

The Development Fund

Supporting local Christ-like church projects to be missionally creative in your local context, reflect where God is at work and encourage learning.

Open to all parishes, benefices and deaneries in the Diocese of Oxford, with total awards of up to £1 million each year. There are four application deadlines a year: 31 January, 30 April, 31 July and 31 October.

Grants up to £2,500

- Short-term, one-off grants to kick start a new initiative.
- Feasibility studies for building projects.
- Tier 1 Application Form.

Grants over £2,500

- Larger, longer term programmes.
- Projects including employment of staff.
- Tier 2 Application Form.

What makes a good application?

- Describe how you have discerned the missional need.
- Identify the mission activities enabled by your project.
- Think about the resources the project requires.
- Demonstrate PCC/parish support.
- Is the project compassionate, contemplative, and courageous?
- Be sure to follow the Guidelines for Applicants.

Large projects

- Seek support and advice.
- Be realistic about your timescales, costs and expected outcomes.
- Ensure permissions are in place (e.g. Diocesan Advisory Council).
- Plan match-funding/fundraising.
- Plan for sustainability.

Get inspired

Visit oxford.anglican.org/news and click on the Development Fund tag to see examples of projects that have made successful applications.

Application checklist

Research and gather project info

Read Guidelines for Applicants

Complete application form

Submit application by email

Panel considers your application

Award or response
– no later than 2 months after the deadline.

Get more help and advice

If you would like to discuss your grant application, there are people available to help working across a range of expertise areas:

- Children, youth and families – talk to a Discipleship Enabler
- Fundraising and giving – contact the Generous Giving Adviser
- Buildings projects – speak to the Church Buildings team
- HR and people appointments – talk to the Senior HR Adviser
- Application process – contact the Development Fund Administrator
- New congregations & mission planning – speak to a Parish Development Adviser

Find contact details at oxford.anglican.org/contact-us



- Guidelines and application forms at oxford.anglican.org/development-fund
- Submit applications to commonvision@oxford.anglican.org
- For further information and questions contact the Development Fund Administrator commonvision@oxford.anglican.org / 01865 208739