

Healthier Churches Fund: Application Form Notes

Please read these notes carefully before completing the form.

1. This form can be used for applications for support from the Healthier Churches Fund as well as for parishes applying for Lowest Income Communities Project Funding, or from other trust funds including the Kingdom People Fund. The Diocesan team will allocate grants as appropriate from the different funds to ensure the greatest possible benefit can be achieved from the funds available.
2. We'd encourage you to get in touch early to discuss your emerging thoughts. Until our Mission Accompanier programme is up and running, either Rob Quarton (rquarton@cofe-worcester.org.uk) or John Preston (jpreston@cofe-worcester.org.uk) or Nikki Groarke, as the Diocesan Leader of Transformation and Change (ngroarke@cofe-worcester.org.uk) would be keen to help you formulate your thoughts and proposal.
3. Applications can come from a single church (with the approval of the PCC), from a benefice, a group of churches, a deanery or wider. Collaboration is, in general, a good thing.
4. We anticipate that most applications from a single church will be below £10,000, but that some, especially from Lowest Income Community parishes and where there is a strong missional proposal can be larger. We expect that most applications over £50,000 will have an impact in more than one parish. It is essential that applications demonstrate a realistic impact for the size of funding sought, and a good return on the investment sought.
5. We want clarity of thinking rather than lots of detail – essentially you need to be clear as to what you will do, what impact you hope it will have, how much you expect it to cost, and how this proposal fits with your overall priorities. We don't expect most forms to be longer than two sides of A4 plus any attachments.
6. The form asks for a Health and Sustainability plan to be attached. This does not need to be complicated but should demonstrate that your proposal is integral to your plans for increasing health and sustainability and is one of your top priorities. A template, along with some examples, can be found on the diocesan website.
7. When completed the form should be sent to the Diocesan Secretary, John Preston at jpreston@cofe-worcester.org.uk

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1. PARISH & CONTACT DETAILS

Which church(es) are making this application?

Please provide an email address and phone number for the nominated person who is making this application on your behalf:

2. OVERVIEW:

Please summarise your proposal – What do you want to do? What are the aims and objectives?

Please attach your Health and Sustainability Plan, and explain briefly how this proposal supports it.

3. IMPACT:

What outcomes do you hope, with God's grace, to see from the project? (These should be specific, measured where possible, and have a timeframe). Please list up to three.

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4. SUMMARY OF COSTINGS:

Please summarise the anticipated overall cost of your initiative, broken down into major elements. If any costs relate to employment of resource, please break that out separately. (If funding will be used to fund or part-fund an employed resource, please attach the proposed job description).

What contribution, if any, is the PCC proposing to make?

For projects seeking more than £50k, please break down how much of the grant you anticipate spending each year.

5. GOVERNANCE

Who will have oversight of the initiative and be accountable for its delivery?

6. DELIVERY PLAN

Please can you provide us with an outline of the key tasks and who will be responsible for completing them by when?

7. POST GRANT SUSTAINABILITY

If successful in being awarded a grant and in carrying out your project, will your objectives be sustained post-project?

8. GOOD PRACTICE:

- Is your church's health and sustainability plan attached? Y / N
- Are you making active use of the Parish Giving Scheme? Y / N