents per week

What is the total cost of your project?

£ 1140

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

All costs would be covered by the proposed grant.

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:



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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

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

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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Council Grant	
Loneliness Project Grant	X
Christmas Lighting Grant	

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

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