

SOURCES OF FUNDING FOR CHURCHES 2014

GOVERNMENT FUNDING/LOTTERY

Awards for All

Awards for All offers grants of between £300 and £10,000 for heritage and community activities in the local community. It doesn't fund anything which actively promotes religion, so is suitable for projects which can demonstrate a benefit to the community in general rather than the church in particular. This is aimed at small organisations, with an income of less than £20,000 per year, and approximately half of eligible applications have received grants in the past. These are community grants. The priorities are:

- extend access and participation
- support community activity
- increase skill and creativity
- improve quality of life

Details, guidance notes and application form can be found at www.awardsforall.org.uk

English Heritage/Heritage Lottery Fund

This scheme gives grants for urgent repairs to listed buildings which are in regular use as public places of worship.

Grants are offered in two stages.

Stage-one development funding enables projects to be planned and the repair costs established.

Stage-two repair grants will only be offered once projects have been fully developed and the costs are known. Successful applicants will be expected to implement a ten year maintenance plan for their place of worship and to provide a guaranteed level of public access to the building, outside the usual hours of worship.

The main focus of the scheme is on urgent repairs required within two years, to high level elements of buildings such as roofs, spires, towers, associated masonry and rainwater disposal systems. Other urgent repairs to historic fabric at risk of loss can also be considered.

Priority will be given to single repair projects which can be carried out in a single contract and have total costs (including fees and VAT) of less than £200,000.

Grants do not cover new works, alterations and improvements, building services, minor repairs, maintenance or work to contents, fixtures and fittings.

Projects with total costs (including fees and VAT) of less than £10,000 will not normally be considered.

Details and application form can be found at www.english-heritage.org.uk

Kent County Council

1. Each county council member can recommend local projects for financial support up to £10,000 per year per councillor.
2. Each Local Board can also consider capital bids of up to £20,000 for large projects.
3. The Local Schemes grant has £400,000 available.

These funds can be used for buildings or other projects. Contact your local area Community Liaison Manager on local.boards@kent.gov.uk, or at Room 1.94, Sessions House, Maidstone, ME14 1XQ.

More information can be found at www.kent.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/democracy-and-elections/local-democracy/

Landfill Communities Fund

Formerly known as the Landfill Tax Credit Scheme, this scheme can provide funding for churches which are close to landfill sites.

Biffa will fund churches, but only if the church is looking to improve the building for community benefit.

A full list of landfill sites can be obtained from <http://customshmr.gov.uk>

Further information can be obtained from: www.ltcs.org.uk or www.entrust.org.uk

Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme

A grant scheme in which churches can reclaim the amount spent on VAT on repairs to listed places of worship. An interim grant scheme which returns, in grant aid, all or part of the actual amount spent on VAT on eligible repairs to listed places of worship.

The Government recently announced changes to the scope and operation of the Listed Places of Worship grant scheme, these changes came into effect on 1 October 2013. From this date, works to pipe organs, turret clocks, bells and bell ropes are eligible for claims under the scheme. Professional services directly related to eligible building work such as architect fees are also eligible.

Also from 1 October 2013, applications to make use of the scheme are accepted from religious or charitable groups whose principal or primary purpose is to conserve, repair and maintain redundant listed places of worship and are not in private ownership.

HMRC have advised that hearing/induction loops when installed in a place of worship are eligible for the zero rate of VAT. Claims for this work are therefore not eligible for a grant from the Listed Places of Worship grant scheme and applicants should speak to contractors to ensure they are charged VAT at the correct rate.

The current criteria and rules for the LPW Grant Scheme will continue to apply.

In order to be considered for grant aid, all places of worship must be listed with the relevant statutory listing agency, must be solely or principally used for public religious worship and must hold at least 6 public religious services per annum. The works must be repair or maintenance of the fabric, repairs to certain fixtures and associated professional fees. The minimum value for each application is £1,000 excluding VAT. The grant scheme is administered by the Department of Culture, Media and Sport.

Please note that from 1st June 2014 existing applications and any new applications will be handled by:

Topmark (LPOW)

160 Bath Street

Glasgow

G2 4TB

Telephone number 0845 0136601

www.lpwscheme.org.uk

From 1 June 2014, claims can be submitted in three ways:

1. The application form can be completed electronically and emailed to Topmark at the address below, along with electronic copies or scans of any supporting invoices or documentation.
2. The application form can be emailed and invoices or other supporting documentation sent by post.
3. The application form can be completed by hand and sent by post along with other documentation.

You will be able to download the application form from www.lpwscheme.org.uk however if you require a paper version of the form please call 0845 0136601 for further assistance or alternatively, send an email to: DCMS@topmarkadjusters.co.uk

From 1 June 2014 any new applications or queries should also be sent to this email address: DCMS@topmarkadjusters.co.uk

GRANT MAKING TRUSTS

Allchurches Trust

Allchurches Trust makes a large number of fairly small grants in support of 'churches, church establishments, religious establishments, religious charities, charities preserving UK heritage, theological colleges, schools promoting Christian religion, charities sponsored or recommended by the Church, the local community and the welfare of the disadvantaged and disabled.' The Trust supports appeals from churches for building and restoration projects, repair of church fabric, church community initiatives, and other charitable causes.

Their remit is fairly wide and they receive a particularly large number of applications. Your application should be made in writing, detailing the objectives of the project, the appeal target, how the funds are to be utilised, the funds raised to date, and any previous support received from the trust.

Additional information maybe requested for large applications including submission of annual accounts. Applications would normally be assessed 10-12 weeks from receipt of the paperwork.

They will not support appeals for running costs and salaries or from the same recipient twice in one year or in two consecutive years.

Grants will be paid in the form of a single payment.

The Trust donated a total of £6,216,000 to Anglican Church Dioceses during 2012.

Applications should be sent to:-

The Company Secretary,
Allchurches Trust Limited,
Beaufort House,
Brunswick Road,
Gloucester,
GL1 1JZ.

Details and application form can be found at www.allchurches.co.uk

Architectural Heritage Fund

The Architectural Heritage Fund is a registered charity founded in 1976 to promote the conservation of historic buildings in the UK. It does this by providing advice, information and financial assistance in the form of grants and low interest working capital loans for projects undertaken by building preservation trusts and other charities throughout the UK.

Only organisations with charitable status are eligible to apply for assistance from AHF. Any charity with a qualifying project is entitled to apply for an options appraisal grant, or a loan, but the AHF's other grants are reserved for BPTs – charities established specifically to preserve historic buildings.

Financial assistance is available only for buildings that are listed, scheduled or in a conservation area and of acknowledged historical merit. Projects must involve a change either in the ownership of a property or in its use. The Trust will give grants to charities intending to restore historic buildings.

Funding deadlines are likely to be in February, May, August and October 2014.

For funding details contact: www.ahfund.org.uk

Astor of Hever Trust

When Gavin Astor, 2nd Baron of Hever founded this Trust in 1955, his main aim was to ensure donations could be made to charitable bodies in the fields of the arts, medicine, religion, education, conservation, youth and sport. The trustees of today honour these aims and lay particular stress on supporting local youth organisations and generally helping medical research and education programmes.

The principal beneficiaries are headquarters and local branches of charities, mainly established organisations, with particular emphasis on Kent and the Grampian region in Scotland. In principle donations are not normally given to individuals. The amount varies but is usually small, one-off payments. During the year to April 2008, the Trust made grants under all its charitable headings totalling £32,020 to 83 organisations.

While it remains the policy of the trustees to review as many requests as possible the trustees do give preference to donation requests outlined in a personally written letter which is signed by a representative of the charity.

The Trustees meet twice a year in April/May and October/November.

Contact:

The Administrator

The Astor of Hever Trust

Frenchstreet House

Westerham

Kent

TN16 1PW

01959 565070

astorofhevertrust@btinternet.com

Catholic Apostolic Church Property Trust

The Trust's aims are best described as for "The advancement of the Christian Religion". To this end the trust's general purposes fund is used for religious and charitable purposes in connection with the advancement of the Christian faith.

The Trustees usually have four meetings a year where they would review the Grant applications. Any grants are usually small and must be accompanied by a comprehensive and detailed plan of your application and its purpose.

To make an application please contact the trust directly.

Catholic Apostolic Church Property Trust,

Flat 2,

The Cloisters,

Gordon Square,

London WC1H 0AG.

Tel:- 020 7387 3005

Chase Charity (The Lankellychase Foundation)

Following a review of the foundations grant making policies, during the next 5 years support for historic churches will be defined by a new partnership with the Churches Conservation Trust and form a part of the 'Local People Local Places' programme.

During 2012/2013 the trust made 36 grants totalling £810,000.00 countrywide. The average level of grant was in the region of £35,000.00.

'Advancement of religion' is excluded from this charity's grant giving, so this is really only for buildings. The trust are keen to demonstrate new ways of working with congregations and communities in disadvantaged areas in order to prevent the loss of historic church buildings

and show how regeneration of an historic church building can be the catalyst for community renewal.

The Trustees meet every two months, if your proposal is taken forward you should expect a period of up to six months between the initial application and a final decision by the Trustees. All letters receive a written answer and they will attempt to reply to all correspondence within one month.

Details and application forms can be found at www.lankellychase.org.uk

Church and Community Fund

This was formerly known as The Central Church Fund, and is administered by the Archbishops' Council. The CCF gives grants to community projects run by parish churches, deaneries, dioceses and other bodies connected to or working in partnership with the Church of England.

Typical projects supported by the CCF might include employing a youth worker, renovating an old church hall for use as a community centre, providing toilets or disabled access to a church, or providing hot meals for the homeless in a church room.

This fund won't support projects which cannot clearly demonstrate the potential for outreach to the community. It will not fund maintenance, restoration or repairs to church buildings. The fund will only accept applications from the 50% most deprived parishes according to the Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) rankings. Those parishes with a ranking in the 50% least deprived will have to provide evidence using Local Government SOA data, that pockets of absolute deprivation exist.

In 2012 -2014 the CCF will support projects that:-

- 1) Significantly expand the Church's engagement with neighbourhood renewal.
- 2) Seek innovative ways of developing established community projects so that they either a) grow existing or b) evolve into new communities of Christian Faith and;
- 3) Replicate models of successful community engagement across the wider church.

Grants up to **£20,000** will be awarded to successful applicants who adhere to the themes above. Please ensure you include all the required CCF application criteria before applying for a grant.

Details and application form can be found at www.ccfund.org.uk

Colyer-Fergusson Charitable Trust

The Colyer-Fergusson Charitable Trust makes grants to charities and churches in Kent aiming to improve quality of life and tackle poverty, social isolation or exclusion and protect the natural resources and heritage of the local areas for their inhabitants. In the year up to 5th April 2012 the Trust received 79 eligible applications and awarded 64 grants totalling £876,930. Grants range from £10,000 to £75,000; with an average grant of £20,000 therefore applications well in excess of this figure are unlikely to be funded.

20 Grants for church fabric repairs were made in 2012 totalling £228,500

Grants were made within the following priority areas.

- (a) Projects that are innovative or developmental and aim to tackle social isolation, exclusion or poverty as they affect the community.
- (b) Projects that involve the utilisation of church buildings or other church resources to the wider community and can demonstrate a practical need.
- (c) Projects that involve the preservation of the natural environment or heritage and promote community access to these resources.
- (d) Projects that will use the arts to provide the community with a new creative experience or increase access to the arts in locations where access is limited.

Extra consideration will be given to projects that encourage self-help; involve users in their management; have built in evaluation procedures; will use funds to lever funding from other sources.

The Trustees have decided to focus a majority of their grants on the following 6 programme areas.

1. Safer communities
2. Protecting and supporting older vulnerable people
3. Refugees and asylum seekers
4. Caring for carers
5. Transition to independence for younger people leaving care
6. Encouraging active living

How to apply

All applicants must complete the on-line application form. There is no deadline for applications and all applications will be acknowledged.

The Trustees meet in March and October of each year to process the applications within eight months of their receipt. All applicants will be notified in writing.

Supporting material

Applicants are asked, where possible, to submit any supporting material by email as scanned documents or files to admin@cfct.org.uk

For 2014 the trustees have decided to review their church funding programmes and consider how their funds can be best used to support kent churches in the future. Only a small number of applications from churches will be supported in 2014 until further notice.

Exclusions:

- Animal welfare charities
- Individuals directly
- Research (except practical research designed to benefit the local community directly)
- Hospitals or schools
- Political activities
- Commercial ventures or publications
- The purchase of vehicles including mini-buses
- Overseas travel or holidays
- Retrospective grants or loans

- Direct replacement of statutory funding or activities that are primarily the responsibility of central or local government
- Large capital, endowment or widely distributed appeals
- Applications from churches and charities working outside Kent (see Exceptional Grants)
- The revenue costs of work that is on-going already where the Trust has been asked to meet an apportioned cost attributed to Kent.

The number of applications in relation to the limited funds available is very large so many good proposals, even though they fit the criteria, still have to be turned down. Funding for 2013 has now closed; a new funding programme will be announced on the 30th November 2013 for the year 2014.

Details and application form can be found at www.cfct.org.uk

Cory Environmental Trust

Cory is a strong supporter of the Landfill Communities Fund (previously known as Landfill Tax Credit Scheme) and the wealth of successful community projects it has supported since its introduction in 1996. Changes to the LCF came into effect from April 2003, following the Government's 2002 pre-budget statement. The revised national scheme, administered by ENTRUST, continues to operate with £47million in funding available each year to environmental bodies throughout the country.

Cory Environmental supports a number of environmental trusts and projects.

ENTRUST is the regulator of the scheme. An environmental body can only receive landfill tax credits if it fits with the LCF objects and is approved and registered with ENTRUST.

For more information on Entrust visit their website at www.entrust.org.uk

Church Building Council

The Church Building Council is part of the Archbishop's Council and offers grants for church fabric, and also furnishing and fittings. They don't fund reordering, new building, lighting or heating. Although they don't publish their criteria they are happy to talk to anyone who would like to know whether their project is eligible for funding.

They also administer grants on behalf of the Wolfson Foundation, which are available for Grade 1 or Grade II* listed churches, which predate 1850, for which 50% of the funding is already in place.

The contact is Dr. Pedro Gaspar, Church House, Great Smith Street, London, SW1P 3NZ, Tel:- 020 7898 1889, email: pedro.gaspar@churchofengland.org

Gatwick Airport Community Trust

The Trust is an independent charity that has been in operation since 2002 as part of the legal arrangements between West Sussex County Council, Crawley Borough Council and Gatwick Airport Limited following publication of the airport's [Sustainable Development Strategy](#).

It awards grants annually for deserving projects within the area of benefit which covers parts of East and West Sussex, Surrey and Kent.

The trustees adopt strict criteria and channel funds particularly to those areas where people are directly affected by operations at Gatwick Airport. They encourage and support schemes that benefit diverse sections of the local community and are targeted towards the development of young people, the arts, sporting facilities, environmental improvement and conservation, improvements to community facilities, volunteering, the elderly and the disabled.

The demand for grants always exceeds the funds available and the normal level of grants is from £1,000 to £5,000. Occasional larger may be considered if the impact is targeted to benefit a significant number of people and is considered to make a valuable and noticeable difference longer term. Applicants should seek advice from the Trust BEFORE applying for a larger grant.

Gatwick Airport Limited funds contributions, increasing each year so as to provide protection against inflation, to the Trust. In addition, the Trust receives money raised through noise fines on those airlines that infringe noise limits set by the UK Government on those aircraft taking off at Gatwick Airport. We would like to emphasise that the Gatwick Airport Community Trust is an independent charity. Contact via e mail for application forms.

Email: www.gact.org.uk/grants.php

Esmee Fairbairn Foundation

The Foundation distributes about two-thirds of its funding and is responsive to requests for support across a broad range of interests. These are: the cultural life of the UK, education and learning, the natural environment and enabling disadvantaged people to participate more fully in society.

They will prioritise work that:

- ✓ Addresses a significant gap in provision
- ✓ Develops or strengthens good practice
- ✓ Challenges convention or takes a risk in order to address a difficult issue.
- ✓ Tests out new ideas or practices
- ✓ Takes an enterprising approach to achieving its aims
- ✓ Sets out to influence policy or change behaviour more widely

In 2012 they committed over £39 million towards a wide range of work connected to the issues above.

The Esmee Foundation
Kings Place
90 York Way
London
N1 9AG.

Tel: 020 7812 3700

Please contact: www.esmeefairbairn.org.uk to apply for a funding pack.

F E Cleary Heritage Fund

The Georgian Group administers the F E Cleary Heritage Fund, a small charitable trust whose aim is the conservation of Georgian architecture.

Each year the Fund makes 5 grants of £ 1,500.00 each to particular projects and this was the case in 2013. Grants are usually made towards the conservation of buildings in public ownership or to which there is public access, although they may occasionally be given towards other projects such as the recording of threatened buildings. The sums involved are small and the Trustee's intention is therefore to prime schemes, prompt other sources to make grants and to fund specific elements in larger schemes.

This adds a highly practical and positive dimension to the group's conservation work; in many instances, even though the amount of money given is small in absolute terms, the grant makes a major difference to the viability of a restoration scheme.

From 2013/14, additional small grants will be available specifically for monuments and other non-habitable buildings designed by Sir John Soane.

The Trustees meet annually in September to consider all applications received over the year.

The deadline is usually towards the end of August. The following notes explain what information should accompany an application for a grant and the conditions attached to grants.

1. Supporting Information

Applicants should submit the following:

- a) A description of the building.
- b) A description of the works proposed and explanation of why they are necessary.
- c) Estimates of the cost.
- d) Plans and drawings showing the works.
- 5) Images showing both general views of the building and, where appropriate, details of the defects to be repaired.

It is important that sufficient information be provided.

2. Conditions attached to Grants

- a) Once a grant is awarded it will remain available for three years. In some cases this period may be extended, but usually it will be necessary to re-apply for a grant if it has not been taken up within the period.
- b) Payment will be made, at the discretion of the Group's officers, upon completion of the works. Submission of relevant approval documents, upon completion of the works. Submission of relevant approval documents, such as DAC or Listed Building Consent Approvals, will be required where relevant.
- c) Recipients must acknowledge the Group in any publicity arising from the work. Colour slides illustrating the building after completion of the work must be provided to match those submitted with the application.

The Georgian Group, 6 Fitzroy Square, London, W1T 5DX Tel: 087 1750 2936
For information in applying for a grant contact Michael Bidnell on 020 7529 8928
Email: office@georgiangroup.org.uk or www.georgiangroup.org.uk

Jill Franklin Trust

The Jill Franklin Trust has four areas in which it is soliciting grant applications, including self-help groups, advice, training, and employment; to support people with mental illness or learning difficulties and their carers, as well as refugees and asylum seekers. The Trustees do not look favourably on appeals for building work, nor for endowment funds. No grants are given to religious organisations set up for welfare, education etc; of whatever religion, unless the service is open to and used by people from all denominations.

The trust will help organisations helping to support refugees and asylum seekers coming to or who are in the UK. They will also assist in the restoration (not improvement) of churches of architectural importance although the church must prove that it is open to visitors every day.

Grants are typically in the region of £500 to £1,000

For grant applications contact: www.jill-franklin-trust.org.uk

Friends of Kent Churches

This trust gives grants to churches in use of architectural merit or historic importance in Kent (pre-1965 boundaries) and help to maintain in good order their fabric and fixtures of special importance.

This includes all works to maintain the fabric, windows, floors, and monuments.

Exclusions: Reordering, new extensions, toilets or kitchens, heating, redecorating or rewiring, bells, clocks or organs.

If a parish chooses to participate in the annual bike and hike around Kent they are given back 50% of the amount they raised for their own use within their parish.

Further details and application forms are at www.friendsofkentchurches.co.uk

Garfield Weston Foundation

This is a very large trust which gave 508 grants, worth £2.2 million to churches and other religious projects in year ended 5th April 2012, mostly for amounts of less than £20,000. In 2012 the success rate for applications was about 42%. The size of the average grant given is in the region of £6,000 to churches and other religious establishments.

They have a broad remit and will fund both repairs and projects which benefit the wider community. They are particularly keen on projects which are 'inclusive'. They do not have many exclusions, but salaries are unlikely to get funding. The Trustees aim to deal with each application within four months of it having been received.

All applications are considered on an individual one off basis. No new applications will be considered until the elapse of a 12 month period whether your previous grant was successful or not.

Regular contact is kept with recipients of grants for monitoring purposes. Details and application forms are at www.garfieldweston.org

Historic Churches Preservation Fund

Funds structural repairs to churches which are over 100 years old. Most grants are in the region of about £2,000, though they can be as much as £15,000. The trust receives about 1,000 queries each year, making roughly 250 grants.

Churches less than 100 years old can apply to **The Incorporated Church Building Society** via the Historic Churches Preservation Fund.

Details are at www.historicchurches.org.uk

The Helen Isabella Mcmorran Charitable Trust

The Trust will consider giving grants for the preservation of conservation of religious buildings of historic or architectural interest. Trustees tend to favour applications for specific purposes, events or projects.

Organisations with charitable status only should apply with geographical coverage anywhere within the United Kingdom.

Grants are typically within the region of £500 to £2,000.

Applications should be by letter enclosing all relevant information or reports supporting your grant proposal.

All applications should be made by the end of **February** for the trusts meeting in **March**. Only successful applicants are notified.

Contact the Helen Isabella Mcmorran Charitable trust c/o the Manager-Charities, Natwest Private Banking, 153 Preston Road, Brighton, East Sussex. BN1 6BD.

The Holbeck Charitable Trust

The Charity is a grant making charitable trust which makes grants to other registered charities or charitable purposes in furtherance of its objectives. The Trustees will make provisions available to organisations with religious activities.

A full report on your application grant will be necessary for it to be considered plus an update set of accounts. The grants made are generally small, the charities sending for the last full accounts available was £285,000.00 in 2009.

Applications should be made directly to: Mrs Gerry Morrison via the charities website at www.TheHolbeckCharitableTrust.

Idlewild Trust

The Idlewild Trust makes grants to registered charities (not to individuals) concerned with the encouragement of excellence in the performing and fine arts and the preservation for the benefit of the public of buildings and items of historical interest or national importance. Occasional support is given to bodies for educational bursaries in these fields and for conservation of the natural environment. Some grants have been given for the fabric of

churches, but unless there is something of national importance about your church, you are unlikely to receive a grant.

The Trust's interest is national and it is unlikely to support a project of local, parochial interest only.

During the financial year to 31st December 2012, the Trust received 324 applications and awarded 52 grants totalling £124,000.00. The average level of grant issued was in the region of £2,300.00.

Applying for a Grant

Check below to ensure that your project does not fall into one of the excluded areas.

If your project is not obviously excluded, you may wish to telephone and talk through your application before applying formally. Please ring 0208 772 3155 on Tuesday or Wednesday between 10 am and 4 pm.

Apply by post, sending in a fully completed application form together with a covering letter and the documents below:

You must include:

- Detailed costing of the project including funds raised to date
- A list of all funding applications you have made, including results
- A set of your most recent audited accounts and annual report

Please ensure that all sections of the application form are fully completed. Boxes containing nothing but the words "see attached" will prejudice your appeal.

All applications that go forward for consideration by the Trustees are acknowledged, whether or not a grant is made. Other applications will not be acknowledged unless a stamped addressed envelope is enclosed.

You are advised to use ordinary first class post, not registered, special or recorded delivery.

Exclusions

The Idlewild Trust does not usually make grants for: -

- Local appeals - unless the artistic significance of the project is of more than local importance
- Repetitive nation-wide appeals by large charities
- Appeals where all or most of the recipients live outside the UK
- Appeals whose sole or main purpose is to make grants from the funds collected
- Endowment or deficit funding
- Individuals

NB. These exclusions are to guide you in the process of drawing up an application. If you are unsure about a particular project, please telephone the administrator to discuss it.

Applications from an organisation within 18 months of a previous grant will not be considered, so this should be taken into account when a submission is made. If your application is not successful, you may apply again for the following meeting.

The Trustees usually meet in May and November each year. Closing dates are about 2 months before each meeting and are published on the website. www.idlewildtrust.org.uk.

The Kirby Laing Foundation

This is one of a group of foundations connected with the Laing family. All are administered from the same office and an application to one of the foundations is considered an application to all of them. They have a very general remit but do not give grants for the running costs of local organisations.

Grants are not likely to be for more than £10,000.00 and often considerably less. For all grants above £5,000.00 the Foundation asks for a report from the charity twelve months after the grant has been paid, describing briefly how the grant has been spent and commenting as appropriate on what has been achieved.

Any grant larger than £10,000.00 would normally be paid over 3 years in instalments with reports issued on the progress of each phase before any further monies being issued.

There is no website and no application form. To apply send a short letter with the following information:

- What the money is for
- How much is needed
- How much has already been found
- Where the rest is to come from.

A copy of the organisation's latest report and accounts together with a self addressed envelope should be included.

Applications to: Miss Elizabeth Harley, 33 Bunns Lane, Mill Hill, London, NW7 2DX.

The Joseph Rank Trust

The Joseph Rank Trust was established in June 2002. It represents an amalgamation of a number of charities established by the late Mr. Joseph Rank (1854-1943). The Trust is a registered charity and a company limited by guarantee. It holds investments and makes grants from the investment income.

The original Trusts represented a practical expression of the strong Christian beliefs of their founder and his desire to advance the Christian faith and to help the less fortunate members of society.

Today the [Trustees](#) of the Trust seek to continue the work and generosity of Joseph Rank by pursuing specific [areas of interest](#).

Before applying for a grant please read the following:

1. An essential part of the application process is to fully appreciate the details given on the webpage.
2. Ensure you have other sources of funding or can match any funding the Trust might provide. *Audited accounts and detailed budgets will be requested.*
3. If any of the information given on the above web page is unclear, please [contact](#) the

Secretary for advice by email or by telephone. Please note that the Trustees will only consider a grant application when the Secretary presents them at a Trustee meeting (three in 2014).

4. A visit by the Secretary to your project may be necessary.

5. Submit your application in hard copy and not by email.

www.ranktrust.org

Lord Barnby's Foundation Trust

Among a wide range of charitable interests, the Foundation will consider giving grants for the preservation of buildings, both religious and secular, of historic or architectural interest.

Organisations with charitable status and religious establishments only should apply within a geographical coverage all over the United Kingdom.

In the case of religious buildings, only cathedrals or buildings of a comparable scale would be considered.

Grants would be made typically within the region of £1,000 to £5,000.

Applications should be by letter describing the organisation and the project to be considered. A copy of the last years audited accounts will also be required.

The trustees meet three times a year. Applications can be submitted at any time for consideration.

**Please contact: Mrs Jane Lethbridge
Lord Barnby's Foundation, PO Box 71, Plymstock, Plymouth, Devon, PL8 2YP.**

Marshall's Charity

Application forms for 2015 are available from the 1st January 2014 onwards.

This charity makes grants of not more than £5,000.00 to Church of England churches which are situated in the three counties of Kent, Surrey and Lincolnshire as those counties were defined in 1855. The charity won't fund more than 50% of any particular project, but is willing to make a grant before other funding is secured.

£164,000 was given to restore 35 churches in 2012.

The qualifying work is for restoration, repair or improvement to the principal worship areas of a church. Items such as heating systems or disability access can be funded, but redecoration won't be.

The majority of the funds of the Charity are used to make grants to support parsonages of the Church of England and the Church in Wales. All of these grants should be made by applications from the relevant Diocesan Parsonage Board.

Marshall's have highlighted that the Charity are interested in 'living churches' and funding Anglian congregations that are growing and thriving. For example, they are more interested

in funding induction loops and sound enhancement for an elderly but growing congregation, than a beautifully preserved stained glass window.

Exclusions include: stained glass (although work to repair ferramenta can be supported), bells, monuments, brasses, clocks, church halls, kitchens, parish meeting rooms, furniture or fittings, external lighting or grounds, boundary walls or fences. Projects which involve reordering to create community spaces won't be funded.

In the first instance enquiries for these grants should be made in writing to the Clerk to the Trustees at the Charity, who is happy to discuss a project and will provide an application form. There is a website at www.marshalls.org.uk.

Applications to:

Catherine Dawkins
Clerk to the Trustees
Marshall House
66 Newcomen Street
London, SE1 1YT

Tel: 020 7407 2979

Email: grantoffice@marshalls.org.uk

National Churches Trust

The repair grants programme offers grants of £10,000 and above towards the cost of the most urgent and essential structural repair projects. The projects must have an estimated cost value of at least £50,000 (including VAT and fees) to be able to qualify for a grant. The main priority for the National Churches Trust in 2013 – 2014 is to provide grants for repairs to roofs and rainwater goods. The places of worship for any religious denomination and age can apply for a grant. The Trust will consider applications from listed and unlisted Christian places of worship across the United Kingdom.

The Trust does have specific funds available in 2013, in particular for applications from Anglican churches built from the 19th century onwards. The amount of funding is limited so the trust can only support a small proportion of the many important and deserving projects which they are asked to support.

Decisions on grant applications are made by the Trust internally, any list of candidates will be discussed by an independent Grants Committee comprised of experts and specialists from the church and other heritage sectors.

To be eligible to apply for a repair Grant, you need to be able to answer YES to all the following questions:

- Is your building in England, Scotland, Wales, the Isle of Man, the Channel Islands or Northern Ireland?
- Is your building open for regular public worship?
- Is your building one that was originally built for the primary purpose of worship? (converted houses or office blocks etc; are not eligible)
- Is your project an urgent structural repair to the existing fabric of the place of worship?
- Is your project overseen by a qualified person, usually an architect or chartered building surveyor who is affiliated to a professional institution?

- Is the estimated cost of your project going to be over £50,000 (including VAT and fees)?
- Does your project still need to raise at least £15,000?

How to apply:

Please read the Trusts Grants Guidance notes for more details about how to apply for a Grants programme. You can download an application form from the website.

Website:-

www.nationalchurchestrust.org/supporting-you/grants/repairs-grants.php

Pilgrim Trust

This trust gives significant sums for churches, but channels the grant through the Church Buildings Council, Cathedral and Church Buildings Division, Church House, Great Smith Street, London, SW1P 3NZ for appeals for Historic contents. The National Churches Trust, 31 Newbury Street, London, EC1A 7HU for fabric repairs.

Until recently The Pilgrim Trust made an annual block grant to the Council for the Care of Churches for the conservation of historic contents (organs, bells, glass and monuments etc.) and important structures and monuments in church yards for places of worship of all denominations. This arrangement has now ceased and applications for such grants, should be addressed to the above organisations as listed.

Re-ordering of churches for wider community use is specifically excluded.

The Trust gave away £2.1 million in 2012 for 94 grants, the average size of the grant given was £20,200.00 but nearly half were for £14,000.00 or less.

Applications are accepted at any time during the year. The trustees meet 4 times per year and will normally inform you of the outcome of your application 4 to 6 months from its receipt.

Details and application form are at www.thepilgrimtrust.org.uk

Rochester Bridge Trust

Introduction to Grant Programme

The Rochester Bridge Trust grant programme for 2014 is now open for applications. The grant programme is intended to reflect the Trust's own history, values, and activities. This year grants will be offered for projects that emphasize the Trust's core activities:

- Education, conservation, or research in the fields of
 - bridge engineering,
 - Kent history, or
 - Kent agriculture
- Repair, conservation, or restoration of features of historical importance in listed buildings

Applicants may apply for grants of £500 to £4,000. However, funding is currently very limited, and only the best applications that meet the Trust's priority areas are likely to receive funding.

Do not submit an application unless your project satisfies the criteria for funding. If you are in any doubt, please email the [Bridge Clerk \(Chief Executive\)](#) or telephone the Trust on [01634 846706](tel:01634846706), having first considered the requirements of the grants policy. Note that the

office is usually open Monday-Thursday, 9.00am to 1.00pm. Applications will be successful only if they fall clearly within at least one of the categories above and comply fully with all of the conditions set out below.

Telecommunications and mobile phone aerials

A number of churches are happy to have mobile phone masts and other telecommunications aerials sited on spires or towers, and this can generate significant income, although it should be noted that positioning a telephone mast on a church can sometimes generate opposition in local communities.

Churches thinking about this are advised to contact the DAC or Archdeacon for advice.

Further details can be found at www.aerials.cofe.anglican.org

The Veneziana Fund

The Veneziana Fund receives funds from the sale of the Pizza Veneziana at restaurants belong to Pizza Express and the Peter Boizot Group. Customers ordering this particular pizza pay a small supplement.

Half the proceeds go to the Venice in Peril Fund and the other half is available for grants for the preservation, restoration, repair and maintenance of:

- Buildings originally constructed before 1750.
- Fixtures and fittings of such buildings constructed/fitted before 1750.
- Works of art made before 1750. Appeals will not be considered until at least two thirds of the money needed has been raised from other sources.
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Address: The Veneziana Fund, White Horse Court, 25c North Street, Bishops Stortford, CM23 2LD.

Website: <http://www.pizzaexpress.co.uk/aauspec.htm>

The Simon Gibson Charitable Trust

Objectives

The trust fund and income are to be applied towards the benefit of such charitable purposes, institutions or foundations as the trustees in their absolute and uncontrolled discretion determine.

The Trust is a general grant-making charity and therefore makes grants to the full range of charitable causes, including religious and educational causes. It never makes grants to individuals. Local charities applying are restricted to East Anglia, South Wales and Hertfordshire. Grants vary from £1000 to £10000 but most grants fall in the range £3000 to £5000. There are no application forms. Charities applying to the Trust should make their application in writing in whatever way they think best presents their cause. All applications are acknowledged. The Trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance of public benefit published by the Charities Commission. During the year ended 5th April 2013, the Trustees made grants totaling £605,492.

Contact Mr Bryan Marsh
marsh575@btinternet.com

The SITA Trust

The SITA Trust is an ethical funding organisation dedicated to making lasting improvements to the natural environment and community life. The Trust is a not for profit company, a registered and accredited environmental body that operates under the Landfill Communities Fund distributing funds contributed by the recycling and resource management company SITA UK.

Since starting in 1997 the SITA Trust has supported more than 3000 projects to a combined value of more than £89million. The Trust supports improvement projects around the qualifying sites owned by the recycling and resource company SITA UK.

In order to gain accredited status, organisations must provide substantive evidence that their frameworks are in place and working/ operating effectively.

For more information concerning a grant, contact: www.sitatrust.org.uk/about

Stewardship Services (UKET) Limited.

The main objectives of the trust are to advance the evangelical Christian faith and to promote the charitable work of evangelical Christian churches, societies and charities.

The charity does not invite applications for grants. The majority of grants are made where donors express a preference which the trustees allow as long it is consistent with the purpose of the charities' own objectives.

In 2011 grants were issued totalling £47.1 million (last published figure).

The Charity wants the church to thrive by:-

- ✓ Releasing Christians to live and give generously and to resource God's Kingdom
- ✓ Equipping the Church to develop excellence in legal and financial guidance
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The charity's website is at www.stewardship.org.uk

E-mail: info@stewardshipresources.org Tel: No. 0208-502-5600.

The United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel

The USPG is a mission based society which has a holistic approach enabling people to grow spiritually, to thrive physically and to have a voice in an unjust world. They do this by working alongside Churches and their communities providing the resources that they define as necessary to undertake this work.

They provided financial funding up to £6.5 million to religious organisations in 2010 (last published figure) mainly for overseas projects and charities.

Website: www.uspg.org.uk

Methodist Chapel Aid

The Methodist Chapel Aid is a UK authorized bank whose focus is on the provision of lending facilities to any Christian church or associated organisation in order to finance building and property schemes including renovation.

The lending focus is exclusively directed towards the support of any Christian church aiming to provide loans at the lowest practicable rate of interest. **It must be clear however that interest would be payable on any loan at a current rate of 3.17% APR (this may change over a period of time). We would advise that you seek financial advice before attempting to procure a loan.** The bank would lend up to half the cost of a project with a limit of £750,000.00 for a single borrower depending on the financial situation of the said borrower.

If you would like further information then please contact Methodist Chapel Aid at mca@methodistchapel.co.uk

USEFUL WEBSITES

www.parishresources.org.uk

This site is produced by the National Stewardship Adviser for the Church of England and is packed with really useful information, including a very good series of guides on fundraising.

www.ffhb.org.uk

This will search for trusts which will fund church repair and conservation.

www.churchcare.co.uk

General advice on fundraising, also a list of trusts (though this list is not completely up to date).

www.ibo.co.uk

This is the website of the Institute of British Organ Building, and has information on sources of funding for organs and church furnishings.

www.charity-commission.gov.uk

This is the Charity Commissioners' website. By clicking on the link 'the Register of Charities', you can search for charities by name or key word. It lists every registered charity.

Preparation and Procedure

Good trust fundraising always starts with a clear articulation of the need that the applicant requires to be met. This may be for its general purposes, for buildings or equipment or for special projects. Only by first defining the need clearly is it possible to identify accurately the prospective funders.

Therefore, the first step in making an application to a grant making trust should be clear articulation of the need for which the grant is being sought in the context of the whole mission.

Trusts are extremely varied, for example, institutional or family based, so good practice will need to be flexible when planning your individual approach.

- ✓ Controls should be in place to ensure that a trust is approached in a manner appropriate to its guidelines.
- ✓ Approaches should not be made that fall outside the trust's remit or for amounts beyond the trust's normal funding limits and capability.
- ✓ Organisations should ensure that systems are in place to ensure that more than one person within the organisation does not approach the trust. However more than one person should know the precise details and progress of any application made.

- ✓ A trust's rules regarding how often they can be approached by an organisation for a grant must be adhered to at all times.
- ✓ Applications should only be sent where the proposals match the aims of the trust being approached. It should be demonstrated how applications match the trust's interests and priorities but there should be no distortions to try and demonstrate a match that clearly does not exist.
- ✓ Strict adherence to the trust's guidelines does not have to inhibit any creativity in putting together a creative application. If you have doubts on this matter the question should be explored with the trust with a preliminary approach or phone call where the trust does not specifically disallow this form of contact.
- ✓ If a trust requires further information, this should be provided and dealt with immediately, promptness should be adhered to throughout the application process.
- ✓ Any application must not mislead a trust in to believing that the funds are to be used only for a particular project when quite clearly that will not be the case.
- ✓ All applications should be submitted in good time to meet the trust's guidelines and timescales before the money is actually needed. Project deadlines should be checked to ensure that they are appropriate to the particular trust's assessment timescales.
- ✓ Proposals should always be clear and accurate, and must always be honest.
- ✓ It must always be made clear how your activity will be monitored and evaluated and how the costs of these processes will be met at all times.
- ✓ Do read the guidelines and then read them again.
- ✓ Don't rely on a positive response from a single trust or foundation-apply to as many relevant funders as you can to maximize your chances.
- ✓ Be patient, and be prepared to never receiving a reply. Some funders acknowledge receipt of every application they receive, but most only contact successful applicants or those they are interested in.
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Should you require any further information concerning the above Grant Making Trusts then please do contact the Diocesan Office at :-

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