

COVID-19 EMERGENCY RELIEF GRANTS SUMMARY

HOW DOES IT WORK?

- A COVID-19 Emergency Relief Grant is aimed at those parishes in most acute financial need to help them cover short-term running costs.
- Based on reported 2018 financial information, potentially eligible parishes will be approached first with an offer letter, along with a COVID19 Emergency Relief Grant Application Form
- Special consideration will be given to parishes in deprived areas or with dependence on income sources that have virtually ceased overnight, such as high dependency on fundraising, weekly collections or rental income.

KEY BENEFITS

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Grants available up to a total of £5,000

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A total of £250,000 available for grants to eligible parishes.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Grants will be offered to parishes using two sets of criteria – initial and expanded. Here's how they work:

Initial:

- Immediate cash flow issues - less than 3 months of average income in 2019 available in unrestricted cash; and,
- £5,000 will make a difference – annual parish income is less than £100,000.

If sufficient funds remain once these grants are allocated, then it is proposed that a wider group of parishes will be offered grants based on Expanded Criteria.

Expanded Criteria:

- Those with less immediate cash flow issues (reserves of 3-6 months' income available in unrestricted cash): and
- Who will have more difficulty addressing issues caused by deprivation or disproportionate dependency on a particular form of income, such as fundraising, weekly collections and rental income.

Taking this two-tiered approach for the COVID19 Emergency Relief Grants, means we can be agile in our response to proven demand.

SUMMARY CONTINUED

HOW WILL ELIGIBLE PARISHES BE IDENTIFIED?

- A newly formed, COVID19 Emergency Relief Committee, with input from Archdeacons, will review and approve the list(s) of eligible parishes prior to offer letters being sent.
- Decisions will be taken on the best available information and understanding at the time. Those meeting the Expanded Criteria will be approached once the initial take-up is understood.
- It is possible that some parishes may be eligible but that the currently available data does not demonstrate this.

CAN PARISHES APPLY DIRECTLY FOR A GRANT?

Parishes who want to apply directly for a COVID19 Emergency Relief Grant, or who believe that they are eligible but have not been offered a grant are invited to contact:

sue.davis@rochester.anglican.org

DOWNLOAD AN APPLICATION FORM

Please use the Covid-19 Emergency Relief Grant application form available on the Diocesan website at:

www.rochester.anglican.org/resources/finance/covid19-emergency-relief-grants-and-loans/

