Places of Worship Funding Index

A resource to support places of worship in England to identify potential funders for building-focused projects



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How to use this resource

This guide will help those caring for places of worship find funding to look after and improve their buildings.

You might be looking for funding to repair your building, make it warmer and more energy efficient, improve access for disabled people or create or add space for your local community.

This guide has three main parts.

1. Contents Page

The contents page lists every fund in this guide.

Next to each fund is either the name of a denomination or a coloured symbol. These correspond to the colours refered to in the flow diagram.

2. Funding Flow Diagram

Start with the flow diagram. It asks simple questions about your project and helps you decide which funding opportunities are most suitable. Once the flow diagram points you to a colour, use the contents page to find the right fund. You can then turn to the page in the funding index to read more about it.

3. Funding Index

The funding index lists a range of organisations that offer grants. This list is not exhaustive and does not include all local or regional funders, many of which only support projects in a small area.

The grants are divided into:

- **National funders**, which support projects across the country.
- **Local funders,** which only support projects in certain areas.

The grants are also grouped by the amount of money they offer, so you can quickly find funding that matches your project.

At the end of the document you will find a section on loans. These lenders specialise in supporting charitable or faith based projects.

Before you apply

Before you apply for a grant, you will need to have a plan for your project.

This may include:

- getting advice and a building condition survey from architects, surveyors or other building experts
- deciding what work needs to be done
- writing a project plan
- working out the costs
- speaking to your denominational lead, if this applies to you
- Geting the necessary permissions for the work either through your denomination or the local authority as applicable
- talking to your congregation and local community

If you need money to help with planning before you apply for larger grants, some funders can support this stage. The flow diagram will show you which ones.

Historically, some trusts were founded to support specific religious traditions or denominations. This is why the flow diagram asks questions about specific places of worship and why some funds in the index are marked with a specific denomination.

Every funder is different. Each one has its own rules about who can apply and what it will fund. After using the flow diagram and funding index, visit the funder's website to check that your project is eligible. This will also tell you how to apply.

Most of the funders in this guide only give grants to registered charities. They also usually expect you to apply before any work has started.

Some trusts will only get in touch if your application is successful, and many are not able to give feedback if it isn't. While we hope this guide helps you find the right funding opportunities, we can't guarantee that every application will be successful.







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This diagram will help you find organisations that may be able to support your project. Use the flow diagram together with the Funding Index.

Historically, trusts were founded to support the buildings of specific religions and denominations. This is why the flow diagram encourages you to find funders that are a good fit for your specific place of worship by asking questions about denomination and location before considering broader, national funds. This tool is a starting point. There are many other funders that may be appropriate for you that are not listed in the Funding Index.

Every organisation has its own rules about who can apply and what it will support. Once you have found some possible funders, use the Funding Index to learn more about them. Then visit each organisation's website to check that your project meets its requirements before you apply.

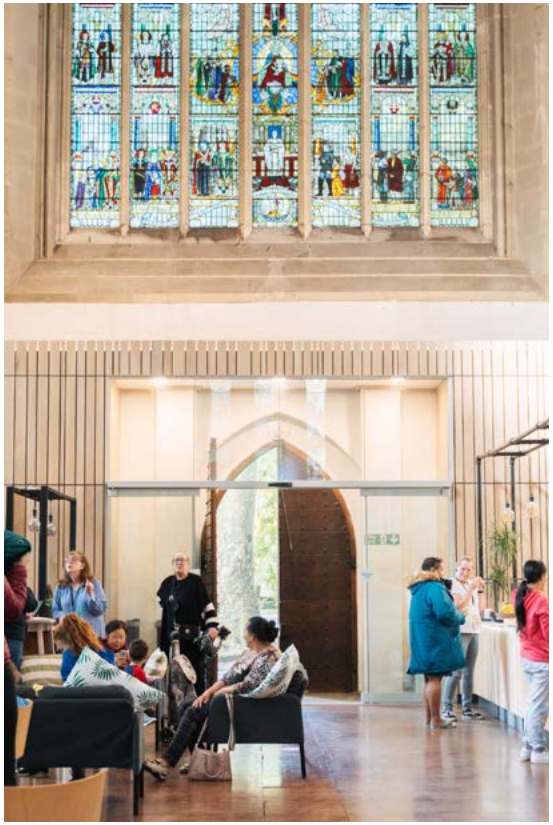
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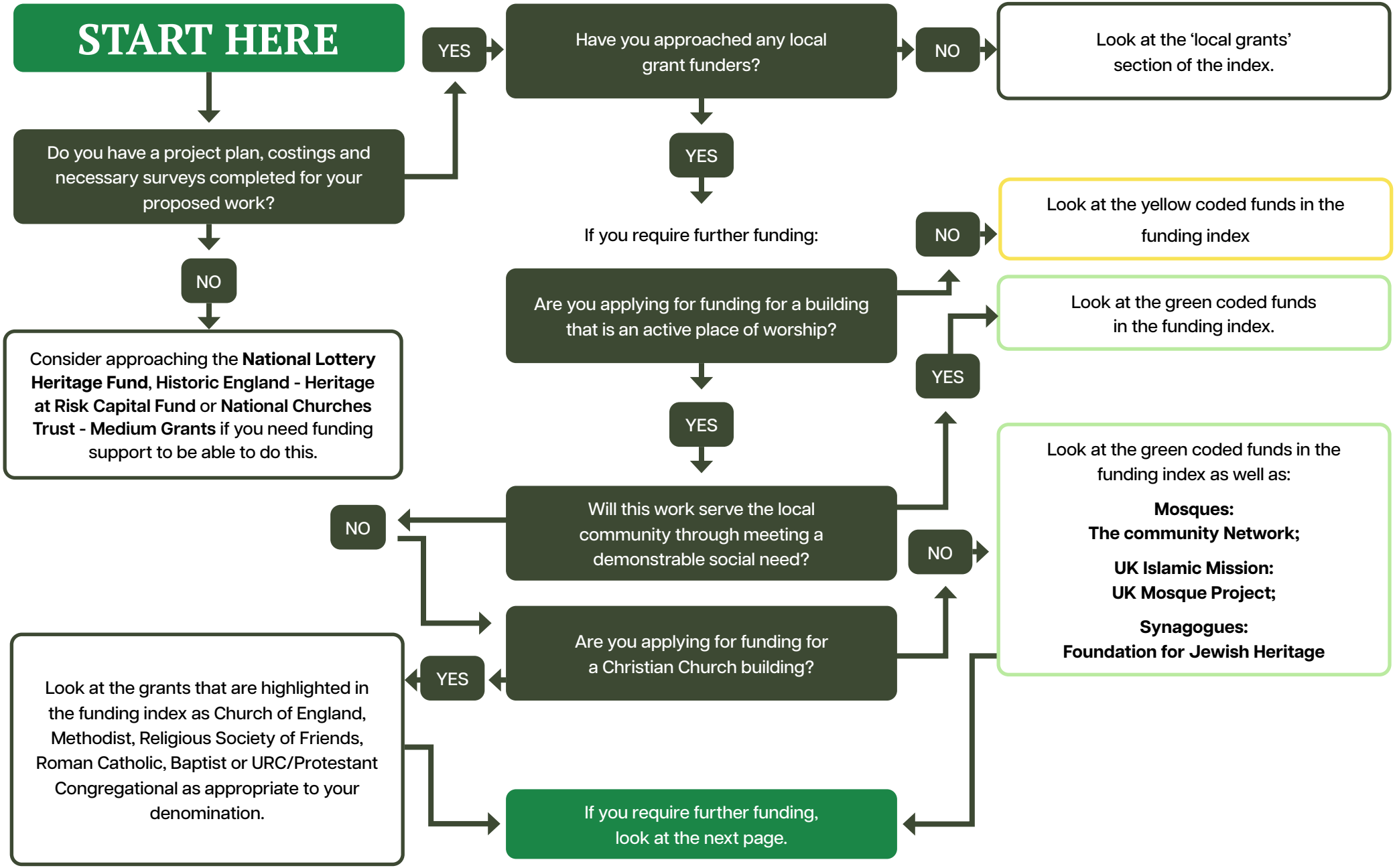
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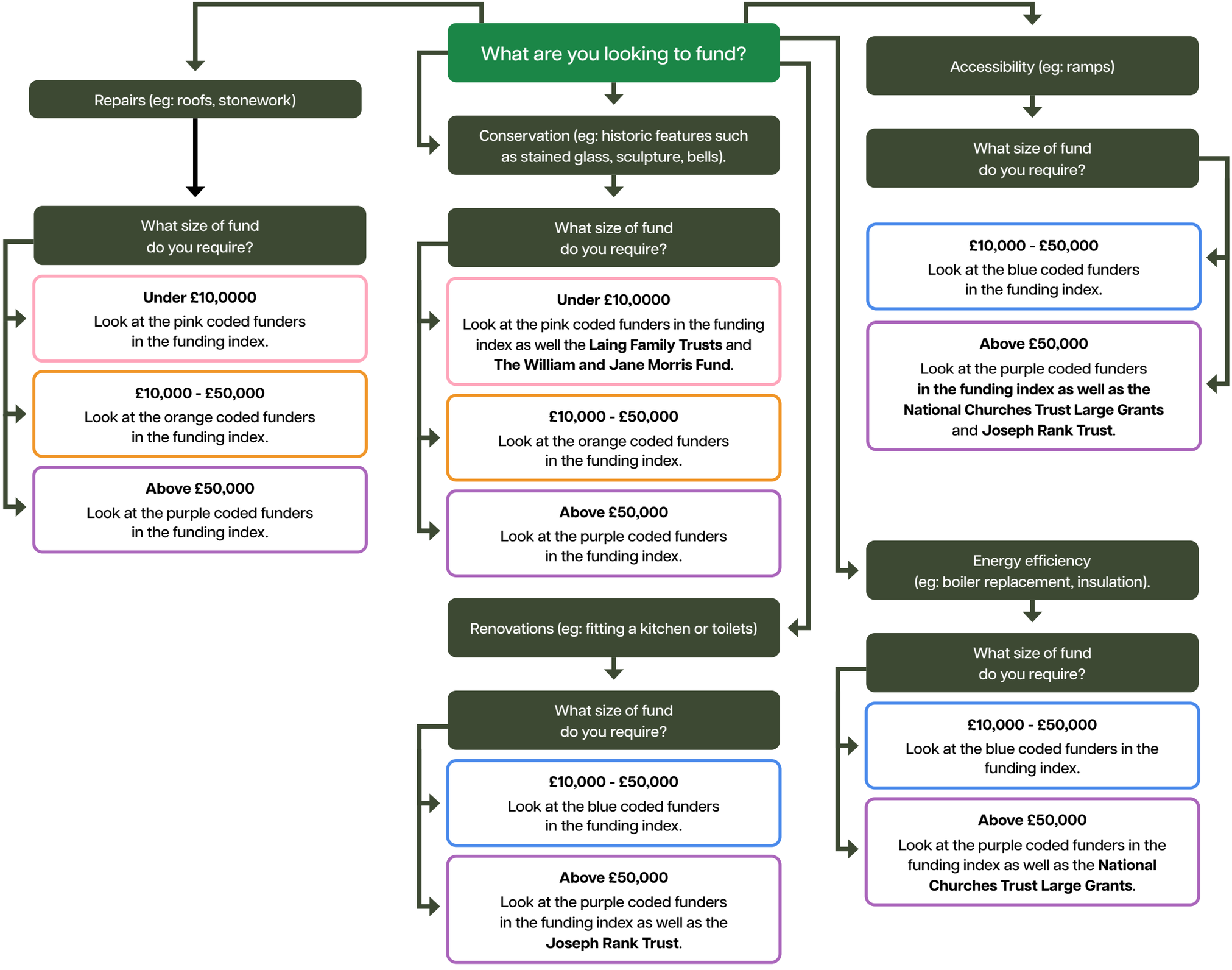
Taking time to plan your project will improve your chances of securing funding.

- Be clear about your project. Write a short summary explaining the need, what you want to achieve and how you plan to do it.
- Get a professional assessment. If your project involves building work, arrange a professional survey or inspection. This will help you estimate costs and provide evidence that the work is needed.
- Prepare a budget. Work out the total cost of your project. You will need to apply to more than one funder, so consider approaching larger funders (eg: National Lottery Heritage Fund, Benefact Trust) first for major projects.
- Seek advice. If you are part of a denomination, speak to your denomination's buildings adviser or, if you are part of the Church of England, your Diocesan Church Buildings Team.
- Learn from others. Talk to organisations that have completed similar projects to gain practical advice and useful contacts.
- Develop your project plan. Include the project costs and explain why it is important for your congregation, community and the building's heritage.
- Consult and get permissions. Ask your community for feedback and obtain any approvals or consents you need before applying for funding such as from your denomination or a Listed Buildings Consent.
- Speak to funders. Many funders are happy to discuss your project before you apply. If you are unsure whether your project is eligible, contact the funder for advice before submitting your application.



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Do you have a project plan, costings and necessary surveys completed for your proposed work?
YES
NO
Consider approaching the National Lottery Heritage Fund, Historic England - Heritage at Risk Capital Fund or National Churches Trust - Medium Grants if you need funding support to be able to do this.
Have you approached any local grant funders?
NO
Look at the 'local grants' section of the index.
YES
If you require further funding:
Are you applying for funding for a building that is an active place of worship?
NO
Look at the yellow coded funds in the funding index
YES
Look at the green coded funds in the funding index.
YES
Will this work serve the local community through meeting a demonstrable social need?
NO
Look at the green coded funds in the funding index as well as:
Mosques:
The community Network;
UK Islamic Mission:
UK Mosque Project;
Synagogues:
Foundation for Jewish Heritage
NO
Are you applying for funding for a Christian Church building?
YES
Look at the grants that are highlighted in the funding index as Church of England, Methodist, Religious Society of Friends, Roman Catholic, Baptist or URC/Protestant Congregational as appropriate to your denomination.
If you require further funding, look at the next page.


What are you looking to fund?
Repairs (eg: roofs, stonework)
What size of fund do you require?
Under £10,0000
Look at the pink coded funders in the funding index.
£10,000 - £50,000
Look at the orange coded funders in the funding index.
Above £50,000
Look at the purple coded funders in the funding index.
Conservation (eg: historic features such as stained glass, sculpture, bells).
What size of fund do you require?
Under £10,0000
Look at the pink coded funders in the funding index as well the Laing Family Trusts and The William and Jane Morris Fund.
£10,000 - £50,000
Look at the orange coded funders in the funding index.
Above £50,000
Look at the purple coded funders in the funding index.
Renovations (eg: fitting a kitchen or toilets)
What size of fund do you require?
£10,000 - £50,000
Look at the blue coded funders in the funding index.
Above £50,000
Look at the purple coded funders in the funding index as well as the Joseph Rank Trust.
Accessibility (eg: ramps)
What size of fund do you require?
£10,000 - £50,000
Look at the blue coded funders in the funding index.
Above £50,000
Look at the purple coded funders in the funding index as well as the National Churches Trust Large Grants and Joseph Rank Trust.
Energy efficiency (eg: boiler replacement, insulation).
What size of fund do you require?
£10,000 - £50,000
Look at the blue coded funders in the funding index.
Above £50,000
Look at the purple coded funders in the funding index as well as the National Churches Trust Large Grants.

National Funding

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54:2 Foundation	
Range of Grants: not specified	**Match Funding**: not specified
Contact: hello@fiftyfourtwo.org	**Website**: https://www.fiftyfourtwo.org/
Areas Funded: Repairs, Community Facilities, Climate Change Adaptions, Energy Efficiency Measures, wide range of grants made	
Criteria: • Open to applications from partner with charities and organisations that are working to relieve & prevent poverty, advance education & opportunities of all kinds and further the Christian faith. • We prefer to support communities connected to the Foundation and its Trustees and see those communities grow stronger as people thrive, learn and live with purpose & dignity.	

Andrews Charitable Trust	
Range of Grants: not specified	**Match Funding**: not specified
Contact: hello@andrewscharitabletrust.org.uk	**Website**: https://andrewscharitabletrust.org.uk/
Areas Funded: Repairs, Community Facilities, Climate Change Adaptions, Energy Efficiency Measures, wide range of grants made	
Criteria: • No criteria specified • Contact for more information	

The Aurelius Charitable Trust	
Range of Grants: £1,000 - £4,000	**Match Funding**: not specified
Contact: philip.haynes@tiscali.co.uk	**Website**: https://register-of-charities.charitycommission.gov.uk/en/charity-search/?p_p_id=uk_gov_ccew_onereg_charitydetails_web_portlet_CharityDetailsPortlet&p_p_lifecycle=0&p_p_state=maximized&p_p_mode=view&_uk_gov_ccew_onereg_charitydetails_web_portlet_CharityDetailsPortlet_regId=271333&_uk_gov_ccew_onereg_charitydetails_web_portlet_CharityDetailsPortlet_subId=0
Areas Funded: Repairs	
Criteria: • The charity makes donations reflecting the founders interests in the conservation of culture inherited from the past and the dissemination of knowledge, particularly in the humanities field although not in the educational field. This includes repairs to listed church buildings and the conservation of items within churches. The Trust can only support a small number of projects a year, and as a result tend not to get involved with very major projects as any contribution would be viewed as insignificant. • The Trustees only meet twice a year to consider applications, in January and July. • Applications must be received by the beginning of the previous month. Applications may be made at any time in writing.	

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The Beaverbrook Foundation	
Range of Grants: up to £5,000	**Match Funding**: Desired but not essential
Contact: jane@beaverbrookfoundation.org	**Website**: https://beaverbrookfoundation.org/grants/
Areas Funded: Repairs, acquiring buildings, renovations, accessibility, energy efficiency	
Criteria: • ations can be made for capital expenditure, i.e. to acquire or upgrade physical assets such as buildings, fixtures and fittings, machinery, furniture and other equipment; for revenue/running costs; and for special projects. • The trustees will not normally consider grants to cover expenditure that has already been incurred or committed. • The Trustees promote the concept of match funding, and may make a payment conditional upon the applicant obtaining the remaining funding from other sources. • The Trustees are able to make grants to all faith organisations, and are not willing to discriminate against any charity due to its focus on race, nationality, sexual orientation or age. • Donations only made to registered charities • Projects funded tend to focus on education, art and health research.	

Benefact Trust - Roof Alarm Grants	
Range of Grants: 50% of costs up to £2,500	**Match Funding**: 50% required
Contact: info@benefacttrust.co.uk	**Website**: https://www.benefacttrust.co.uk/grants/building-grants/
Areas Funded: Equipment Costs	
Criteria: • Open to applications from churches, cathedrals, denominational bodies, Christian charities, and schools and theological educational institutions with a clear Christian ethos. • Registered as charities in the UK or Ireland (unless the organisation applying has 'exempt' status, which is restricted to churches and educational establishments)	

Church of England - CCB Conservation report & Groundwork grants	
Range of Grants: up to £5,000 or 75% of total cost	**Match Funding**: not specified
Contact: conservationgrants@churchofengland.org	**Website**: https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/churchcare/conservation-grants
Areas Funded: Repairs, Climate Change Adaptions, Energy Efficiency Measures	
Criteria: • Anglican Parish Churches open for worship at least 6 times per year • Conservation reports for objects of artistic, historical or archaeological significance in Anglican parish churches in England; specialist investigations relating to conservation of items, including building performance surveys, environmental surveys or monitoring, structural engineering reports, technical analyses.	

Church of England - CCB Minor fabric repairs grants	
Range of Grants: up to £10,000	**Match Funding**: not specified
Contact: conservationgrants@churchofengland.org	**Website**:
Areas Funded: Repairs	
Criteria: • Anglican Parish Churches open for worship at least 6 times per year. Project MUST be directly related to conservation of an object (eg broken guttering on external wall with wall paintings on internal wall)	

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Church of England - CCB Over-the-line grants	
Range of Grants: up to £5,000	**Match Funding**: top up funding
Contact: conservationgrants@churchofengland.org	**Website**:
Areas Funded: Repairs	
Criteria: • Anglican Parish Churches open for worship at least 6 times per year. Project MUST already have a conservation grant from us • Grants for projects already awarded a grant but struggling with reaching funding target	

The Church Union - The Jackson Trust	
Range of Grants: not specified	**Match Funding**: not specified
Contact: membership@churchunion.co.uk	**Website**: https://churchunion.co.uk/applications/
Areas Funded: Repairs	
Criteria: • For the repairs and improvements of Church Buildings. • Church of England focused funder	

G C Gibson Charitable Trust	
Range of Grants: £1000 - £10,000	**Match Funding**: not specified
Contact: gcgibsoncharity@gmail.com	**Website**: https://www.gcgct.org/
Areas Funded: Repairs	
Criteria: • We will support capital or product purchases for UK registered charities in the areas of education, sport, conservation, of social inclusion, and of physical and mental health for all ages anywhere in the world. There is no bias either for or against any religion and we recognise the enormous support religious people give in the areas we support. • In this process we will only support smaller charities, those whose income from donations from the public, and from Trusts or Foundations, is up to £1 million. **For this online process we will not support the following so please do not apply:** • The fabric of Christian Churches • Hospices • Educational farms • Animal sanctuaries • Riding and carriage driving for the disabled • Cancer care and research	

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The Georgian Group - The Cleary Fund	
Range of Grants: up to £2,500	**Match Funding**: not specified
Contact: edward@georgiangroup.org.uk	**Website**: https://georgiangroup.org.uk/clearyfund-2/
Areas Funded: Repairs	
Criteria: • The Cleary Fund can only fund works to repair historic fabric which have either Listed Building consent, a Faculty, or an equivalent consent from either the Baptist, Methodist, United Reformed or Roman Catholic Church. • Conservation of Georgian architecture dating from 18th and early 19th Century • (1700-1840). In addition to historic building fabric, all fixtures and fittings dating from the period • 1700- 1840 are eligible for funding. For those within churches, this includes funerary hatchments, royal coats of arms, commandment boards, font covers, charity boards and other moveable objects that may fall outside the legal definition of fixtures and fittings. • Payment of the grant will be made upon completion of the works.	

The John S Cohen Foundation	
Range of Grants: £500 - £3,000	**Match Funding**: not specified
Contact: 02072 866921	**Website**: https://register-of-charities.charitycommission.gov.uk/en/charity-search/-/charity-details/241598/contact-information?_uk_gov_ccew_onereg_charitydetails_web_portlet_CharityDetailsPortlet_organisationNumber=241598
Areas Funded: Repairs, Community Facilities	
Criteria: • Will give grants to charities focusing on heritage and conservation, but only fund a handful of churches each year.	

King Charles III Charitable Fund - Small Grants	
Range of Grants: up to £3,000	**Match Funding**: not specified
Contact: https://www.kccf.org.uk/contact-us/	**Website**: https://www.kccf.org.uk/small-grants/
Areas Funded: Repairs, Community Facilities, Climate Change Adaptions, Energy Efficiency Measures	
Criteria: • Churches and charitable organisations, with an emphasis on Yorkshire	

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Liz & Terry Bramall Foundation	
Range of Grants: not specified	**Match Funding**: not specified
Contact: bramallfoundation@raworths.co.uk	**Website**: https://www.bramallfoundation.org/
Areas Funded: Repairs, Community Facilities	

Criteria:

We will consider small grant applications from organisations who meet the following criteria, as per their last published accounts:

- Are a UK registered nonprofit organisation;
- Have an annual income between £25,000 and £500,000;
- Have completed two years of activity;
- Have less than six months unrestricted free reserves;
- If seeking funding for a project, the total cost of the project should not exceed £50,000;
- Have waited at least two years from the date of any previous unsuccessful application;
- Applicants who have previously received funding may reapply two years after the end date of their last award period.

The Methodist Church - Feasibility Funding	
Range of Grants: up to £10,000	**Match Funding**: will fund up to 60% of costs
Contact: property@methodistchurch.org.uk	**Website**: https://www.methodist.org.uk/for-churches/property/property-in-mission/property-grants/feasibility-funding/
Areas Funded: Repairs, Initial feasibility study	

Criteria:

Feasibility Funding will not be provided for costs that relate to:

- Activities outside RIBA Plan of Work Stages 0-2, as the funding is to encourage and support churches in their early project and ideas development. For more information of what is covered under the RIBA Work Stages read more here RIBA Plan of Work.
- Residential property (manse or a residential property that was purchased or retained for income generation) unless part of a larger, mission driven property proposal.
- Property that was purchased or gifted to the local church or circuit purely for income generation.
- The repair or maintenance of property

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National Churches Trust - Medium Grants	
Range of Grants: up to £10,000	**Match Funding**: 50% required
Contact: info@nationalchurchestrust.org	**Website**: https://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/get-support/grants/medium-grants
Areas Funded: Repairs, preparation works for a major project, to enable churches to apply to a major funder.	

Criteria:

- We will consider applications from listed and unlisted Christian places of worship, of any denomination, across the UK.
- The application process begins with an eligibility quiz. If you cannot answer yes to each question your application will not be successful.

The questions include:

- Is yours a Christian place of worship within the UK, and open for at least six services of public worship each year?
- Do you own the building or have the right to carry out the work? If the church is not part of a major denomination then is the denomination registered with Churches Together in Britain and Ireland, or has it got charitable status?
- Was your place of worship built as a place of worship originally and is it more than 30 years old? And are the works that this phase will inform, be either directly to the building or attached to it?
- Is the building open to the public for a minimum of 100 days a year beyond worship use?
- Have you already raised at least 50% of this phase of the total project cost?
- Is the project yet to start (we don't accept applications for projects that have already started)?
- Are two quotes in place for each element of the work in this application?
- If the application is for repair work - is the project being led by a qualified professional, with conservation accreditation from a recognised institution if it is a listed building? (please review the guidance note for more detail)

On Organ Fund	
Range of Grants: £200 - £1000	**Match Funding**: required but amounts not specified
Contact: secretary@onorganfund.org.uk	**Website**: https://www.onorganfund.org.uk/
Areas Funded: Conservation	

Criteria:

- The Fund exists specifically to give financial support to churches in the British Isles and of any denomination towards the installation, renewal, rebuilding, improvement, maintenance, preservation and restoration of pipe organs, including the making of contributions to any fund or collection established for the purposes of acquiring or purchasing a pipe organ. It is the Trustees' belief that this is the only national fund of its kind in this country, devoted exclusively to the support of pipe organs. The Trustees do not make grants toward electronic or hybrid (part pipe and part electronic) instruments.
- The level of award is usually related to the level of finance that the church needs to raise for the project.

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The Ross Russell Trust	
Range of Grants: not specified	**Match Funding**: not specified
Contact: graham@rossrussell.com	**Website**: https://register-of-charities.charitycommission.gov.uk/en/charity-search/-/charity-details/1022570/charity-overview?_uk_gov_ccew_onereg_charitydetails_web_portlet_CharityDetailsPortlet_organisationNumber=1022570
Areas Funded: Repairs, Community Facilities	
Criteria: • Grants for educational, social welfare and church projects.	

The Sabrina Sutherland Charitable Trust	
Range of Grants: up to £5000	**Match Funding**: not specified
Contact: 07940 266478	**Website**: https://register-of-charities.charitycommission.gov.uk/en/charity-search/-/charity-details/5058921
Areas Funded: Repairs	
Criteria: • The Trust awards small grants to support the advancement of religion, the arts, culture, science and heritage, the environment, and the relief of poverty.	

St. Andrew's Conservation Trust	
Range of Grants: up to £5000	**Match Funding**: up to 50%
Contact: hugh.gunn@hotmail.co.uk	**Website**: https://www.standrewsconservationtrust.org.uk/
Areas Funded: Repairs	
Criteria: Our mission is to ensure that conservation work of outstanding importance can take place, safeguarding historic elements that might otherwise be lost. We focus on: • Grants for the repair, restoration or conservation of objects/artefacts in or attached to charitable buildings. • Supporting projects that enhance the long-term survival and integrity of these heritage assets. • Working with charitable bodies, institutions and custodians who carry responsibility for this kind of heritage. The work must be carried out by a person or firm with accepted experience. A full specification with photographs and estimate must be submitted with the grant application; these should be sent to the Grant Secretary when complete. The grant application form is available online and can be submitted via email in the first instance if preferred. Grants will not normally be made if the work is already in progress. If granted funds are not claimed within a period of 24 months it may be necessary to submit a new application. Applications from Somerset and adjacent counties including South Wales are preferred, but there is no absolute geographical restriction.	

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Saddlers' Company Charitable Fund	
Range of Grants: not specified	**Match Funding**: not specified
Contact: tc@saddlersco.co.uk	**Website**: https://thesaddlers.org/charity
Areas Funded: Repairs, Community Facilities	

Criteria:

- The support and maintenance of education generally, so long as the educational establishment or the educational project concerned is associated with the Church of England.
- The support, maintenance and pursuit of musical excellence, so long again as such activities are associated with the Church of England.
- The support of Appeals for the reconstruction, repair and renovation of places of worship for Churches within the Anglican Communion, especially the smaller Churches and ones with which members of the Saddlers Company, including the Clerk and Chaplains, may be associated.
- General charitable purposes, with particular preference being given to those charities associated with the Church of England.
- It is the Saddlers policy to give effect to the wishes of RM Sturdy in so far as the application of the income from his legacy is concerned. The R M Sturdy Fund is therefore the main source of the charitable giving to the Anglican Church, cathedral based choir schools and to appeals for the preservation of the fabric of Anglican churches.

W F Southall Trust	
Range of Grants: £1,000 - £5000	**Match Funding**: not specified
Contact: https://southalltrust.org/contact/	**Website**: https://southalltrust.org/
Areas Funded: Repairs, Community Facilities, Climate Change Adaptions, Energy Efficiency Measures, Core Funding	

Criteria:

- Be based in the UK (England, Northern Ireland, Scotland or Wales).
- Be a registered charity or charitable organisation, being constituted with specific purposes defined within the laws of England and Wales as charitable, and exclu-sively for public benefit.

Have a primary focus on at least one of the following four categories:

- Quaker Work & Witness
- Peace & Reconciliation
- Environmental Action & Sustainability
- Social Action

Favoured organisations will:

- Have a clearly defined mission and purpose.
- Communicate a good understanding of the issues they seek to address.
- Demonstrate how the requested grant will make a meaningful and, where possible, measurable contribution to change - no matter how small.
- Demonstrate how they are contributing to positive change in ways that reflect an understanding of local needs and broader societal and systemic dynamics.
- Be bold, creative and innovative in their approach to work (e.g. organisations that experiment with untested approaches in the pursuit of meaningful change).
- Be involved in identifying and/or tackling the root causes of the issues that the or-ganisation has been established to address.
- Promote social justice, inclusion and diversity.
- Challenge structural inequalities and injustice.

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Criteria:

- Demonstrate practices that reflect a commitment to redistributing power (e.g. through leadership and decision-making that actively seeks out and values the per-spectives, needs, and contributions of all relevant stakeholders, especially those who might otherwise be overlooked, marginalised, or underrepresented).
- Demonstrate clear support from and engagement with the communities in which they are based and in which they operate (e.g. through volunteer support, local fi-nancial support, local partnership working, representation in leadership and staff teams, beneficiary-led projects etc.).

Successful organisations will:

- Have waited at least 12 months from the date of a previous application before ap-plying again. (This applies to successful and unsuccessful applicants who have ap-plied to the Southall Trust before).
- Have publicly available and independently examined accounts that are no more than 18 months old.
- Have a financial turnover and/or net assets of less than £1m.
- Spend more than 80% of their annual expenditure on charitable activities
- Have a financial reserves policy which states how much the organisation requires to be kept in operational/ unrestricted reserve and a clear rationale for this (any de-viation from this policy is expected to be addressed in the application).
- Demonstrate good compliance with their regulator's requirements (i.e. organisations with overdue annual returns are often ineligible)

William and Jane Morris Fund – Church Conservation Grants

Range of Grants: £500 - £5000	**Match Funding**: not specified
Contact: grants@sal.org.uk	**Website**: https://www.sal.org.uk/what-we-do/grants/our-grant-programmes/

Areas Funded: Repairs

Criteria:

Who can apply?

- You can apply on behalf of a church, a chapel or any other place of worship in the United Kingdom.

What do we fund?

- We fund smaller programmes of work concerned with the conservation of decorative or non-structural features inside the building.

This might include, for example:

- Stained glass windows
- Sculpture
- Furniture
- Internal monuments and tombs
- Wall paintings
- The object must have been made no later than 1896 (the year of William Morris's death), even if it is in a building which is older. Turret clocks and organs are not grant aided. However applications for a clock or an organ case that makes a significant contribution to the interior of a church, and/or is of specific antiquarian interest, may exceptionally be considered.

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William and Jane Morris Fund – Church Conservation Grants *continued*

Criteria:

What don't we fund?

- Projects outside the UK
- Structural repairs and fabric maintenance
- Alteration or decoration of buildings
- Electrical rewiring, plumbing or central heating systems
- Bells or organs
- Works already completed (grants are not made retrospectively)
- Anything created after 1896
- Items on the outside or in the grounds of the building

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The 29th May 1961 Charitable Trust	
Range of Grants: typically £10,000 - £50,000	**Match Funding**: not specified
Contact: bramallfoundation@raworths.co.uk	**Website**: https://29may1961charity.org.uk/
Areas Funded: Repairs, Community Facilities, Climate Change Adaptions, Energy Efficiency Measures, Project Funding, Core Funding	
Criteria: • To be eligible for a grant you must be a UK registered charity or an organisation deemed exempt under Charity Commission guidance. • If you have previously received a grant from us, please leave at least 2 years before you reapply. • If you have previously submitted an application but this has not been successful, please leave at least 13 months from when we notify you that an application has been unsuccessful. • We do not fund individuals or medical research. • Our preference is to fund activities taking place in the Midlands, in particular the Coventry and Warwickshire area.	

The Anchor Foundation	
Range of Grants: up to £12,000	**Match Funding**: not specified
Contact: secretary@theanchorfoundation.org.uk	**Website**: https://www.theanchorfoundation.org.uk/information
Areas Funded: Repairs, Community Facilities	
Criteria: • Our focus is on supporting Christian charities. We do not fund CICs. • We receive many applications from worthwhile causes but sadly cannot support them all • We will consider applications for projects in the UK or overseas • The maximum grant provided is £12,000 • Only in exceptional circumstances will grants be given for building work but we cannot fund purchases of land or buildings. • Charities with a number of projects operating should select a single project for their application • We do not give grants to individuals • The Trustees look favourably on organisations whose Boards demonstrate equal opportunities • Applicants - whether successful or unsuccessful - should wait at least 15 months from the previous application date before applying again • Projects which have had 3 consecutive years of funding should wait 2 years from the date of the last grant award before applying again	

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Baptist Building CIO	
Range of Grants: £5,000 - £30,000	**Match Funding**: will fund up to 30% of costs
Contact: admin@baptistbuilding.org	**Website**: https://www.baptistbuilding.org/our-grants
Areas Funded: Repairs, Community Facilities	

Criteria:

The grants are aimed at helping small churches mainly in rural or deprived urban areas with small scale standalone projects which will have a big impact on their local mission work. In order to be considered for a grant, the church must meet ALL of the following criteria:

- MISSION-FOCUSED : The church should have a clear ongoing mission strategy and the proposed building work must form an essential component of enabling that mission strategy to become a reality
- PART OF THE BAPTIST FAMILY : The church must be in membership of an approved Baptist Union in the UK and Ireland (BUGB, BUW, BUS, ABCI or in the Grace Baptist Handbook);
- SMALL SIZE : The church should have a regular weekly attendance of no more than 50 adults;
- SMALL INCOME : The church should have a maximum annual income on general fund of £60,000, with rental/letting and other income sources included in this limit (if the income is slightly above this, speak to the Administrator to check whether you can apply); AND
- SMALL PROJECT : The project should be small scale (in the region of £7,000 - £60,000) and standalone, not part of / a phase of a larger building project.

Church of England - Boiler Replacement Hardship Grant Fund	
Range of Grants: up to £45,000	**Match Funding**: not specified
Contact: https://d3hgrlq6yacptf.cloudfront.net/5fbd76bf103bd/content/pages/documents/boiler-hardship-fund-for-parishes_final.pdf	**Website**: https://communityenergyengland.org/funding-opportunities/church-of-englands-boiler-replacement-hardship-grant-fund/
Areas Funded: Climate Change Adaptions, Energy Efficiency Measures	

Criteria:

- This fund aims to support churches/church halls with limited budgets with the costs of replacing a gas boiler with an alternative low carbon heating system.

Who can apply? Churches in all dioceses (excluding the Channel Islands) can apply. To apply, churches must meet the following criteria:

- The church/church hall's existing oil or gas boiler is at the end of its life or has failed.
- Churches and church halls where activities are taking place in a building owned by part of the Church of England.

What will it fund?

- The fund is from the Church of England's NetZero by 2030 programme, which aims to equip, resource, and support all parts of the church to tackle climate change by reducing carbon emissions from the energy used in its buildings, schools, and work-related transport.

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Church of England - Parish Accessibility Fund	
Range of Grants: up to £50,000	**Match Funding**: not specified
Contact: helen.james@churchofengland.org	**Website**: https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/barrier-free-belonging/parish-accessibility-fund
Areas Funded: Community Facilities	

Criteria:

- Anglican Parishes in the Province of Canterbury including chaplaincies in the Diocese in Europe
- Projects which demonstrably would improve accessibility, meaning access, inclusion and participation for Deaf, disabled and/or neurodivergent individuals. This may be structural changes such as step-free access, installation of accessible toilets, accessible kitchenettes, rearrangement of seating, improvement to doorways, and so on. Equally, this may be intangibles such as awareness raising events, or small resources, such as large print and improved signage. Works within churchyards and church halls are also within the scope.

Church of England - CCB Conservation Grants	
Range of Grants: up to £20,000	**Match Funding**: not specified
Contact: conservationgrants@churchofengland.org	**Website**: https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/churchcare/conservation-grants
Areas Funded: Repairs	

Criteria:

- Anglican Parish Churches open for worship at least 6 times per year
- Historic interiors, including bells and bell frames, books and manuscripts, churchyard structures, clocks, monumental brasses and decorative metalwork, monuments, organs, paintings, wall paintings, stained glass, textiles and wooden objects.

Church of England - Buildings for Mission: Minor Repairs and Improvements Grants Fund	
Range of Grants: up to £24,000	**Match Funding**: not specified
Contact: conservationgrants@churchofengland.org	**Website**:
Areas Funded: Repairs	

Criteria:

- PCCs of Church of England consecrated church buildings and licensed places of worship (including shared churches or ecumenical partnerships) serving parishes in the 40 mainland dioceses and Sodor and Man (plus Diocese in Europe from 2026)

Currently:

- repairs to any part of the building fabric (including below ground drainage system) where work is identified in QI as needed within 5 years, though priority is urgent and stitch-in-time work
- improvements to access, building services and facilities where essential to sustain mission and worship
- relevant professional fees
- VAT unless eligible for LPW
- Projects up to £24k value
- From Q2 2026: TBC following review

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Congregational and General Charitable Trust	
Range of Grants: £1,000 - £25,000	**Match Funding**: 25% of total project cost
Contact: enquiries@candgtrust.org.uk	**Website**: https://www.candgtrust.org.uk/guidance
Areas Funded: Repairs, Community Facilities	

Criteria:

- Please note that we are not able to award grants to organisations based outside of the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man.

In addition we are unable to award grants for the following:

- Running costs of the church
- Organ and Church bells restoration
- Conservation/restoration of works of art
- Manse works
- Graveyard maintenance
- Solar panels or other environmental projects which are not part of any other development work
- Projects which have already commenced (retrospective applications)
- Projects in excess of £1 Million
- Part projects where the total cost exceeds the above threshold

Garfield Weston - Capital Projects	
Range of Grants: 10-20% of total costs	**Match Funding**: recommended that 50% is secured
Contact: admin@garfieldweston.org	**Website**: https://garfieldweston.org/what-we-fund/capital-projects/
Areas Funded: Repairs, Community Facilities, Climate Change Adaptions, Energy Efficiency Measures	

Criteria:

- We support organisations that are one of the following:
- UK registered charities
- Charitable incorporated organisations (CIOs)
- Exempt and excepted under Charity Commission guidance. We follow the Charity Commission's guidance on organisations that are registered, excepted and exempt.

This means that we are unable fund the following:

- Individuals
- Community interest companies (CICs)
- Community benefit societies
- Social enterprises
- Local authorities and councils
- We support charities that have at least one year's worth of annual accounts. This means that to be eligible to apply, you will need to submit one of the following:
- your annual accounts, independently audited or examined
- a copy of your Charity Commission annual return

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Ian M Foulerton Charitable Trust	
Range of Grants: up to £40,000	**Match Funding**: not specified
Contact: foulerton@irwinmitchell.com	**Website**: https://register-of-charities.charitycommission.gov.uk/en/charity-search/?p_p_id=uk_gov_ccew_onereg_charitydetails_web_portlet_CharityDetailsPortlet&p_p_lifecycle=0&p_p_state=maximized&p_p_mode=view&_uk_gov_ccew_onereg_charitydetails_web_portlet_CharityDetailsPortlet_regId=1164969&_uk_gov_ccew_onereg_charitydetails_web_portlet_CharityDetailsPortlet_subId=0
Areas Funded: Repairs	
Criteria: • The trust supports conservation and heritage projects in general, including churches. • The preservation, conservation, protection and restoration for public benefit of any building of historic architectural artistic or scientific interest and importance. • The preservation, protection, conservation and restoration for public benefit of furniture, pictures, historic records, books, manuscripts. • The advancement of the education of the public in buildings of historic architectural interest.	

Jill and Norman Franklin Trust	
Range of Grants: average £20,000	**Match Funding**: t specified
Contact: ft@jill-franklin-trust.org.uk	**Website**: https://jnfranklintrust.org.uk/index.php/church-applications/
Areas Funded: Repairs	
Criteria: • We are pleased that we are able to make grants for church restoration again, though funding is limited and all applications will be considered at each December / January. Please note: • We only fund repairs and restoration • We only fund churches in the United Kingdom • Churches need to be listed Grade 1 or exceptionally Grade 2*	

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Laing Family Trusts	
Range of Grants: up to £100,000	**Match Funding**: not specified
Contact: info@laingfamilytrusts.org.uk	**Website**: https://www.laingfamilytrusts.org.uk/
Areas Funded: Repairs, Community Facilities, Climate Change Adaptions, Energy Efficiency Measures	
Criteria: The Trusts Laing Family Trusts only make grants to charities registered in the UK or to churches with exempt status. The Trusts do not make grants to individuals. Except in exceptional circumstances we do not make grants to: • Charities registered overseas • Umbrella, second tier or grant-making organisations • State maintained or independent schools (other than those for pupils with special educational needs) • Hospices (other than those with which the Trusts have a strong local connection) • NHS hospital trusts and other establishments offering medical care • Sports clubs • Individuals (whether for education, travel or medical purposes)	

Millward Charitable Trust	
Range of Grants: £1000 - £20,000	**Match Funding**: not specified
Contact: info@laingfamilytrusts.org.uk	**Website**: https://register-of-charities.charitycommission.gov.uk/en/charity-search/?p_p_id=uk_gov_ccew_onereg_charitydetails_web_portlet_CharityDetailsPortlet&p_p_lifecycle=0&p_p_state=maximized&p_p_mode=view&_uk_gov_ccew_onereg_charitydetails_web_portlet_CharityDetailsPortlet_regId=328564&_uk_gov_ccew_onereg_charitydetails_web_portlet_CharityDetailsPortlet_subId=0
Areas Funded: Repairs, Community Facilities	
Criteria: • Grants are given to organisations involved with community buildings, including churches. The Trust supports arts and heritage, thus repairs to churches may be supported if the building has strong support from the wider community.	

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National Churches Trust - Large Grants	
Range of Grants: up to £50,000	**Match Funding**: 50% required
Contact: info@nationalchurchestrust.org	**Website**: https://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/get-support/grants/large-grants
Areas Funded: Repairs	

Criteria:

- We will consider applications from listed and unlisted Christian places of worship, of any denomination, across the UK.
- The application process begins with an eligibility quiz. If you cannot answer yes to each question your application will not be successful.

The questions include:

- Is yours a Christian place of worship within the UK, and open for at least six services of public worship each year?
- Do you own the building or have the right to carry out the work? If the church is not part of a major denomination then is the denomination registered with Churches Together in Britain and Ireland, or has it got charitable status?
- If the annual income in the accounts is over £100,000 is the building registered with the Charity Commission, or can you evidence that registration is in process?
- Was your place of worship built as a place of worship originally and is it more than 30 years old? And are the works proposed either directly to the building or attached to it?
- Is the building open to the public for a minimum of 100 days a year beyond worship use, or will it be following project completion?
- Is your total project cost estimated at over £80,000 (including VAT and fees) if the project is for repair work, or over £30,000 if it is for the installation of kitchen and accessible toilet facilities?
- Have you already raised at least 50% of the total project cost?
- Is the project being led by a qualified professional, with conservation accreditation from a recognised institution if it is a listed building? (please review the guidance note for details of recognised institutions)
- Have you got all necessary permissions approved and in place before applying? (e.g. full Faculty approval signed by the Chancellor) This includes those from your governing body and your local planning authority if planning permission and/or listed building consent is also required.
- Is the project yet to start (we don't accept applications for projects that have already started before applying)
- Do you have a safeguarding policy in place?

National Churches Trust - Wolfson Fabric Repair Grants	
Range of Grants: up to £15,000	**Match Funding**: 50% required
Contact: info@nationalchurchestrust.org	**Website**: https://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/get-support/grants/wolfson-grants
Areas Funded: Repairs	

Criteria:

- The Wolfson Foundation grants can be allocated to fabric repairs at church buildings of all Christian denominations. They must be of heritage significance and listed Grade I or II* in England and Wales, Grade A or B+ listed in Northern Ireland, and Grade A or B listed in Scotland.
- Repairs will usually be identified as Category A or B recommendations in the most recent Quinquennial Inspection report, or as urgent repairs in condition surveys. Typically projects include roof repairs, masonry repairs, rainwater disposal and drainage, and floorwork.

The National Churches Trust's core programme criteria will apply, these include:

- Projects must be overseen by an architect with appropriate conservation accreditation
- 50% of the required funding needs to have been secured at point of application
- Permissions must be in place

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National Lottery Community Fund - Awards for All	
Range of Grants: up to £20,000	**Match Funding**: not specified
Contact: general.enquiries@tnlcommunityfund.org.uk	**Website**: https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/funding-programmes/national-lottery-awards-for-all-england
Areas Funded: Repairs, Community Facilities, Climate Change Adaptions, Energy Efficiency Measures, Project Funding, Core Funding	
Criteria: You can apply if your organisation is a: • Constituted voluntary or community organisation • Constituted group or club • Registered charity • Charitable incorporated organisation (CIO) • Not-for-profit company • Community interest company (CIC) limited by guarantee or limited by shares (if limited by shares, you must follow the Regulator of Community Interest Companies' guidance on sharing profits) • School – we can only fund your project if it mainly benefits and involves the communities around the school • Statutory body (including local authorities, town, parish, and community councils) • Community benefit society We will not accept your application if:Your organisation has a current grant from National Lottery Awards for All England that has not finished • You're waiting for a decision on another application to this programme • You're applying to more than one of our programmes for the same project	

PF Charitable Trust	
Range of Grants: up to £20,000	**Match Funding**: not specified
Contact: charities@rftrustee.com	**Website**: https://register-of-charities.charitycommission.gov.uk/en/charity-search/?p_p_id=uk_gov_ccew_onereg_charitydetails_web_portlet_CharityDetailsPortlet&p_p_lifecycle=0&p_p_state=maximized&p_p_mode=view&_uk_gov_ccew_onereg_charitydetails_web_portlet_CharityDetailsPortlet_regId=220124&_uk_gov_ccew_onereg_charitydetails_web_portlet_CharityDetailsPortlet_subId=0
Areas Funded: Repairs	
Criteria: The principal areas of support are: • The advancement of health and the saving of lives. • The advancement of education. • The relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage • The advancement of the arts, culture, heritage and science. • The Trustees prefer to fund projects over general running costs.	

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Pilgrim Trust	
Range of Grants: up to £20,000	**Match Funding**: not specified
Contact: info@thepilgrimtrust.org.uk	**Website**: https://www.thepilgrimtrust.org.uk/preservation-and-conservation-grants/
Areas Funded: Repairs	
Criteria: • Conservation of historic interiors and historic objects in non-Church of England places of worship open for regular worship, including bells, books and manuscripts, clocks, decorative plasterwork, metalwork and church plate, monuments, organs, paintings on canvas and wood, stained glass, textiles, timberwork, wall paintings and historic structures in churchyards. • In addition, supporting the commissioning of conservation reports including environmental and technical investigations.	

Westhill Endowment	
Range of Grants: £500 - £20,000	**Match Funding**: not specified
Contact: info@westhillendowment.org	**Website**: https://www.westhillendowment.org/funding
Areas Funded: Repairs, Community Facilities, Climate Change Adaptions, Energy Efficiency Measures, Project Funding, Core Funding	
Criteria: • Trustees will consider offering support for a wide range of projects. • Trustees have particular interests in activities involving formal and informal religious education, projects which facilitate interfaith activity and learning opportunities, and projects in the field of faith-motivated community transformation. • Ideally these projects should be creative and inclusive. • Capital appeals for building projects not eligible if Westhill has provided a grant to the same applicant within the past 12 months.	

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Albert Gubay Charitable Foundation - British Church Fund	
Range of Grants: from £5,000	**Match Funding**: 50% of project costs
Contact: enquiries@theagfoundation.org	**Website**: https://www.albertgubayfoundation.org/
Areas Funded: epairs, Climate Change Adaptions, Energy Efficiency Measures	

Criteria:

We have certain set exclusions which identify a charity or project to be ineligible for support from us:

- Organisations that are not registered with the Charity Commission in England & Wales, The Central Registry/HM Attorney General's Chambers in the Isle of Man or An Rialálaí Carthanas/The Charities Regulatory Authority in the Republic of Ireland.
- Projects that are not based in and for the benefit of people living in England, Wales, the Isle of Man or Republic of Ireland.
- Projects submitted by post or email i.e. not via our online system.
- Charities that currently hold a grant with us or that have applied to us within the last 12 months.
- Requests from individual applicants or proposals that will only benefit one person.
- Work that is primarily the responsibility of statutory bodies.
- Requests for projects or from organisations that are primarily political in nature.
- Requests from animal welfare charities.
- Requests to our General Fund from organisations with an annual expenditure over £10 million.
- Requests from medical research charities that are not full AMRC members.

The Architectural Heritage Fund - Heritage Revival Fund	
Range of Grants: up to £500,000	**Match Funding**: 20% required
Contact: ahf@ahfund.org.uk	**Website**: https://ahfund.org.uk/site/assets/files/79254/ahf_heritage_revival_fund_guidance_-_capital_grants.pdf
Areas Funded: Repairs, Community Facilities, Climate Change Adaptions, Energy Efficiency Measures	

Criteria:

Your organisation must be one of the following not-for-private-profit organisations or lowest tiers of local government:

- Charitable Incorporated Organisations (CIOs)
- Charitable Companies Limited by Guarantee
- Charitable Community Benefit Societies
- Not-for-private-profit Companies Limited by Guarantee
- Community Interest Companies (CICs) Limited by Guarantee. The CIC's activities
- should align with recognised charitable purposes.
- Co-operatives
- Parish and Town Councils
- Independent secular organisations seeking to take ownership of a place of worship
- that will retain some religious use.

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Benefact Trust - Building Improvement Grants	
Range of Grants: £750 - £100,000 Up to 10% of project costs	**Match Funding**: 30% required prior to applying
Contact: info@benefacttrust.co.uk	**Website**: https://www.benefacttrust.co.uk/grants/building-grants/
Areas Funded: Repairs, Climate Change Adaptions, Energy Efficiency Measures	

Criteria:

Who can apply

- Building Grants is open to applications from Christian charities, churches and representative bodies (e.g. dioceses and denominational bodies) based in the UK and Ireland, with the following restrictions:
- Applicant organisations must be registered as charities in the UK or Ireland (unless the organisation applying has 'excepted' status, which is restricted to specific churches - see Excepted charities - GOV. UK). Charities should have an annual turnover of at least £25,000 (gross income for the most recent financial year) and at least one full year of accounts available on the charity regulator's website.
- Churches, cathedrals and other Christian denominational bodies should belong to one of the National Ecumenical Instruments (Churches Together in England (CTE), Action of Churches Together in Scotland (ACTS), Churches Together in Wales (Cytun) or the Irish Council of Churches), or in the case of local or independent churches, to appropriate local ecumenical / 'churches together' type groups.
- Certain Christian charities, including educational institutions and hospices, will only be eligible for capital funding relating to the repair or construction of chapels.

What we can fund

- Applications can be made for capital works relating to individual buildings or sites located in the UK or Ireland, including:
- Churches (and church halls) and cathedrals in regular use as a place of Christian worship
- Buildings that are owned or leased by Christian charities and have the primary purpose of delivering public benefit in line with the charity's purpose.

The works proposed in your application should be aligned with one or more of our programme priorities:

- Essential building repair
- Congregational growth
- Accessibility
- Community use and impact
- Carbon reduction and net zero
- Heritage stewardship

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Benefact Trust - Methodist Grants	
Range of Grants: Dependent on total costs of project	**Match Funding**: 30% required prior to applying
Contact: info@benefacttrust.co.uk	**Website**: https://www.benefacttrust.co.uk/grants/methodist-grants/
Areas Funded: Repairs, Community Facilities, Climate Change Adaptions, Energy Efficiency Measures	

Criteria:

- The Methodist Grants programme is open to applications from Methodist Districts and Circuits, individual Methodist churches which are part of the Methodist Connexion and organisations associated with the Methodist Church in Britain or the Methodist Church in Ireland. The Programme also supports some heritage sites which are deemed by the Connexion to be important in telling the story of Methodism.
- Grants are awarded for building development and repairs for mission, outreach and community benefit. More specifically, projects supported will include:
- Significant redevelopment projects on buildings which have been identified as key to the future mission objectives of a Circuit or District.
- Work which includes the provision of disabled access and facilities.
- Schemes which bring significant community benefits beyond those to the immediate congregation, and which are supported by evidence from community consultation.

David Pearlman Charitable Foundation	
Range of Grants: up to £100,000+	**Match Funding**: not specified
Contact: 02087 310777	**Website**: https://register-of-charities.charitycommission.gov.uk/en/charity-search/-/charity-details/287009/contact-information?_uk_gov_ccew_onereg_charitydetails_web_portlet_CharityDetailsPortlet_organisationNumber=287009
Areas Funded: Repairs, Community Facilities	

Criteria:

- Grants made to charitable institutions and organisations supporting a range of purposes including:
- The advancement of religion
- The advancement of citizenship or community development
- The advancement of the arts, culture, heritage or science

Historic England - Heritage at Risk Capital Fund	
Range of Grants: up to £100,000+	**Match Funding**: required, on a sliding scale depending on the project
Contact: customers@HistoricEngland.org.uk	**Website**: https://historicengland.org.uk/advice/grants/what-we-fund/heritage-at-risk-capital-fund/
Areas Funded: Repairs, Climate Change Adaptions, Energy Efficiency Measures	

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Historic England - Heritage at Risk Capital Fund *continued*

Criteria:

Your project must be in England

Applicants must have legal responsibility for the repair of the property, which includes those who:

- Own the property outright
- Hold a full repairing lease which has at least 21 years to run
- Demonstrate that they have an agreement to acquire the property in question either outright or by a full repairing lease of at least 21 years
- Your project must have strong benefits for the local community.
- Priority will be given to projects in areas of England with the highest level of deprivation and need for investment.

Prioritisation will focus on:

- Projects that fall within areas of Indices of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) 1-3 AND fall within areas identified through the Community Needs Index (CNI)
- Projects that fall within areas of IMD 1-3 OR fall within areas identified through the Community Needs Index (CNI)
- For projects that do not fall within the above defined areas of deprivation, we will prioritise those projects which have the greatest financial need and urgency of repair and provide the greatest community benefit.

Your project must be related to the types of buildings and/or assets we will consider, which are:

- A building or asset listed at Grade I or II*
- A building listed at Grade II, or an undesignated asset of significant historic or architectural interest, located within a Conservation Area
- A scheduled monument
- A park or garden registered at Grade I or II*
- Parks and gardens registered at Grade II, and Grade II buildings and historic assets which are of high community value outside a Conservation Area will be considered where the project delivers considerable public benefit
- Private dwellings, places of worship and commercial buildings are only exceptionally considered
- Eligible historic sites owned by public bodies such as Local Authorities, universities, NHS institutions, free schools, academies, are eligible provided they are not part of their operational estate
- The National Heritage List for England is the official record of all listed buildings, scheduled monuments and registered parks and gardens.
- Your local authority's planning department will be able to advise you on whether your property is in a Conservation area.

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Your project must involve the type of repair, conservation and conversion activities we will consider, which are:

- Capital works, including repair and preservation. Costs covered may include professional fees, non-recoverable VAT, and insurance
- Project development. Projects that require preparatory work to ensure the capital works are appropriate, may include the cost of that development work in the application. This may include research, investigations, testing, and monitoring (such as energy audits), as well as condition surveys, management plans, reuse studies, feasibility assessments, material procurement, case studies, and accessibility audits. Please note: standalone project development activities are not eligible, and must be part of a broader programme of capital works.
- Temporary protection of vacant buildings. Includes securing empty buildings through urgent repairs, temporary protective and security measures, fire prevention, and environmental upkeep (for example, controlling vegetation and wildlife). Light-touch modifications for short-term adaptive reuse may also be considered.
- Adaptive reuse. Support for modifications that help eligible assets remain functional, including adaptations for reuse and/or accessibility. This includes works to first fit out to enable new uses of a building.

Minor repairs and maintenance are not eligible unless they:

- are an essential part of a larger HARCF repair project that supports long-term resilience and usability of the asset
- occur in the same location/building
- are cost-effective when done alongside the larger repair project

Improvements and alterations. Improvements and alterations are not eligible (other than works included under 'Adaptive reuse' above) unless works that enhance resilience and usability are:

- an essential part of a larger overall project to enable reuse
- cost-effective when done alongside the larger repair project
- going to increase the future resilience and useability of the asset
- part of a whole-building approach as outlined in the Historic England published technical guidance

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The Joseph Rank Trust	
Range of Grants: no guidance but have made grants up to £75,000	**Match Funding**: not required
Contact: secretary@ranktrust.org	**Website**: https://www.ranktrust.org/
Areas Funded: Repairs, Community Facilities	

Criteria:

- The Trustees can only consider applications from registered charities as registered with the Charity Commission of England and Wales; OSCR in Scotland; and the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland. If your Church or place of worship is an excepted or exempted charity you can apply (click here for further information). Grants cannot be paid to umbrella bodies or to third parties.

The Trust does not consider applications from:

- Individuals, Overseas projects, Heritage charities, Heritage projects, Almshouses, Arts organisations; Hospices; Village Halls, Universities, Schools, School PTA's, School Boards, Schools Governing bodies, membership organisations, umbrella bodies, third party organisations, 'Friends of' on behalf of PCC's, social enterprises that have no charitable status; franchise partners; Community Interest Companies; Community Benefit Societies (formerly Industrial & Provident Societies); Community Trusts; or from registered charities for the benefit of named individuals.

The Trust does not consider applications for:

- Roof projects, insulation projects, solar energy projects, lightning conductors, re-wiring looms, heating systems, replacement boilers, replacing windows with new frames or the repairing of existing window frames or repairing of existing glass; memorial books or memorial display cases.
- Delayed church maintenance: for example repairs to the fabric; repairs to or new stonework; maintenance of graveyards; pathways projects (repairs or new); churchyard projects; garden projects; other items which have been highlighted in Quinquennial reports and inspections; drainage projects, any element of car-park projects.
- Purchase of or restoration of stained glass or church bells (including bellframes); restoration projects; provision of loans; to repay outstanding loans; church organ projects: repair/purchase/renewal; for completed capital projects; for educational scholarships or bursaries, emergency grants.
- Public talks / lectures; Sabbaticals; choral training or choral performances; for research projects; to fund gap years; to fund intern placements; IT projects; online / platform based / e-based mission (internet / www); development of Apps; radio or TV stations; art work, paintings or sculptures; to publish books; to provide musical instruments; touring opera or music companies; to provide or renew lighting; to provide or renew PA / loop systems / audio equipment; av streaming equipment.

The Milne Family Foundation	
Range of Grants: up to £200,000+	**Match Funding**: not specified
Contact: 70 Balmoral Group Holdings Limited, Queen's Road, Aberdeen, Scotland, AB15 4YE	**Website**: https://www.oscr.org.uk/about-charities/search-the-register/charity-details?number=SC046335
Areas Funded: Repairs, Community Facilities	

Criteria:

The charity's core objectives are:

- the advancement of religion and education through the promotion of the Christian gospel both in the UK and overseas;
- the advancement of education, health and citizenship and community development; and the relief of poverty

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National Lottery Community Fund - Reaching Communities	
Range of Grants: £20,001 - £20,000,000	**Match Funding**: not specified
Contact: https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/funding-programmes/reaching-communities-england/reaching-communities-teams-in-your-area	**Website**: https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/funding-programmes/reaching-communities-england
Areas Funded: Repairs, Community Facilities, Climate Change Adaptions, Energy Efficiency Measures, Project Funding, Core Funding	

Criteria:

You can apply if your organisation works with communities in England and is a:

- Voluntary or community organisation with a written constitution
- Registered charity
- Charitable incorporated organisation (CIO)
- Not-for-profit company limited by guarantee
- Community interest company (CIC)
- School
- Public body (for example, local authority, town, parish or community council)
- Community benefit society (registered with the Financial Conduct Authority)
- Co-operative society (also registered with the Financial Conduct Authority)

We cannot accept applications from:

- Individuals or sole traders
- Organisations based outside the UK
- Companies that can pay profits to directors, shareholders or members (including companies limited by shares)
- Organisations applying on behalf of another organisation (unless you're applying together as a partnership)
- Organisations applying to another of our funds for the same project at the same time

National Lottery Heritage Fund	
Range of Grants: £10,000 - £10,000,000	**Match Funding**: not specified
Contact: enquire@heritagefund.org.uk	**Website**: https://www.heritagefund.org.uk/funding/what-we-fund
Areas Funded: Repairs, Community Facilities, Climate Change Adaptions, Energy Efficiency Measures	

Criteria:

Not funded

- Existing staff posts or organisational costs: unless calculated through full cost recovery which means securing funding for all costs involved in running a project. So you can request funding for direct project costs and also for part of your organisation's overheads.
- Repairs to your own home.
- Legal and/or statutory responsibilities: includes anything that would be paid for regardless, whether the project went ahead or not. For example, rent, utilities, building maintenance, unless you have a heritage enterprise grant.
- Promoting the causes or beliefs of political or faith organisations.
- Recoverable VAT.
- Costs for any activity that has taken place before a grant is awarded.
- Costs for installing artificial grass or plants.

Visit the Heritage Fund website for further information on eligibility criteria.

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Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Historic Churches Trust	
Range of Grants: up to £10,000	**Match Funding**: not specified
Contact: grants@bedshertshct.org.uk	**Website**: https://bedshertshct.org.uk/apply-for-grants/
Areas Funded: Repairs	
Criteria: The Trust helps to fund the repair of churches and chapels in Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire, and part of Barnet.	

Berkshire Historic Churches Trust	
Range of Grants: £200 - £10,000	**Match Funding**: not specified
Contact: grants@berkschurchestrust.org.uk	**Website**: https://www.berkschurchestrust.org.uk/information-for-churches/
Areas Funded: Repairs	
Criteria: • Christian churches in Berkshire of any denomination belonging to or in association with 'Churches together in England' • Grants may be given for works to the structure (roof, walls, floors, windows, doors, towers and spires, and bellframes), re-plastering, redecoration as a result of urgent repair work, roof alarms, heating and lighting, kitchens and toilets, monuments inside churches, and infestations in pews and choir stalls. We will consider giving grants towards the initial costs of drawing up plans and surveys needed in order to go forward for permission and to start fund raising. We may also give grants towards churchyard walls and lychgates if they are of architectural or historical significance. • Grants are not normally awarded for bells, organs or reordering unless we are given specific funds for that purpose.	

Buckinghamshire Historic Churches Trust	
Range of Grants: up to £10,000	**Match Funding**: not specified
Contact: https://bucks-historic-churches.org.uk/contact/	**Website**: https://bucks-historic-churches.org.uk/grants/
Areas Funded: Repairs	
Criteria: Grants from 'Historic Churches' of all denominations in the Buckingham Archdeaconry, for the preservation, repair, maintenance and upkeep of the fabric. Generally, work of the following nature will not qualify for grants from the Trust: • Repairs to bells, bell frames, organs • Fixtures and furnishings • Work associated with installation or repair of heating, electrical and lighting systems • Redecoration work, whether occasioned by other qualifying repairs or not • Churchyard structures • Work associated with the installation of kitchen facilities and lavatories.	

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Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trusts	
Range of Grants: up to £3000	**Match Funding**: not specified
Contact: grants@camhct.uk	**Website**: https://camhct.uk/
Areas Funded: Repairs	
Criteria: • Historic churches and chapels of any denomination in Cambridgeshire are eligible, provided they are likely to remain in use for public worship and be properly maintained for the foreseeable future. • NB: Work should not have been started before the Executive Committee has considered the application. However, this does not apply to additional work which could not have been foreseen and has been discovered during the contract. • Also, work must be supervised by the project architect or other suitably qualified person. • Exclusions: We do not offer grants for churchyards, tree work, re-decoration, acquisition of works of art, liturgical re-ordering, irreversible electrification of mechanical clocks nor the routine servicing of bells or clocks or organs other than essential major works.	

Cornwall Historic Churches Trust	
Range of Grants: up to £10,000	**Match Funding**: not specified
Contact: grants@chct.info	**Website**: https://www.chct.info/grants/#restoration
Areas Funded: Repairs	
Criteria: • Our Trust Deed states that our funds are applied for "the preservation and maintenance, improvement, upkeep, beautification and reconstruction of churches in Cornwall and of monuments, fittings, fixtures, stained glass, furniture, ornaments and chattels in churches and churchyards" • Our resources are limited and therefore at present we prioritise our activities to structural work on roofs, rainwater goods, followed by electrical safety and heating systems. • As indicated above, we also support work on windows, monuments, bells, paintings and clocks. • We support work on the casing, surrounds and general cleaning of organs. • We do not usually support new build kitchens and toilets, or re-ordering. • We do not provide funding for boundary walls unless they form part of the church building itself. • We do not fund car parks.	

Devon Historic Churches Trust	
Range of Grants: up to £5,000	**Match Funding**: not specified
Contact: contact@devonhistoricchurches.co.uk	**Website**: https://devonhistoricchurches.co.uk/how-we-can-support-your-church/
Areas Funded: Repairs and Community Facilities	
Criteria: Grants are made for: • Roof repairs • Repairs to floors • Repairs to churchyard walls • Tower repairs • Internal masonry repairs • Rewiring • Stained glass window repairs • Accessible toilets & kitchen facilities • New heating systems • Replacement of coping stones & removal of chimney	

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Dorset Historic Churches Trust	
Range of Grants: average £5,000	**Match Funding**: not specified
Contact: hon.secretary@mail.dhct.org.uk	**Website**: https://www.dhct.org.uk/m/grants.php
Areas Funded: Repairs	
Criteria: • Dorset Historic Churches Trust exists to help conserve places of Christian worship of all denominations in the administrative county of Dorset, which are open for public worship. • Applications may not be for work that has already been started; in exceptional circumstances (such as emergency roof work to limit further damage) a case may be made for this exclusion to be waived. Routine maintenance and decoration.Works in the churchyard (eg boundary walls). Installation of solar panels or heat pumps in pursuit of Net Zero targets per se. New buildings, extensions or adjoining church halls. Replacement or repair of organs, clocks or sound-systems. New bells or new bell frames. New furniture or fittings.	

Earl Fitzwilliam Charitable Trust	
Range of Grants: £100 - £10,000	**Match Funding**: not specified
Contact: efct@miltonestate.co.uk	**Website**: https://register-of-charities.charitycommission.gov.uk/en/charity-search/?p_p_id=uk_gov_ccew_onereg_charitydetails_web_portlet_CharityDetailsPortlet&p_p_lifecycle=0&p_p_state=maximized&p_p_mode=view&_uk_gov_ccew_onereg_charitydetails_web_portlet_CharityDetailsPortlet_regId=269388&_uk_gov_ccew_onereg_charitydetails_web_portlet_CharityDetailsPortlet_subId=0
Areas Funded: Repairs, Community Facilities	
Criteria: Grants are made to other charitable or appropriately constituted bodies in response to specific written applications. Policy favours, but not exclusively, initiatives that benefit communities that are linked in some reasonably direct way to the Fitzwilliam Estates in Cambridgeshire and Yorkshire or the Naylor-Leyland Estate near Ruthin. Grants tend to be one off, not merely for annual expenses.	

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Friends of Essex Churches Trust	
Range of Grants: £5,000 - £10,000	**Match Funding**: not specified
Contact: john.bloomfield@btinternet.com	**Website**: https://www.friendsofessexchurches.org.uk/apply-for-a-grant
Areas Funded: Repairs, Community Facilities	

Criteria:

Grants are awarded to Christian places of worship of all denominations (Anglican, Roman Catholic, United Reformed Church, etc.) and of any age in the historic county of Essex (including the unitary authorities of Southend-on-Sea and Thurrock and the five London Boroughs of Barking & Dagenham, Havering, Newham, Redbridge and Waltham Forest).

Not Funded:

- Routine redecoration
- Conservation of furnishings, fittings, organs, monuments, stained glass, bells, and works of art
- Liturgical reordering
- New furnishings and fittings (unless as part of a scheme of improvements)
- The repair and construction of free-standing buildings in the grounds of the church, unless the facilities in such buildings make an essential contribution to the use of the church building.
- Grants are not given for routine maintenance.
- Grants will not normally be made if work has already started.

Friends of the City Churches	
Range of Grants: up to £10,000	**Match Funding**: not specified
Contact: admin@fotcc.org.uk	**Website**: https://www.fotcc.org.uk/grants/
Areas Funded: Repairs	

Criteria:

- Applications can be made by clergy or administrators of any City of London church. Any FCC member or church Watcher may also take the initiative, identify a project for grant aid and encourage an application, providing they have the backing of the church concerned.
- Recent examples include contributions toward audio-visual equipment to support live streaming from St James Garlickhythe, repairs to a leaking roof and to door furniture at St Mary Aldermary, replacement of a damaged poor box at St Benet Paul's Wharf, improvements to the kitchen at St Nicholas Cole Abbey, repairs to a 17th century bench at St Mary Abchurch, professional movers to relocate a safe at St Martin Ludgate, and enhanced security equipment at St Lawrence Jewry. The FCC also have a designated fund for repairs to textiles such as vestments, banners, kneelers, frontals, falls and fair linen.

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FSJ Charities

Range of Grants: £2,000-£3,000	**Match Funding**: not specified
Contact: plangran@fsjtrust.org.uk	**Website**: https://fsjtrust.org.uk/#contact_us_pg

Areas Funded: Repairs, Community Facilities, Climate Change Adaptions, Energy Efficiency Measures, core

Criteria:

- A brief description of the organisation involved (no more than 2 pages A4), including staff / volunteer numbers.
- An outline of the project / or the needs identified (including core funding, if required).
- An outline of the total costing of the project, with an indication of size of grant applied for. (Average grant awarded £2-3,000).
- A copy of your latest accounts, including a current summary of your fundraising.
- An indication of any wider community use and an indication of those who might benefit from being involved with the project.
- If your application is successful, the Trustees expect a brief evaluation report to follow within 12 months, giving an indication of the benefit derived from the grant.
- Please confirm if you have a bank account in the name of the charity, with the correct Payee name. If not, please tell us how the funds are managed, and by whom.
- Please confirm whether 2 or more signatories are needed when paying out cheques; and if not, what expenditure controls are in place.
- We will need contact details for our records. These should include a postal address, an email address and a telephone contact number.

Herefordshire Historic Churches Trust

Range of Grants: up to £10,000	**Match Funding**: not specified
Contact: david.furnival13@gmail.com	**Website**: https://www.hhct.co.uk/grants-and-loans-made-2/

Areas Funded: Repairs

Criteria:

- The Trust is concerned with the preservation, repair, maintenance, improvement, upkeep, beautification and reconstruction of Christian churches of all denominations within the boundaries of the County of Herefordshire.
- Investigative work also considered up to £1000

Jack Patston Charitable Trust

Range of Grants: £5,000	**Match Funding**: not specified
Contact: deborah.lewsley@buckles-law.co.uk	**Website**: https://register-of-charities.charitycommission.gov.uk/en/charity-search/?p_p_id=uk_gov_ccew_onereg_charitydetails_web_portlet_CharityDetailsPortlet&p_p_lifecycle=0&p_p_state=maximized&p_p_mode=view&_uk_gov_ccew_onereg_charitydetails_web_portlet_CharityDetailsPortlet_regId=701658&_uk_gov_ccew_onereg_charitydetails_web_portlet_CharityDetailsPortlet_subId=0

Areas Funded: Repairs

Criteria:

Particularly support the preservation of wildlife, the environment, the advancement of religion and the preservation of rural church fabric in Cambridgeshire and Leicestershire.

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The Joicey Trust	
Range of Grants: £2,000-£10,000	**Match Funding**: up to 10% of costs
Contact: appeals@thejoiceytrust.org.uk	**Website**: https://www.thejoiceytrust.org.uk/
Areas Funded: Repairs, Community Facilities, Climate Change Adaptions, Energy Efficiency Measures	

Criteria:

- Registered (or statutory) Charities operating primarily in the target region - North East of England (i.e. all NE and SR postcodes as well as postcodes DH1-DH9
- Unregistered charitable organisations considered if accompanied by a letter from a Local Infrastructure Organisation (LIO, CVA, CVS, etc.) confirming they will receive the award on behalf of the applicant.
- Individuals permanently resident in the beneficial area may apply for small grants for long-term international development projects (minimum 6 months in-country) if sponsored by a charity (e.g., Project Trust, Restless Development).

Exclusions:

- Charities not registered within the beneficiary area AND where gross incoming resources exceed £1 million are generally excluded.
- Research and research costs within core funding applications are normally not supported.
- Grants are not made to individuals (except for the sponsored international development projects mentioned above).
- Expense in relation to the application (excluding core funding) may not be incurred before the Trustees' decision is notified.

Leicestershire Historic Churches Trust	
Range of Grants: up to £20,000	**Match Funding**: 20% of project costs required
Contact: Grants.LHCT@gmail.com	**Website**: https://www.lhct.org.uk/apply-for-grant/
Areas Funded: Repairs, Community Facilities	

Criteria:

LHCT gives grants for repairs and improvements to historic churches, chapels and meeting houses throughout Leicester and Leicestershire that are used for regular public worship

Lincolnshire Churches Trust	
Range of Grants: not specified	**Match Funding**: not specified
Contact: jeffreycouzens@btinternet.com	**Website**: https://www.lincolnshirechurchestrust.org.uk/2024/06/25/applying-for-a-grant/
Areas Funded: Repairs	

Criteria:

- Any Christian church within the historic boundary of Lincolnshire.
- Current rules require the building to be at least 100 years old.
- The Trust is unable to consider applications for heating, electrics and decoration
- Other than those forming part of the project
- The Trust is unable to consider applications for work that has started or been completed

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Norfolk Churches Trust	
Range of Grants: up to £10,000	**Match Funding**: not specified
Contact: secretary@norfolkchurchestrust.org.uk	**Website**: https://norfolkchurchestrust.org.uk/grants/
Areas Funded: Repairs	

Criteria:

- Christian places of worship of any denomination in Norfolk and the Diocese of Norwich
- Structural repairs to fabric of building
- Repair and restructuring of rain water goods and drainage,
- Window repairs – glazing and tracery
- Renewal of interior plaster
- Repairs to floors and pew platforms
- Repairs to fixtures and fittings including pews, monuments, organs and ledgerstones
- Conservation of wall paintings and stonework,
- Repairs and refurbishment of bell frames,
- Renewal of switchgear for electrics (but not rewiring or lighting work)
- Interior decoration when it is part of internal wall repairs and replastering

Not funded:

- We are unable to fund re-ordering projects, installation of new facilities or extensions to the buildings.

Northamptonshire Historic Churches Trust	
Range of Grants: up to £10,000	**Match Funding**: not specified
Contact: michael_moore@breathemail.net	**Website**: https://www.nhct.org.uk/Main/GrantCriteria
Areas Funded: Repairs	

Criteria:

Christian places of worship of any denomination in the historic county of Northamptonshire (now comprising of the Unitary Authorities of North Northamptonshire and West Northamptonshire) and in regular use as a place of worship.

We don't normally fund:

- Surveys, reports, professional fees and VAT*.
- Minor work which should be carried out as part of routine maintenance such as clearing of gutters, and redecoration.
- New building works however, these may be funded at the Trustees' discretion.

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Nottinghamshire Historic Churches Trust

Range of Grants: up to £5,000	**Match Funding**: not specified
Contact: nhct@hotmail.co.uk	**Website**: https://nottshistoricchurchestrust.org.uk/

Areas Funded: Repairs

Criteria:

- All forms of essential repair to the building's fabric, eg roofs, stone/brickwork, repointing, structural repair, floors, doors, windows, internal wall plaster, gutters, parapets, lightning conductors etc.
- Most works of groundwater drainage, soakaways, etc.
- Most works of repair to historic objects in the churchyard, eg boundary walls, monuments (but not modern graves), historic structures such as sundials, crosses, and so forth.
- Repair to historic fittings, eg stained glass, wall plaques, monuments, brasses, charity boards, hatchments, royal arms.
- Major electrical works, ie total rewiring or a major overhaul (but not rewiring for new lighting, or small-scale works).
- Major heating system replacements (but not routine maintenance of existing systems).
- Major schemes of redecoration only where a previously unsuitable material has been used (eg emulsion paint) and where the new work is to be undertaken in a microporous paint (eg Classidur or Keim) – or limewash. Appropriate decoration in post-1914 churches and chapels is also allowable where no decoration has ever previously been undertaken.
- Repair to historic bells and bell-frames;
- Introduction of 2nd hand bells to augment a ring;
- New bell-frame if the old is suspect and needs to be replaced to re-hang existing bells;
- If the bell-frame is being repaired and then modifications are carried out to hang a new bell, then a fair proportion of the cost.

Prudhoe Street Mission Foundation

Range of Grants: £1,000 - £7,000	**Match Funding**: not specified
Contact: psmfoundation@yahoo.co.uk	**Website**: https://prudhoestreetmissionfoundation.co.uk/who-can-apply/

Areas Funded: Repairs, Community Facilities

Criteria:

- Newcastle, Gateshead, North & South Tyneside boundaries.
- Local Churches
- Other Charities
- Mission orientated projects
- Projects new or existing
- Play scheme/summer kids club
- Equipment

Not funded:

- Individuals
- Running costs or salaries
- Training programmes

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The Round Tower Churches Society	
Range of Grants: typically under £5,000	**Match Funding**: not specified
Contact: nickwiggin@hotmail.com	**Website**: https://www.roundtowers.org.uk/grants-and-work-in-churches/
Areas Funded: Repairs	
Criteria: Repairs and improvements to churches with round towers, which are mostly found in East Anglia.	

Shropshire Historic Churches Trust	
Range of Grants: up to £10,000	**Match Funding**: not specified
Contact: enquiries@dcms.gov.uk	**Website**: https://www.shropshirehct.org.uk/AboutUs/Grants.aspx
Areas Funded: Repairs, Community Facilities	
Criteria: Your building will be considered for financial aid on condition that: • It is a listed building or is of historical or architectural interest, and is used for Christian worship or ceremonies and is likely to remain so. • The church/chapel has insufficient funds to carry out the repairs. • It is in the geographical area of the Archdeaconries of Salop and Ludlow. • Work has not started (other than in exceptional circumstances) before the Trustees have considered the application. • If the church is not a member of the Trust, an application form can only be considered if accompanied by a completed membership form.	

The Sir George Martin Trust	
Range of Grants: up to £5,000	**Match Funding**: not specified
Contact: info@sirgeorgemartintrust.org.uk	**Website**: https://www.sirgeorgemartintrust.org.uk/
Areas Funded: Repairs, Community Facilities, Climate Change Adaptions, Energy Efficiency Measures, Project Funding, Core Funding.	
Criteria: The trustees will only consider applicants that: • Deliver support and/or activities which benefit economically and socially disadvantaged people living in West Yorkshire. • Are a West Yorkshire-based registered charity, CIO (Charitable Incorporated Organisation) or church. • Have less than a £1million income (based on their last financial year's accounts). • Are committed to ensuring a safe culture for its staff, volunteers and beneficiaries. • In addition, this year the Sir George Martin Trust is awarding a few multi-year grants to locally registered charities/CIOs with an income of around £100,000 or lower.	

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Skinner's Company Charity Foundation	
Range of Grants: up to £5,000	**Match Funding**: not specified
Contact: charities@skinners.org.uk	**Website**: https://skinners.org.uk/arts-heritage-and-communities
Areas Funded: Repairs	

Criteria:

- Arts, heritage, and related local community projects
- Working primarily in London and Kent
- Where successful outcomes can be evidenced
- Projects that show clear public value
- As much as possible, where the project is run by a registered not-for-profit organisation, with at least one set of audited or independently examined annual accounts*
- The charity's annual turnover does not exceed £300,000
- Prefer to fund projects and not award part funding

Somerset Churches Trust	
Range of Grants: up to £5,000	**Match Funding**: not specified
Contact: grantssecretary@somersetchurchestrust.org	**Website**: https://somersetchurchestrust.org/grants/grant-policies
Areas Funded: Repairs	

Criteria:

- Churches and chapels that are in use as places of Christian worship, in the historic county of Somerset
- Repairs to the main fabric of the church (walls, roofs, floors, towers, drainage, etc.)
- Specific items of repair or towards phased repair projects
- Improvements to allow for wider community use

Not funded:

- Basic maintenance
- The repair or provision of bells, decorations, ornaments, lighting, heating, organs and boundary walls
- Churchyard maintenance
- Alterations, extensions or re-ordering schemes other than to allow for wider community use
- Applications submitted within three years from the date on which a grant award has been paid

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Staffordshire Historic Churches Trust	
Range of Grants: not specified	**Match Funding**: not specified
Contact: https://staffordshirehistoricchurchestrust.org/contact-us/	**Website**: https://staffordshirehistoricchurchestrust.org/about/grants/
Areas Funded: Repairs	

Criteria:

The Trust supports:

- repairs to the fabric of the church – such as roof, walls, gutters, and scaffolding (In relation to these repairs)
- architects/surveyor's drawings and archaeologist surveys (also in relation to the above works) *
- stained glass windows
- conservation of wall paintings and hatchments
- antique furniture, ecclesiastical furnishings
- monuments, ornaments and wall plaques
- heating installations and improvements
- the replacement of electrical wiring
- churchyard works such as walls, paths and monuments if they were within the curtilage of church and are repairs but not new work
- changes to LED bulbs/lighting.

Not funded:

- we will not fund bells unless the bell was integral to a structure such as a bellcote
- we would not fund organs
- we would not fund work to halls, attached or otherwise
- we would not fund Wi fi installation
- we would not fund work to car parks.

Surrey Churches Preservation Trust	
Range of Grants: not specified	**Match Funding**: not specified
Contact: https://www.surreychurchespreservationtrust.org/contact/	**Website**: https://www.surreychurchespreservationtrust.org
Areas Funded: Repairs	

Criteria:

Surrey churches (of all Christian denominations) and to make grants for their repair and conservation.

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Diocese of St Albans - The Diocesan Board of Finance	
Range of Grants: up to £10,000	**Match Funding**: will fund up to 90% of costs
Contact: lwest@stalbans.anglican.org	**Website**: https://www.stalbansdiocese.org/parishsupport/managing-your-church/grants/grants-for-church-buildings/
Areas Funded: Repairs	

Criteria:

Church of England consecrated church buildings and licensed places of worship in the Diocese of St Albans are eligible. The 'building' extends to its below-ground drainage system, foundations, and immediate curtilage.

Eligible Works:

- The scope of eligible works includes:
- Minor fabric repairs both external and internal;
- Improvements to accessibility;
- Improvements to building services;
- Connectivity;
- Bat mitigation measures (including relevant ecologist's fees);
- Professional fees associated with the repair and improvement works; and
- VAT for those not eligible for the Listed Places of Worship grant scheme.

The United Reformed Church East Midlands Synod - Church Buildings Fund	
Range of Grants: up to £10,000	**Match Funding**: 50% required
Contact: property@urc5.org.uk	**Website**: https://www.urc5.org.uk/resources/church-buildings-fund
Areas Funded: Repairs, Community Facilities	

Criteria:

This is a designated fund for the maintenance and repair of Church buildings.

The conditions for a grant to be paid are:

- The work must be identified in a current quinquennial survey report, unless it arises from an emergency;
- The maximum grant is 50% of the cost, up to a maximum of £10,000, for any one claim;
- The local church must meet 50% of the cost, or £10,000 whichever is the lower, without any loan from Synod;
- Only maintenance work is to be included, but if any new work covers some / all of any maintenance then that can be included and may be considered;
- Only in exceptional circumstances could a second claim be considered within a five year period, such as an emergency situation.
- Normally, grants are only available for Church Buildings owned by East Midlands Trust.
- However, United Churches and Local Ecumenical Partnerships may be eligible to apply, but will only be eligible for the appropriate proportion of the grant – that is all denominations in the LEP must contribute the same amount as Synod.
- Synod will need to see and examine the accounts of the church making the application, supported by at least two quotations.

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Warwickshire and Coventry Historic Churches Trust	
Range of Grants: up to £5,000	**Match Funding**: not specified
Contact: secretarywchct@gmail.com	**Website**: https://warwickshirechurches.org.uk/what-we-fund/
Areas Funded: Repairs	

Criteria:

- The fund shall be used as the Trustees think fit for all or any of the following charitable purposes – namely
- First and foremost, for the preservation, repair, maintenance, improvement beautification and reconstruction of churches in the County of Warwick, the City of Coventry and such other parts of the County of West Midlands which are within the Diocese of Coventry
- And of monuments fittings, fixtures, stained glass, furniture, ornaments, bells, clocks and chattels in such churches and of the churchyard belonging to any of such churches.
- This includes restoration and renovation, stonework and churchyard walls.
- Please note that the primary focus for our grants is the conservation and repair of the historic structure of the church building, however other applications will be judged on their merits. Smaller grants may therefore be offered for such work.
- We ask all churches and chapels that apply for a grant to be Members of the Warwickshire and Coventry Historic Churches Trust, but we may consider those who do not support us, depending on the application.

Worcestershire and Dudley Historic Churches Trust	
Range of Grants: up to £1,000	**Match Funding**: not specified
Contact: elainemdrage@gmail.com	**Website**: https://www.worcesteranddudleyhistoricchurches.org.uk
Areas Funded: Repairs, Community Facilities, Climate Change Adaptions, Energy Efficiency Measures	

Criteria:

- Repair, preservation and refurbishment of Christian places of worship in the county of Worcestershire and the Archdeaconry of Dudley
- A planned repair for the place of worship building itself. We do not give grants for church halls, ancillary buildings, graveyards and graveyard structures or car parks;
- Our current priority in awarding grants is the repair or replacement of the external fabric of the building – walls, roof, windows and rainwater goods to ensure a building is watertight and so prevent further deterioration;
- We also may award a grant for safety reasons e.g. the repair or replacement of lightning conductors;
- We may give grants towards heating installations and improvements since they are often a valuable preventative measure against further deterioration of the fabric;
- We may make a grant towards the cost of preliminary work such as structural or archaeological surveys or the provision of estimates;
- We do not currently give grants towards lighting or decoration of the fabric, the installations of toilets and kitchens, even though we recognise they do render the buildings more user-friendly for religious and community use. Similarly we rarely give grants for church yard walls unless s it affects the integrity of the church building itself;
- We make no grants for work on organs, bells, interior furniture or re-orderings of a place of worship;
- We do not expect to provide for new works or routine maintenance.

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Yorkshire Historic Churches Trust	
Range of Grants: up to £10,000	**Match Funding**: not specified
Contact: yhctgrants@sky.com	**Website**: https://www.yhct.org.uk/grants/
Areas Funded: Repairs to the church fabric, e.g. walls, roofs, floors, tower, bell frames, windows, stonework, repointing, rainwater goods. Conservation of fixtures and fittings, e.g. monuments, furniture, stained glass. Works or repairs to bells, clocks and organs are low priority.	
Criteria: • The building must be in use as a place of worship and be accessible to the public • The building must not cease operating as a place of worship in the foreseeable future • The applicants must show a genuine shortfall in funding • The applicants must be actively fundraising and be able to confirm they anticipate a reasonable prospect of being able to raise any financial shortfall. Categories for grant-aid include repairs and restoration.	

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Augean Community Fund	
Range of Grants: up to £50,000	**Match Funding**: not required, but priority given to those with match funding
Contact: info@grantscape.org.uk	**Website**: https://grantscape.org.uk/fund/augean-community-fund/
Areas Funded: Repairs	

Criteria:

Eligible organisations, who can apply for funding include:

- Voluntary organisations, community groups / associations, sports clubs (note exclusion criteria regarding membership restrictions), local and national Charities
- Parish / Community Councils / Town Councils
- Local Authorities
- Social enterprises and Community Interest Companies operating on a non-profit-distributing basis. These are defined by Social UK as 'businesses that trade to tackle social problems, improve communities, people's life chances, or the environment. They make their money from selling goods and services in the open market, but they reinvest their profits back into the business or the local community'.
- These organisations must have a minimum of three unrelated Directors, that also do not reside at the same address.

To be eligible to apply, an organisation must:

- Have a written constitution, a set of rules, or a governing document and a bank or building society account, held in the name of the organisation, in place before applying for a grant
- Be run on a not-for-profit basis
- Own or hold a lease for the project site with at least 5 years remaining. Projects should be based at a project site which must be owned or leased by the applying organisation. If your organisation neither owns the project site, nor has a lease with a minimum of 5 years remaining, you are not eligible to apply. The lease must be active before any application is made. Letters of intent or draft lease agreements are not accepted.
- Have fully completed any previous projects awarded funding through the Augean Community Fund
- Be located near Thornhaugh in Peterborough, and King's Cliffe in Northamptonshire

Cambridgeshire Community Foundation	
Range of Grants: not specified	**Match Funding**: £1,500 - £20,000
Contact: info@cambscf.org.uk	**Website**: https://www.cambscf.org.uk/applying/
Areas Funded: Repairs, Community Facilities	

Criteria:

We only fund community-focused, not-for-profit organisations, which must be legally registered if their income is above £5,000.

This includes the following:

- Registered, exempt, and excepted charities
- Charitable incorporated organisations (CIOs)
- Religious organisations if the project benefits the wider community and does not include religious content
- Parish and town councils, village halls, and parochial church councils
- Community interest companies (CICs), Social Enterprises and Companies Limited by Guarantee. CICs, Social Enterprises & Companies Limited by Guarantee are expected to have been established and running for at least one year before applying. We have additional eligibility criteria for these organisations. PLEASE NOTE THIS ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE BEFORE APPLYING.

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- Co-operatives and community benefit societies (formerly industrial and provident societies)
- Schools
- Sports clubs that are either community amateur sports clubs (CASCs), affiliated with a national governing body (e.g., Badminton England) or have an income under £5,000.
- We support projects delivered within Cambridgeshire by national organisations, as long as the funding is restricted to this area of benefit. A very small number of our funds accept applications from outside Cambridgeshire.
- We accept applications for a wide variety of projects and charitable causes, and we can fund project related salaries, vehicle rental and capital items.

We do not fund the following:

- Organisational structures not listed above, or projects which are not charitable in focus
- Activities or projects which have already taken place
- Sponsored events or fundraising activities
- Debt or loans
- We cannot usually fund grant-making bodies or activities
- Improvements to land/buildings that are not open to the general public at convenient hours
- Projects promoting political activities or lobbying for causes
- The practice of religion or any projects that actively promote religion, a particular belief system or indeed the lack of a belief. This is due to such projects excluding some people from participating based on religious grounds.
- Animal welfare projects
- Overseas travel
- Statutory obligations i.e., activities that replace government funding

East Coast Community Fund

Range of Grants: up to £50,000	**Match Funding**: 20% required for grants over £10,000
Contact: info@grantscape.org.uk	**Website**: https://grantscape.org.uk/fund/eastcoastcommunityfund/east-coast-community-fund-full-criteria

Areas Funded: Repairs, Community Facilities, Climate Change Adaptions, Energy Efficiency Measures, Core Funding

Criteria: Community buildings and facilities. For example: capital improvement works or measures to increase energy efficiency at village halls, community centres, museums, heritage centres and community cafes.

- Community activities and services. For example: projects addressing health and wellbeing, social isolation, community cohesion, access to amenities, young and old people's projects, and projects providing support for local clubs and groups.
- Environmental and public open space projects. For example: projects involving parks, nature reserves, community growing schemes, and habitat/species conservation.
- Sports, recreation and play. For example: playgrounds, skate parks, indoor climbing walls, sports equipment and sports field drainage projects.

Eligible applicants include:

- Voluntary and community groups, and charities
- Parish and Town Councils
- Local Authorities (if they working with community organisations on community-led projects).
- Social Enterprises and Community Interest Companies operating on a non-profit-distributing basis. These are defined by Social Enterprise UK as 'businesses that trade to tackle social problems, improve communities, people's life chances, or the environment. They make their money from selling goods and services in the open market, but they reinvest their profits back into the business or the local community'.
- These organisations must have a minimum of three unrelated Directors, that also do not reside at the same address.

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Friends of Kent Churches

Range of Grants: up to £25,000	**Match Funding**: not specified
Contact: grants@fokc.org.uk	**Website**: https://friendsofkentchurches.co.uk/grants/
Areas Funded: Repairs, Community Facilities	

Criteria:

- All Christian denominations
- All ages of churches and chapels where services are held and which are open to the public
- Anywhere in Kent and those parts of South East London which were in Kent before 1965. This means that places within the London Boroughs of Bexley and Bromley are included although transferred to London in the 1965 boundary changes.
- All works to maintain the fabric, windows and, in some circumstances, floors and monuments. Where our resources allow, grants are available for fixed facilities such as heating, rewiring, disabled access, security, kitchens and toilets, but only where a small grant will make a significant contribution to keeping a church in use.
- Works to paths, steps, and handrails in the churchyard necessary to facilitate access to the church, including disabled access.

Not funded:

- Work that has already started. Reordering, redecorating (except where required as a result of grantable work) and major new facilities projects.
- Bells, clocks and organs.
- Churchyards and churchyard walls, except for monuments of special importance and works to paths, steps, and handrails in the churchyard necessary to facilitate access to the church, including disabled access.

Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust

Range of Grants: Up to £15,000	**Match Funding**: not specified
Contact: grants@ghct.org.uk	**Website**: https://ghct.org.uk/grants
Areas Funded: Repairs, Community Facilities	

Criteria:

- Any place of Christian worship within Gloucestershire, South Gloucestershire and North Bristol.
- Only one application may be made per church per 12 month period.
- Grants will not normally be offered for substantial repairs unless the work has been specified by an architect or surveyor with appropriate conservation training.
- For Church of England churches, application must be made to the DAC for a faculty or approval under List B. Similar provisions apply for other exempt denominations such as Roman Catholic and Methodist and you must make it clear how far the approval process has progressed.
- Applicants are expected to support the work of the Trust by an annual donation and/or by taking part in the annual sponsored Ride+Stride event.
- Your church must be adequately insured and properly maintained.

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Hampshire and the Islands Historic Churches Trust	
Range of Grants: up to £15,000	**Match Funding**: not specified
Contact: grantshihct@outlook.com	**Website**: https://hihct.org.uk/grants/
Areas Funded: Repairs, Community Facilities	
Criteria: The Trust welcomes enquiries and applications for grants and loans from Christian churches of all denominations who are members of 'Churches Together in England' for work to preserve, maintain or repair the fabric of the church, including modification for disabled access.	

Heritage of London Trust	
Range of Grants: Up to £15,000	**Match Funding**: not specified
Contact: info@heritageoflondon.org	**Website**: https://www.heritageoflondon.org/grant-scheme
Areas Funded: Repairs	
Criteria: Restoration of historic buildings and monuments which are available for public access and enjoyment. Any community organisation, representative of a community organisation or London local authority can apply for a grant. Buildings or monuments do not need to be listed but must be considered of particular historic or architectural interest. Not funded: • Projects outside of London boroughs • Buildings that are not open or accessible to the public • Restoration schemes where the work has already been completed • Roof replacements or general maintenance repairs • Hard and soft landscaping • Wayfinding, signage and interpretation	

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Mick George Fund	
Range of Grants: £15,000 - £30,000	**Match Funding**: required, dependent on project costs
Contact: info@grantscape.org.uk	**Website**: https://www.mickgeorge.co.uk/community-funding/mick-george-community-fund?srsltid=AfmBOooLrirwPhpigtUzqVjryzTdTPMl3rcGYlQy_O2yLpoo4A9iKtum
Areas Funded: Repairs, Community Facilities	

Criteria:

Eligible organisations, who can apply for funding include:

- Voluntary organisations, community groups / associations, sports clubs (note exclusion criteria regarding membership restrictions), local and national Charities
- Parish / Community Councils / Town Councils
- Local Authorities
- Social enterprises and Community Interest Companies operating on a non-profit-distributing basis. These are defined by Social UK as 'businesses that trade to tackle social problems, improve communities, people's life chances, or the environment. They make their money from selling goods and services in the open market, but they reinvest their profits back into the business or the local community'.
- These organisations must have a minimum of three unrelated Directors, that also do not reside at the same address.

To be eligible to apply, an organisation must:

- Have a written constitution, a set of rules, or a governing document and a bank or building society account, held in the name of the organisation, in place before applying for a grant
- Be run on a not-for-profit basis
- Own or hold a lease for the project site with at least 5 years remaining. Projects should be based at a project site which must be owned or leased by the applying organisation. If your organisation neither owns the project site, nor has a lease with a minimum of 5 years remaining, you are not eligible to apply. The lease must be active before any application is made. Letters of intent or draft lease agreements are not accepted.
- Have secured all required consents for the project (such as planning permission, Faculty etc). Submitted applications for consent, which have not been approved, are not accepted.
- Have secured any other funding required for the project to proceed.

Northumbria Historic Churches Trust	
Range of Grants: £2,500 - £15,000	**Match Funding**: not specified
Contact: secretary@northumbriahct.org.uk	**Website**: https://www.northumbriahct.org.uk/eligibility-criteria
Areas Funded: Repairs, Community Facilities	

Criteria:

- We are able to consider applications for grant funding for any church, chapel or meeting house used as a place of public worship. Buildings completed less than 50 years ago are not eligible, unless there are special circumstances. Grants cannot be given for work that has already been started.
- Restoration, upkeep and maintenance of fabric. Heating and lighting repairs or replacement. Repairs to pipe organs, bells, clocks and internal monuments, windows. Churchyard walls, monuments and footpath drainage.
- OHCT is also able to fund new work as well as repairs, providing such work maintains the historical integrity of the building, contents and environment. Toilets, kitchens and utility areas, Disabled access, professional fees (excluding VAT) incurred as part of a completed project, New floors and stairs in towers e.g. for ringing chambers. We can also support Electrical work, Sound systems, Security systems, Pipe or electronic organs, Vestries and storage areas.

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Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust	
Range of Grants: up to £50,000	**Match Funding**: not specified
Contact: grants@ohct.org.uk	**Website**: https://ohct.org.uk/apply-for-a-grant/what-we-fund/
Areas Funded: Repairs, Community Facilities	

Criteria:

- We are able to consider applications for grant funding for any church, chapel or meeting house used as a place of public worship. Buildings completed less than 50 years ago are not eligible, unless there are special circumstances. Grants cannot be given for work that has already been started.
- Restoration, upkeep and maintenance of fabric. Heating and lighting repairs or replacement. Repairs to pipe organs, bells, clocks and internal monuments, windows. Churchyard walls, monuments and footpath drainage.
- OHCT is also able to fund new work as well as repairs, providing such work maintains the historical integrity of the building, contents and environment. Toilets, kitchens and utility areas, Disabled access, professional fees (excluding VAT) incurred as part of a completed project, New floors and stairs in towers e.g. for ringing chambers. We can also support Electrical work, Sound systems, Security systems, Pipe or electronic organs, Vestries and storage areas.

Not funded

- Routine maintenance unless identified as part of the QQ inspection or work that is urgent, where further delays may result in significant deterioration of the fabric of the building.
- Work that has already started.
- Removal or replacement of pews.
- Liturgical re-ordering e.g. nave altars and platforms.
- Church or parish halls, Car parks.
- Buildings less than fifty years old.

Rutland Historic Churches Preservation Trust	
Range of Grants: up to £20,000	**Match Funding**: not specified
Contact: rhcptrust@gmail.com	**Website**: https://rhcpt.co.uk/financial-help-for-churches/
Areas Funded: Repairs	

Criteria:

Applications are invited from:

- Any church or chapel in Rutland, open for public worship in need of repair or restoration
- Grants are not available for routine maintenance or running costs.

Simon Gibson Charitable Trust	
Range of Grants: up to £20,000	**Match Funding**: not specified
Contact: https://sgctrust.org.uk/contact-us/	**Website**: https://sgctrust.org.uk/eligibility/
Areas Funded: Repairs, Core Funding	

Criteria:

UK Registered Charities or Community Interest Companies, Both national and local charities delivering benefits in our focus regions: Suffolk, Norfolk, Cambridgeshire, Hertfordshire, Glamorganshire, Gwent, Powys and Camarthanshire. We have a preference for charities supporting the young, the elderly, heritage or the natural environment.

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Sir James Knott Trust	
Range of Grants: up to £50,000	**Match Funding**: not specified
Contact: info@knott-trust.co.uk	**Website**: https://www.knott-trust.co.uk/grants/
Areas Funded: Repairs, Community Facilities, Climate Change Adaptions, Energy Efficiency Measures	

Criteria:

- We fund registered charities, community groups and social enterprises.
- Organisations with a turnover of over £3m will only be funded in exceptional circumstances. It is advisable to discuss this with us in advance.
- National charities based outside of the North East will only be funded if they can demonstrate that they bring exceptional additional value to the region.
- We fund faith organisations, as long as the activities are open to people of all faiths and none. If the application relates to the fabric of a church building, then it is helpful to telephone us to discuss this before making an application, as we have specific restrictions.
- We cannot consider applications from individuals. We do not fund research. We do not fund activity which has already taken place, or activity that takes place outside of our area of benefit.
- Our area of benefit does not include Darlington, Stockton, Redcar or Middlesbrough.

The Trustees have a wide discretion, however, we do not fund:

- Research
- Activity that has already taken place
- Grants to individuals

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Suffolk Historic Churches Trust	
Range of Grants: up to £20,000	**Match Funding**: required, dependant on project size
Contact: shct@btconnect.com	**Website**: https://shct.org.uk/grants/
Areas Funded: Repairs	

Criteria:

Funds may be granted towards the cost of preservation, repair, maintenance and improvement of churches and chapels within Suffolk. To be eligible for a grant the Trust requires that:

- The recipient church must be in use as a public place of worship
- In principle the building should be of architectural or historic interest
- The church faces a shortfall of funds to complete the project for which funds are sought
- To be eligible for a grant the Trust requires that a church or chapel 'must be accessible to the public'. Either the church or chapel should be open or, if not, there should be clear signage to help the visitor gain access to the building."
- The church believes it will be able to raise the remaining funds needed
- Normally to be eligible for a grant the Trust requires that work on the project has not started prior to the submission of an application.

Not funded:

- Furnishings and fittings
- Brasses and bells
- Monuments
- Organs
- Redecoration, unless needed as part of an eligible project
- New buildings or extensions to existing buildings
- Save in exceptional circumstances projects for the following are also ineligible
- Clocks

The United Reformed Church, North Western Synod – Church Property Improvements	
Range of Grants: up to £50,000	**Match Funding**: not specified
Contact: helpdesk@nwsynod.org.uk	**Website**: https://www.nwsynod.org.uk/grants
Areas Funded: Repairs, Community Facilities	

Criteria:

- There is an expectation that churches will not only use their own resources but seek grant support from third party funders, which are listed below. If you need any help please contact The Finance Manager.
- All applicants for building grants should consult the Property Officer before submitting their applications. You must get the approval of the Synod Trust in advance for any repair or buildings works that you are planning for your buildings before entering into any agreement with trades people and starting work. You should inform the Property Steward and the Local Area Pastoral Committee Convener at the earliest opportunity. This requirement must be adhered to irrespective of the source of funding for the works intended be it from local church funds, Synod funds via a grant or other sources.
- If your application is in excess of £100,000 you will be asked to provide more information than is requested on the standard application form. Please contact the Finance Manager for further details.

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West Devon Borough Council

Range of Grants: up to £25,000	**Match Funding**: not required but encouraged
Contact: https://swd-host07.swdevon.gov.uk/w/webpage/generalenquiry?webpage_	**Website**: https://www.westdevon.gov.uk/communities/community-halls-capital-grant-fund

Areas Funded: Repairs, Community Facilities, Climate Change Adaptions, Energy Efficiency Measures

Criteria:

Organisations which operate community halls, village halls and other community buildings/facilities will be eligible to apply for a grant. Eligible organisations include:

- Social enterprises and CICs/CIOs
- Must be registered with a company number on Companies House
- Charitable Organisations
- Registered with the Charities Commission, with a Charity Number
- Town/Parish Councils
- Applications must be submitted by the town/parish clerk
- Individuals or private/for profit enterprises are not eligible to apply
- Capital expenditure primarily supporting political or religious activities are not eligible
- Funds will not be allocated to on-going staff costs or the day to day running of a project
- Funds will not be allocated retrospectively or to cover expenses that have been incurred before the funding is offered or VAT that is recoverable
- Loans or interest payments
- The minimum grant that can be awarded is £500

Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust

Range of Grants: up to £15,000	**Match Funding**: not specified
Contact: sec.whct@gmail.com	**Website**: https://www.wiltshirehistoricchurchestrust.org.uk/

Areas Funded: Repairs

Criteria:

- Any place of Christian worship within Wiltshire, including Swindon, can apply for a grant. Applications from churches or chapels outside Wiltshire will be rejected
- Church building fabric restoration: renewal or repair of walling, roofs, flooring,
- guttering and rainwater goods, external drainage, timber structures, window, stonework and doors.
- Repairs to historic stained glass or ornamental glass windows.
- Repairs to embedded historic clocks, wall paintings, reredos, monuments and
- memorials that are part of the fabric of the church.
- New heating sources and equipment (solar panels, plumbing or electrical) that will preserve church fabric.
- Dangerous and expensive electrical safety and lighting.
- Enhancements - facilities and other improvements that benefit the
- Congregation and community – toilets, kitchenettes, disabled access etc

Not funded:

- Routine maintenance of the fabric, electrical installations, heating and
- plumbing works.
- Conservation, renovation and replacement of furnishings, including Royal coats of arms, pulpit, altar, screens, pews and benches, choir stalls, chairs.
- Repair and restoration of historic organs.
- Repairs to – plain glass windows, wall or floor tiles, brasses, fabrics (altar frontals etc), hassocks and kneelers.
- Re-ordering – liturgical and/or general.

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Not funded:

- Electrical 5 Year Tests.
- Security systems inside and/or outside
- Projects that will not be considered:
- New buildings and extensions, on or adjacent to the church and/or church community hall.
- Routine decoration or redecoration.
- Renovation of Bells and bell-frames.
- Churchyard works - external repairs to Lychgates and pathways; walling and gateways; car-parking; external lighting, monuments and memorials
- Flagpoles.
- IT, audio systems and projector equipment.

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The Charles & Elsie Sykes Trust	
Range of Grants: up to £100,000	**Match Funding**: not specified
Contact: jenny.west@lcf.co.uk	**Website**: https://www.charlesandelsiesykestrust.co.uk/how-to-apply-new/
Areas Funded: Repairs, Community Facilities, Climate Change Adaptions, Energy Efficiency Measures	
Criteria: • Yorkshire based registered charities • We regret personal and overseas applications are not acceptable.	

Clark Foundation – Community Grants	
Range of Grants: up to £100,000	**Match Funding**: not specified
Contact: trustgrants@clarks.com	**Website**: https://theclarkfoundation.org.uk/grant-applications/
Areas Funded: Repairs, Community Facilities, Climate Change Adaptions, Energy Efficiency Measures	
Criteria: • Please only apply to us if you are a not-for-profit organisation based in Somerset, Plymouth, Barnstaple or Kendal, seeking funding for a capital project or equipment. We also accept applications for small community grants from employees based in Clarks retail stores around the UK. • We give to formally constituted not-for-profit organisations, rather than individuals. Most are registered charities, but we also give to CICs, local councils and schools. • We only give to national charities if it is for a project local to one of the places outlined above. • We don't fund projects or schemes that statutory authorities are responsible for funding.	

The Mercers Company – Church and Communities Funding	
Range of Grants: £10,000 - £120,000	**Match Funding**: will not fund more than 50% of organisations annual income
Contact: https://www.mercers.co.uk/philanthropy-contact-us	**Website**: https://www.mercers.co.uk/church_and_communities_funding_guidelines
Areas Funded: Repairs, Community Facilities, Climate Change Adaptions, Energy Efficiency Measures, Project Funding, Core Funding	
Criteria: We welcome applications from churches, as well as other faith and community-based organisations in areas of deprivation and/or focused on marginalised groups in Greater London, Northumberland, Tyne and Wear, County Durham, Tees Valley, Lincolnshire and Norfolk that address one of the following priority areas. • Building Stronger Communities • People in the most disadvantaged communities coming together to address what is important to them: • working in areas with the highest deprivation; or from organisations led by/for minoritised communities – including black, minoritised ethnic, LGBT+ and disabled communities, as well as communities of women. • Community responses to support people who are refugees or homeless proposals that enrich and improve people's lives, as well as meeting basic needs • Delivering Better Outcomes for Families and Carers *Continued overleaf*	

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Criteria:

Projects or organisations that provide in-depth whole family support to:

- Families facing poverty or other challenges
- Unpaid carers and their families
- Align closely to one of the priority areas listed above
- Demonstrate that they are both community rooted and focused
- Be from organisations that have a board, staff and volunteers that reflect the people they work with and the communities that they work in
- Demonstrate they promote positive mental wellbeing with the people they work with, as well as staff and volunteers
- Work with people in an asset-based way i.e. focus on what is strong, not what is wrong
- Show that they are person-centred, build positive inclusive relationships, promote wellbeing between people and increase a sense of belonging
- Be from organisations that provide support for people as long as they need it, whilst ensuring people are supported to take control of their own lives
- Be from organisations that are paying employees the Real Living Wage (if your organisation is currently unable to do this, please contact us to discuss)

Thalia WB Community Fund

Range of Grants: £10,000 - £100,000	**Match Funding**: not specified
Contact: info@cambscf.org.uk	**Website**: https://www.cambscf.org.uk/funds/thalia/
Areas Funded: Repairs	

Criteria:

- Your organisation must either own the land or building where the project is taking place or have a long-term lease (with a minimum of 10 years remaining). In some cases, a management agreement is acceptable.
- Before considering making an application, please review your organisational capacity. Your organisation should have the resources to deal competently with the application process. Whilst past experience of making a funding request is not necessarily needed, familiarity with budgets, cash flow, VAT, procurement and policy documentation is advantageous. Overall, the process is detailed and will require someone's committed attention.

Your organisation must be operating not for profit and have the following:

- Constitution
- Equal Opportunity Policy
- Safeguarding Policy
- Conflict of Interest Policy
- Access Statement
- An independent management committee
- Two independent signatures on the bank account.
- Parish councils are eligible to apply but we cannot accept applications from higher tier local authorities such as district, city or county councils.

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The United Reformed Church Northern Synod – Church Property Improvements	
Range of Grants: up to £100,000	**Match Funding**: 50% of total cost
Contact: office@urc-northernsynod.org	**Website**: https://www.urc-northernsynod.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Grants-Loans-Guidelines-Church-Property-Improvements-220914.pdf
Areas Funded: Repairs, Community Facilities	
Criteria: • Each category has its own guidelines and application form, which can be downloaded from https://www.urc-northernsynod.org/resources/grants/ or obtained from Synod Office. These guidelines relate only to grants for church properties. • As a matter of principle, churches should only apply for property grants if they cannot cover the cost from their own resources. For Property Fund grants, the Trust requires an explanation of the church's current reserves and current reserves policy. • Work which substantially alters the character, appearance or value of a building will in itself require approval of the Trust and Synod. • Applications should be accompanied by quotations wherever possible. The Trust recommends that churches consider obtaining 2 or 3 quotations for medium-large building works (say, over £5,000).	

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Baptist Building CIO	
Range of Grants: £30,000 - £500,000	**Match Funding**: typically require at least 30% deposit
Contact: admin@baptistbuilding.org	**Website**: https://www.baptistbuilding.org/our-loans
Areas Funded: Repairs, Community Facilities, Climate Change Adaptions, Energy Efficiency Measures	

Criteria:

At Baptist Building CIO, our funds are mainly used to provide loans to Baptist churches to enable you to expand, repair and improve your church premises.

What are the terms of the loan?

Loans are interest free, repayable in 4 quarterly instalments per annum for the period of the loan. The first instalment is payable 12 months after the loan has been drawn. Once the loan has been repaid we ask for a thank-offering donation to cover our administration costs and to help our funds to grow so that we can help more churches.

Who can apply?

Churches in membership of an approved Baptist Association in the UK and Ireland (BUGB, BUW, BUS, GBTC, ABCI) with an ultimate trust in favour of a Baptist cause.

What projects will qualify for loans?

- Projects for which we will make loans are usually one of three types:
- Repairs and renovations to existing church buildings including updating heating systems and conversion to greener energy.
- New buildings or extensions to existing church buildings
- Purchase of a building for church use
- Please note it is not normally our policy to make loans for the purchase of or repairs to a manse or similar building.
- In addition, it is not normally our policy to make loans to repay loans/debt (including owed to any Baptist body).

CAF Bank	
Range of Grants: £150,000 - £10,000,000	**Match Funding**: not specified
Contact: https://www.cafonline.org/home/caf-bank/secured-loans/contact-us-secured-loans	**Website**: https://www.cafonline.org/home/caf-bank/secured-loans
Areas Funded: Repairs, Community Facilities, Climate Change Adaptions, Energy Efficiency Measures	

Criteria:

- Could a secured loan of £150,000 to £10 million transform the work you do? You can apply if you're a UK-based charity or social purpose enterprise that's been running for at least three years.
- Borrowing from us doesn't just mean choosing a bank that shares your values and measures of success. It means teaming up with a lending partner that exists to help strengthen the resilience of the charity sector. We're here to help you to get your project off the ground, so you can deliver your goals.

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Charity Bank	
Range of Grants: up to £7,500,000	**Match Funding**: secured lending up to 70%
Contact: https://www.charitybank.org/contact-us/	**Website**: https://www.charitybank.org/loans/
Areas Funded: Repairs, Community Facilities, Climate Change Adaptions, Energy Efficiency Measures	

Criteria:

- We offer loans to small, medium and large organisations where the loan is being used for a social purpose.
- We lend to charities, social enterprises and organisations tackling social and environmental issues and shape our terms and repayment schedules around their needs

Once you have submitted an enquiry and if we think our loans are right for you, we will ask you to send more information. This will include:

- Financial Statements for the past 3 years (including income and expenditure and balance sheet).
- Management accounts covering the period since the last full year end (including income and expenditure and balance sheet).
- A financial budget for the current year (forecast income and expenditure)
- Financial forecasts for the next two years (income and expenditure).
- A brief summary of the professional experience of your Board and Senior Management team.

Kingdom Bank	
Range of Grants: not specified	**Match Funding**: 20-40% deposit
Contact: info@kingdom.bank	**Website**: https://www.kingdom.bank/church-and-charity/mortgages/#products
Areas Funded: Repairs, Community Facilities, purchase	

Criteria:

- Our Premises Mortgages are designed for churches and Christian charities looking to purchase or redevelop property in support of their mission. From new worship spaces to community hubs, we take time to understand your plans and help make them possible.
- Property is more than bricks and mortar. It's a foundation for ministry, hospitality and outreach. We assess each application with care to ensure your mortgage supports the Kingdom impact you are called to make.

Methodist Chapel Aid	
Range of Grants: £25,000 - £750,000	**Match Funding**: assessed on case by case basis
Contact: info@mcafundingforchurches.co.uk	**Website**: https://www.mcafundingforchurches.co.uk/
Areas Funded: Repairs, Community Facilities, Climate Change Adaptions, Energy Efficiency Measures	

Criteria:

- We provide loans to churches and associated organisations at the lowest practicable rate of interest. Our loans are primarily intended to enable churches to acquire, develop or repair church buildings for the benefit and inspiration of the church and community.
- We provide term loans for building projects and bridging loans for manse purchases. We also provide loan financing to a wide variety of projects from the installation of solar panels to new build projects and extensions.

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Stewardship	
Range of Grants: £40,000 - £4,000,000	**Match Funding**: will fund a maximum of 65%
Contact: lending@stewardship.org.uk	**Website**: https://www.stewardship.org.uk/loans
Areas Funded: Repairs, Community Facilities, purchase	

Criteria:

Whether you're purchasing, developing or renovating property, our flexible loans are built around your ministry's calling. We have over 30 years' experience and are trusted by many churches and charities across the UK.

You can apply if your organisation:

- Is a UK-registered church or Christian charity
- Has a clear Christian ethos and statement of faith
- Is planning to purchase, redevelop or repair property, or fund a ministry-related asset
- Can demonstrate sustainability and responsible financial planning

Here's what you'll need to get started:

- A brief outline of your project and ministry goals
- Estimated loan amount and project cost
- Key contact and organisational details
- Any supporting documents you've already prepared

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