

Voluntary and Community Action

Funding for Places of Worship

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This Information Sheet is a compilation of all the active grant schemes available to Place of Worship, with funding criteria, size of grants and an indication of when applications need to be in by. Contact Voluntary and Community Action for help and guidance with the completion of applications.

Funding Information Sheets

The Funding Advice Service has produced a series of Funding Information Sheets on:

- the different types of grants available
- good practice when applying for funding
- sustainable fundraising

These can be downloaded from our website or obtained from our office.



All Churches Trust

This is a registered charity formed to support churches and other organisations involved in promoting the Christian religion. Grants vary from a few hundred pounds to a maximum of £5,000.

Contact: Company Secretary, All Churches Trust Limited, Beaufort House, Brunswick Road, Gloucester GL1 1JZ, 01452 336370, www.allchurches.co.uk

Churches Together England

Churches Together are able to fund churches, local Councils of Churches or 'Churches Together' groups or other Christian organisations for work, including development of neighbourhood work, support for self help groups and the provision of healthcare advice and support for young people. Some priority will be given to projects meeting the needs of women and people from ethnic minorities. Grants up to a maximum of £20,000.

THERE WILL BE NO FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR THE GRANT SCHEME 2008/9

FUNDING APPLICATION PACKS FOR APRIL 2009 WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM APRIL 2008

Contact: Carole Golden, 27 Tavistock

Square, London WC1H 9HH, 020 7529 8133, Carole.Golden@cte.org.uk, www.churches-together.org.uk

Charles Hayward Foundation

The small grant scheme makes grants of up to £5,000 and are only available to organisations with a turnover of less than £250,000. They will cover capital costs of community facilities provided by churches and faith groups.

www.charleshaywardfoundation.org.uk

Garfield Weston Foundation

They award sizeable grants to community projects, including those focusing on youth, arts, welfare and health. This includes a small grants scheme for up to £5,000.

You must be a registered charity to apply, 020 7589 6565, www.garfieldweston.org/

The Horace and Marjorie Gale Charitable Trust

The trust gives support in three areas:

- for churches and church ministries, with emphasis on Bunyan Meeting Free Church in Bedford and the ministries of





the Baptist Union in England and Wales

- donations to charities and organisations active in the community life of Bedford and Bedfordshire
- donations to UK charities and organisations active in community life.

Grants are distributed quarterly.

Apply in writing to Gerry Garner, The Horace and Marjorie Gale Charitable Trust, Garner Associates, Northwood House, 138 Bromham Road, Bedford, MK40 2QW. Telephone: 01234 354508. Email: email@garnerassociates.co.uk

Historic Churches Preservation Trust and Incorporated Church Building Society

They fund repairs to the fabric of churches (all Christian denominations), enlargement of the worship area of church buildings or construction of new churches (Anglican only)

Minimum grant £1,000; maximum grant unstated as operated on a case-by-case basis.

(020) 7600 6090, info@historicchurches.org.uk, www.historicchurches.org.uk

HLF - Townscape Heritage Initiative

Support for schemes, led by partnerships of local, regional and national interests, that aim to regenerate the historic environment in towns and cities across the United Kingdom.

Eligible activities include structural and external repair of historic buildings that are still being used, and the repair/conversion for new uses of empty historic buildings.

Repair Grants for Places of

Worship range between £10,000 to £250,000.

7 Holbein Place, London SW1W 8NR, (020) 7591 6042, enquire@hlf.org.uk, www.hlf.org.uk

HLF - Heritage Grants

Grants are awarded for amounts of above £50,000. Projects requesting less than £1 million require match funding of at least 10%; grants of £1 million or more require at least 25%. Projects should last up to five years.

Information helpline, (020) 7591 6042, enquire@hlf.org.uk, www.hlf.org.uk

The Francis Coales Charitable Foundation

Funds the repair/restoration of any ecclesiastical buildings built before 1875 in Bedfordshire, including structural repairs to churches and their contents. Typical grants are between £500 to £5000.

The Francis Coales Charitable Foundation, The Bays, Hillcote, Bleadon Hill, Weston-Super-Mare, Somerset, BS24 9JS, 01934 814009, fccf45@hotmail.com http://www.ffhb.org.uk/detail.php?CodeID=128

Esmée Fairbairn Foundation

The Esmée Fairbairn Foundation aims to improve the quality of life throughout the UK. They do this by funding the charitable activities of organisations that have the ideas and ability to achieve change for the better. They take pride in supporting work that might otherwise be considered difficult to fund

Their Main Fund supports work that focuses on the UK's cultural life, education, the natural environment and enabling people who are disadvantaged to participate more fully in society.

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They will also allocate funds to specific strands of work. These will change over time, but overall they express their desire to make a contribution in particular areas of interest.

Esmée Fairbairn Foundation, 11 Park Place, London SW1A 1LP Tel: 020 7297 4700, info@esmeefairbairn.org.uk, www.esmeefairbairn.org.uk/index.html

The Bedfordshire & Hertfordshire Historic Churches Trust

They fund work to ensure that places of worship are maintained in a structurally sound and weatherproof condition. The Trust welcomes enquiries from congregations about grants when their church building is in need of structural repairs and the cost is beyond their reach. The Trust helps some 20 churches every year, with grants usually in the range of £1,000 to £7,500, amounting in total to some £50,000. They support churches and chapels of all the main Christian denominations, anywhere in Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire. Their grants and loans are intended for major repairs to the church building.

The Grants Secretary, Mr. Archie Russell, will be delighted to receive enquiries at 31 Ivel Gardens, Biggleswade, Beds, SG18 0AN, 01767 312966, ARussell@RussellsConsultants.com www.bedshertshct.org.uk/

Church Urban Fund

Grants are available to support faith-based community regeneration projects that tackle issues of disadvantage, poverty and marginalisation in England's inner cities, outer estates and deprived non-urban areas. They will fund revenue and capital costs. Two funding streams operate, The

Mustard Seed Programme for grants under £5,000 and the Main Grants Programme for awards between £5,000 and £30,000

Church House, Great Smith Street, London, SW1P 3NZ, (020) 7898 1646, enquiries@cuf.org.uk, http://www.cuf.org.uk

Historic Buildings, Monuments and Landscapes

Grants for the repair and conservation of historic buildings, monuments and designed landscapes are considered. Grants are primarily awarded for urgent repairs or other work required within two years to prevent loss or damage to important architectural, archaeological or landscape features. Grants are not usually awarded for projects costing less than £10,000.

www.english-heritage.org.uk

Jill Franklin Charitable Trust

The trust funds the restoration (not "improvement") of churches of architectural importance and occasionally to other buildings of architectural importance.

Applicants should write to the trust, telling them the architectural problems, (a sight of the architect's report at the quinquennial inspection would be helpful, and would be returned promptly).

They do not fund adaptations, such as meeting rooms, toilets, disabled access etc.

They will expect the church to be open all day to visitors. If the church is locked, a statement must be clearly visible about where the key can be obtained. The church should still be used for worship.



"SPEAK TO OTHER ORGANISATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN THEIR FUNDING BID OR SPEAK TO OUR FUNDING ADVISER FOR TIPS ON EFFECTIVE BID WRITING."



www.jill-franklin-trust.org.uk/ApplyingforaGrant.html

The John Warren Foundation

They provide grants of small amounts towards church fabric repairs in Bedfordshire.

John Warren Foundation Trustees, Lamb & Holmes Solicitors, West Street, Kettering, Northants, NN16 0AZ, 01536 513195

LankellyChase Foundation

There are three main elements recognising the important role that heritage buildings play in a local community:

Rural Parish Churches - Grade 1 Listed Buildings located in a village with a population of less than 1,000 people. Evidence of local support is essential. Capital grants to a maximum of £3,000 are available.

Historic Buildings - To consider applications from organisations managing buildings of architectural merit and historic interest that are used by and accessible to the community (including people with disabilities in accordance with the Disability Discrimination Act). Buildings in rural areas will be given priority. The level of community use and the involvement in the management of the organisation will be an important element in the assessment of the application. Capital grants to a maximum of £10,000 are available.

Almshouses - Priority will be given to applications from Almshouses, in rural areas, that are of architectural merit and historical interest, providing accommodation to older people who are in housing and financial need. Capital grants to a maximum

of £5,000 are available.

1 The Court, High Street, Harwell, Didcot, Oxfordshire, OX11 0EY, 01235 820044
www.lankellychase.org.uk/

Repair Grants for Places of Worship in England

Applications for listed places of worship should be made using the official form and guidelines which are available from their website. Applications are processed in two batches - one batch for places of worship listed at grade I and II* and one other for places of worship listed grade II.

Contact: English Heritage, 23 Savile Row, London W1S 2ET, (020) 7973 3000, www.english-heritage.org.uk

Tudor Trust

The Tudor Trust's focus is on smaller groups, led by people of vision, which are committed to growth, progression and development. Grants can take the form of core funding (including salaries and running costs), development funding, project grants or capital grants for buildings or equipment.

www.tudortrust.org.uk 020 7727 8522.

The Wolfson Foundation

The Foundation has a dedicated programme in support of Anglican churches, awarding grants of up to £4,000. Eligible churches must be listed (Grade I or Grade II*) and pre-date 1850, and grants are made toward the conservation of the historic fabric.

The programme is administered by the Council for the Care of Churches on behalf of the Foundation and so enquiries should be sent to: The Conservation Officer, The Council for the Care of Churches, Fifth Floor, Church House, Great Smith Street, London, SW1P 3NZ,

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www.wolfson.org.uk/arts.htm

Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme

An interim grant scheme which will return in grant aid the difference between 5% and the actual amount spent on VAT (normally 17.5%) on eligible repairs and maintenance to listed buildings which are used principally as public places of worship. Minimum value of works eligible is £1,000 (excluding VAT) at any time until end of March 2011.

Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme, PO Box 609 Newport NP10 8QD, 0845 601 5945, www.lpwscheme.org.uk

The Anthony and Elizabeth Mellows Charitable Settlement

The trust gives support to charities in four main areas:

- the arts and national heritage
- churches of the Church of England
- hospitals and hospices
- the training and development of children and young people.

Grants for churches of the Church of England are only made on a recommendation from the Council for the Care of Churches.

Prof A.R. Mellows TD Tel: 020 7583 8813

Church and Community Fund

The Church and Community Fund is available to the Church of England to support its activities at all levels and in all areas. The Fund is open to diocesan, deanery and parish projects; and those particularly welcomed will aim to bridge the gap between the church and the local community. Applications for grants of up to £15,000, are

considered four times a year. The 2008 deadlines are: 8 February; 6 May; 13 August; 5 November.

The Church and Community Fund and The Central Board of Finance, Church House, Great Smith Street, London SW1P 3NZ, 020 7898 1767, ccf@c-of-e.org.uk, www.churchandcommunityfund.org.uk

WREN (Waste Recycling Environmental Ltd)

They administer and distribute Waste Recycling Group's (WRG) Landfill Tax Credit Scheme (LTCS) money. The minimum grant is £2,000 and maximum grant £50,000.

WREN focuses its funding on community-based projects in the vicinity of a landfill site that fulfil the following criteria:

- the maintenance, repair or restoration of a building or other structure, which is a place of religious worship or of historic or architectural interest (e.g. places of worship, buildings or monuments of architectural or historical interest, windmills, scheduled monuments, listed buildings and structures).

Funding can be obtained for capital funds for improvement of public areas. There are no specific deadlines, it takes around four months to process grant applications.

For more information contact Project Administrator (Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire), WREN, 01953 714126, www.wren.org.uk

Biffaward

Biffaward's aim is to support projects that show an innovative use of a community amenity to enhance, maintain or introduce real community improvements.

The Small Grants Scheme provides



"DON'T JUST APPLY FOR SHORT-TERM NEEDS; THINK ABOUT USING YOUR GRANTS TO ACHIEVE LONG-TERM SUSTAINABILITY."

grants of between £250 and £5,000 (the total cost of your project must be no more than £10,000).

The Main Grants - Community Scheme provides grants of between £5,000 to £50,000. Projects may include: village halls, community rooms, community gardens, cemeteries and churchyards.

Applications can be submitted at any time.

To qualify for a grant, projects should be within 25 miles of a Biffa operation, which means that most of Bedfordshire is eligible (you should check the Biffaward website by entering your postcode).

For further details or an application pack contact the Biffaward Grants Team on 0870 036 1000, grants@rswt.org, www.biffaward.org

Awards for All

Awards for All award grants of between £300 and £10,000 for people to take part in art, sport, heritage, community activities and projects that promote education, the environment and health in the local community. Organisations can receive up to £10,000 in any two year period.

The funding for Eastern region criteria are:

- better understanding of different people, places and cultures in our

local community

- increased involvement from people who face barriers to participation
- more use of outdoor spaces
- greater use of community buildings
- healthier lifestyles for the whole community.

There are no deadlines, organisations can apply at any time. Decisions will normally be made within eight weeks.

For an application pack telephone 0845 600 2040 or visit www.awardsforall.org.uk For help with filling in the application form contact our Funding Adviser on 01525 850559.



The Rothschild Foundation

The General Grant Programme offers funding in five categories: Academic Jewish Studies: Social Research on European Jewry, Jewish Culture, Jewish Heritage, Community Development and Civil Society.

For more information <http://www.rothschildfoundation.eu/grants/index.php>

CHURCH OF ENGLAND'S WEBSITE

WWW.ENGLAND.ANGLICAN.ORG

OFFERS USEFUL INFORMATION ON FUNDRAISING SOURCES AND TIPS SPECIFICALLY FOR CHURCHES WITH A BIAS TOWARDS BUILDINGS MAINTENANCE.

ALSO SEE

WWW.CHURCHCARE.CO.UK

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How can our Funding Advice Service help?

We can help you discover which grant making trusts, foundations or funders are the most appropriate for your organisation to approach for funding, help you to fill out the application form or provide help and support with any funding related issues.

Please give us a call on 01525 850559 to arrange a meeting so we can guide you through the maze of funding opportunities available.