

Funding for Churches

This document is a collection of potential funding opportunities for Churches.

The text on each potential funding body is compiled from extracts from their respective websites at the date stated in the document's filename.

Some of the funding opportunities listed below were closed at the date of the searches. If they are closed permanently then they have been omitted, but those that are likely to re-open later in the year have been included.

This document is not meant to be exhaustive, nor complete. It is a snapshot of the most relevant funding opportunities at that particular time.

ChurchCare

<http://www.churchcare.co.uk/churches/funding-and-grants/our-grants>

ChurchCare is the Church of England's national resource, adding value from the centre to support over 16,000 parish churches and 42 cathedrals. They support all those in parishes, dioceses and cathedrals caring for their buildings today and for the enjoyment of future generations.

They support parishes in the conservation and repair of historic church buildings and their various contents.

They regret that they are unable to offer grants for heating, community use or environmental projects at this time.

Choose what you are interested in funding from the list below at:

<http://www.churchcare.co.uk/churches/funding-and-grants/our-grants>

to access more information on their specific grants and find out how to apply.

- Conservation Reports
- Bells
- Books and Manuscripts
- Clocks
- Church Plate
- Churchyard Structures
- Fabric Repairs
- Metalwork
- Monuments
- Organs
- Paintings and Wall Paintings
- Stained Glass
- Textiles
- Timberwork

ChurchCare also publishes a list of other sources of funding at:

<http://www.churchcare.co.uk/churches/funding-and-grants/other-sources-funding>

Heritage Lottery Fund Grants for Places of Worship

<http://tinyurl.com/jynvalq>

The Grants for Places of Worship (England) programme is now closed to new applicants.

Grants for Places of Worship funds urgent structural repairs to Grade I, II* and II listed places of worship in England. As part of the repair project, we can also fund improvements to facilities and work that helps more people get involved with these wonderful buildings.

Grants from £10,000–£250,000 can fund urgent structural repairs and help to make them better places for everyone to visit.

Congregations caring for historic places of worship, of all faiths and denominations, can apply to HLF for funding to support a broad range of projects including capital repair.

Relevant programmes:

- Our Heritage (£10,000-£100,000) can be used to support a great range of projects and organisations, including those who want to repair buildings. The programme is single round. We aim to respond to your application in around eight weeks
- Heritage Grants (£100,000-£5m) can support all types and scales of project. The two-round structure means we can support you in both developing and delivering your proposals
- Resilient Heritage (£3,000-£250,000) can be used by individual organisations or partnerships to help them better manage their heritage. From developing income-generation strategies to feasibility studies in preparation for a larger Heritage Grant application - this can be a great place to start

There are also:

- Young Roots: Apply for a grant of £10,000-£50,000 to help young people aged 11 to 25 to explore their heritage, from green spaces, museums, and historic sites to language, local memories and youth culture.
- Kick the Dust: Transform how heritage engages young people with an ambitious, youth-focused project. You can apply for a grant of £500,000-£1,000,000 as part of a consortium.
- Heritage Enterprise: The cost of repairing a neglected historic building is often so high that restoration simply isn't commercially viable. Heritage Enterprise makes such schemes possible by funding some of the repair costs with grants of £100,000 to £5million.

National Churches Trust Repair Grants

<http://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/our-grants/repair-grants>

Their Repair Grants programme offers grants between £5,000 and £40,000 towards the cost of urgent and essential structural repair projects.

Projects must have an estimated cost of at least £100,000 (including VAT and fees) to qualify. Other eligibility criteria apply.

They are able to fund urgent structural repair works, and the introduction of new facilities that enable the building to be more widely used by the community, such as kitchens and toilets.

They also have a maintenance grant programme and project development grants. Unfortunately they cannot fund work to ancillary buildings and structures; contents such as bells, clocks and organs (repairs and new); internal furnishings, fixtures and fittings; monument restoration; heating, lighting or reorderings.

Repair Grants - repairs to places of worship costing over £100,000 (incl. VAT and fees)

Community Grants - introduction of kitchens and toilets into places of worship to widen community use, costing over £25,000 (incl. VAT and fees)

Maintenance Grants - small repair and maintenance works costing no more than £10,000 (incl. VAT)

Project Development Grants - small grants to support the development of major projects either through feasibility studies or additional structural reports for example

Partnership Grants - usually smaller-scale Repair and Community-type projects, in association with and via partnering Local Churches Trusts

National Churches Trust Community Grants

<http://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/our-grants/community-grants>

The 2017 Community Grants Programme is currently open (as at 21/06/17).

Their Community Grants programme offers grants usually of between £5,000 and £20,000 towards the cost of projects introducing facilities to enable increased community use of places of worship. They prioritise projects that include toilets and catering facilities.

Are you eligible?

- Is yours a Christian place of worship in the UK, and open for regular public worship?
- Was your place of worship built as a place of worship originally, and are the works proposed due to take place within or attached to the place of worship?
- Is your total project cost estimated at over £25,000 (including VAT and fees)?
- Have you already raised 50% of the total project cost?
- Is the project being led by a qualified professional, with conservation accreditation if it is a listed building?
- Have you got all necessary permissions approved and in place?

National Churches Project Development Grants

<http://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/project-viability-and-project-development-grants>

The 2017 Development Grants Programme is currently open (as at 05/12/17).

The Project Development grant programme is a pilot grant programme offering awards up to £10,000 to support churches to develop high quality, well researched, sustainable projects through the diagnosis of issues affecting the church, by testing the viability of proposed solutions and through developing plans up to RIBA stage 1 in advance of applying to a major church heritage funder such as the HLF.

Garfield Weston Foundation

<http://www.garfieldweston.org/>

Garfield Weston Foundation award grants for nine themed areas, one of these is Faith:

This category demonstrates the impact the Foundation's grants are able to make to local communities by providing funds towards simple but practical projects that enable religious buildings to be used for an inclusive range of charitable purposes by their local communities.

Capital grants include funds towards the instillation of basic amenities such as lavatories and kitchen facilities and for restoration works to historic church buildings.

Glaziers Trust

http://www.worshipfulglaziers.com/?page_id=1219

Grants are available to churches and other public buildings exclusively for the restoration and conservation of historic and important stained glass.

The Glaziers Trust has two principal objects:

- The restoration and conservation of historic and important stained glass

- Promoting the craft by supporting the education and training of craftsmen and women in the fields of stained and painted glass and by fostering public information and awareness.

The Trust targets its resources to grant aid religious bodies (of any faith or denomination) or secular institutions who have the responsibility for maintaining art-historically important stained glass in their buildings on behalf of future generations.

Grants are made towards the preservation, conservation and/or restoration of stained glass of particular significance or exceptional artistic merit. That is, stained glass or other artistic glazing designed by an artist or architect of some note; made by a studio or workshop of some distinction; or of some particular rarity and/or connection with important personages or historical events (e.g. most surviving medieval stained glass). There are no restrictions as to historical period, and applications concerning Victorian and twentieth-century stained glass are welcomed.

Grants are restricted to stained and/or painted glass; artistically designed plain and/or decorative glazing; support systems (i.e. leading, saddle bars, fixing etc., and protective-conservation glazing). Grants are not available for stone or brickwork repairs or protection from weather or vandals.

That the stained glass to be restored/conserved is in a publicly accessible location.

Grants currently range from a few hundreds to a few thousands of pounds, and are paid only on completion of the work to the agreed standard.

William and Jane Morris Fund

<https://www.sal.org.uk/grants/morris-fund-conservation-grants/>

Grants are awarded to churches, chapels and other places of worship in the United Kingdom for the conservation of decorative features and monuments, but **not** structural repairs.

Awards are typically £500-£5,000

The Society welcomes applications in accordance with the following criteria:

- Smaller programmes of work concerned with the conservation of decorative or non-structural features, for example
 - stained glass windows
 - sculpture
 - furniture
 - monuments and tombs
 - wall paintings
- The decorative feature, monument, etc must be dated before 1896 (the date of William Morris's death). Applications for features dated after 1896, even if they are in churches dated before 1896, are not eligible.
- A professional architect or established conservator must be engaged to direct the work.
- Grant-aided work must be completed within one year of receipt of the grant
- Completion of the work must be certified by an appropriate professional.

The following are **not** eligible:

- Major structural repairs and fabric maintenance
- Alteration or decoration of buildings
- Electrical rewiring and the repair or installation of central heating systems
- Bells or organs
- Works already completed (i.e. grants are not made retrospectively)
- Anything created after 1896

Pilgrim Trust

<http://www.thepilgrimtrust.org.uk/grants/apply-for-a-grant/>

The Pilgrim Trust concentrates its funding into two areas, Preservation and Scholarship and Social Welfare.

They are committed to preserving the United Kingdom's unique heritage for the benefit of future generations. Part of that heritage lies in physical objects such as buildings, artefacts and recorded information such as manuscripts or books. Our main emphasis is on projects that conserve historical buildings, monuments and collections. They also encourage projects that promote awareness either by making collections more available or by supporting academic research and ones that improve access.

If you are seeking a grant for places of worship please note that they make annual block grants to the Church Buildings Council, the National Churches Trust and the Scottish Churches Architectural Heritage Trust and you should check carefully before applying to The Pilgrim Trust.

They make grants available through one of two schemes, the Main Grant Fund and the Small Grant Fund. The Main Grant Fund is their primary grant outlet and distributes approximately 90% of their annual grant budget. If your project fits our funding criteria, you can apply for sums above £5,000 through this scheme. The Small Grant Fund is reserved for requests of £5,000 or less.

On Organ Fund

<http://www.onorganfund.org.uk/>

The fund exists for the purpose of supporting the provision and restoration of pipe organs in the British Isles.

An application can be made only if and when all of the following conditions have been met:

- the project is for the main organ in the church;
- a fund has been set up and at least half the amount required (including VAT if applicable) has been raised;
- a contract has been signed with the organ builder;
- a faculty (if applicable) has been granted.

The Fund receives many applications and most grants are currently between £200 and £1000.

Ouseley Trust

<http://www.ouseleytrust.org.uk/>

The Ouseley Trust is a registered charity set up to promote and maintain to a high standard the choral services of the Church of England, the Church in Wales and the Church of Ireland. It does this by making grants to cathedrals, choral foundations, parish churches, choir schools and other relevant institutions.

The largest grant they have made is £50,000 to a cathedral. The maximum they are likely to give towards fees is £5,000.

Sharpe Trust

<http://www.sharpetrustees.org.uk/trust.htm>

Grants for the maintenance, repair and restoration of church bells in England. Grants have ranged between 50 and 500 pounds, the average being approximately 150 pounds.

Beatrice Laing Trust

<http://www.laingfamilytrusts.org.uk/index.html>

The Beatrice Laing Trust's focus is on the relief of poverty and the advancement of the evangelical Christian faith, both at home and abroad.

Previous grant recipients have included:

- Organisations, many of them Christian organisations working to express their faith through practical action to help those in need, offering direct support to the most vulnerable and disadvantaged in society, including:
 - the homeless
 - the elderly
 - former Servicemen and women
 - ex-offenders
- Charities providing practical services to people with physical, mental and learning difficulties and their families/carers. Examples include:
 - special schools seeking to develop and expand their facilities in order to enable them to meet the needs of people with increasingly complex disabilities
 - those involved in supporting young people with complex needs in the transition into adulthood, providing supported accommodation and opportunities for training/meaningful employment
 - those seeking to provide facilities for respite care
- Organisations providing opportunities for training and development to young people, in particular those who are disadvantaged or 'at risk'.
- Small-scale overseas development projects aiming to build the capacity of local partners to develop long-term sustainable solutions to local problems in countries in the developing world.

A significant percentage of the grants awarded are made on a one-off basis for capital purposes such as the purchase or construction of new premises, building extension, redevelopment or refurbishment, or the purchase of equipment and vehicles. Most other grants are directed towards specific projects which will meet a clearly defined and demonstrable need within the applicant charity's beneficiary/client group which cannot be met from statutory sources. Such grants may be made on a one-off basis or phased, often on a tapering basis, over a three year period.

While the Trust does not make grants towards the ongoing cost of sustaining core activities, the Trustees do recognise that securing funding for such costs can be a particular challenge. Applicants should, therefore, include a reasonable level of management costs to cover overheads when submitting a project budget; this may include some employment costs.

Grants typically range between £1,000 and £5,000, although the Trust has the capacity to make a few larger grants each year.

