



GRANT FUNDING

Ecclesiastical Charities and Church Commissioners' Mission Development Funding

Introduction

The ecclesiastical charities (see below for contact details) have for many years awarded grants in support of the work of the Church of England in the Bristol area. Since the inauguration of the Diocesan Strategy, trustees have sought to direct their support towards initiatives that are in line with the aims of the Strategy. In addition, the Diocese currently receives an annual grant from the Church Commissioners which is intended to be used to fund mission initiatives.

The charities' money is available only for work in Kingswood and South Gloucestershire and the three Bristol deaneries, whereas the Church Commissioners' grant can be applied anywhere in the diocese. In the interests of equity, therefore, applications from Swindon, North Wilts and Chippenham deaneries will be given preference in the allocation of Commissioners' funds.

Applying for funding

Ecclesiastical Charities

Applications may be made either by parishes or by groups that can demonstrate the support and active involvement of the Church of England – this might be at diocesan, deanery or parish level and would include ecumenical ventures in which Anglicans are active partners.

Applicants may find it helpful to consult one of the trustees who is a member of Bishop's Staff (see below) when drawing up proposals.

The application should first be submitted to the deanery leadership team, as trustees will want to know whether it has the deanery's support. A note confirming the DLT's support should accompany the application when submitted to the charity.

A copy of the application should also be sent to the Strategy Delivery Team.

The SDT or deanery leadership team may wish to express an opinion on the extent to which an application is aligned with the Diocesan Strategy or on its priority in relation to other applications.

Applicants should then submit their applications directly to the clerk of the relevant charity. Trustees will take note of comments from DLTs and the SDT, but the decision whether or not to award a grant is entirely theirs.

Church Commissioners' Mission Fund

Applications will be considered and funds allocated by the Bishop in the light of recommendations from the Strategy Delivery Team.

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Applicants may find it helpful to consult a member of the Strategy Delivery Team (see below) when drawing up proposals.

The application should first be submitted to the deanery leadership team. A note confirming the DLT's support should accompany the application when submitted to the SDT.

Applicants should submit their applications directly to the leader of the SDT. Members of the SDT will take note of comments from DLTs in their recommendations to the Bishop. The Bishop makes the decision whether or not to award a grant.

Guidelines

When considering applications to all funding bodies, the Strategy Delivery Team will make its recommendations on the following criteria. Proposals will therefore need to outline how these criteria will be met.

The parish or group requesting funding must:

- be able to demonstrate how its current outcomes are in line with the diocese's Growth Programme in its local context
- explain how additional funding will further enable delivery of outcomes in line with the Growth Programme
- give evidence of the suitability of the people leading the project to deliver those outcomes successfully
- explain how those outcomes will be monitored and demonstrated
- give details of other sources of funding for the project
- if appropriate, have a plan for sustaining the project after grant funding ceases

In addition, preference will be given to a project which:

- is sponsored and led by a collaborative team
- is designed to encourage growth and/or to develop leadership
- is a new initiative
- has a limited lifespan of, or requires funding for, no more than three years
- has the support of the appropriate deanery.

While recognising that funding is often required for two or three years, some trusts may be unable to commit themselves firmly to more than one year's grant at a time. This would not preclude the possibility of a favourable response to applications for subsequent years.

There is no minimum size of grant and a maximum grant would be in the region of £75,000 over three years, and likely to be tapered.

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