



THE CHURCH  
OF ENGLAND

Diocese of St Edmundsbury  
and Ipswich

## Funding contacts to get you started

### *Projects to benefit the wider community, including church building improvements*

If you are applying for urgent repairs funding under the HLF Grants for Places of Worship (GPOW) programme, up to 15% of the total grant can be spent on improvements such as **loos and kitchens** but it has to fund a whole loo or kitchen – not just part of it! In other words, other funding should not be involved in this particular part of your bid.

***If you are not applying to the HLF's Grants for Places of Worship and need sources of funding for improvements, you could start by trying the following:***

**Allchurches Trust** (owners of Ecclesiastical Insurance) welcomes applications from less well-off parishes and projects which benefit the Christian mission and helps local communities

Grants will be considered in response to appeals from churches for building and restoration projects, repair of church fabric, church community initiatives, religious charities, charities preserving the UK heritage and other charitable causes. <http://www.allchurches.co.uk/index.aspx>

**Awards for All** is the small grants programme of the **Big Lottery**– £300-10,000. Most of the Big Lottery funding goes to projects applying through open, responsive programmes such as **Awards for All** and **Reaching Communities**. Over 90% of Big Lottery grants in 2014-15 had a value of less than £10,000. Check out the website for the latest information, including eligibility and exclusions. <https://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/about-big>

**Bernard Sunley Charitable Foundation** can help registered charities with capital projects such as new build, refurbishment, equipment or transport. Community, education and arts projects are among those considered. <http://www.bernardsunley.org> *Please note: They support church halls, but not churches or other buildings intended purely for religious purposes.*

**Cinnamon Network** supports church community projects across the UK offers micro grants for churches to start a community project. Churches in England can apply for £1,500. The grant amount has to be matched by £3,000 and this can come from cash, gifts in kind, premises, professional pro-bono services, asset items and salaries. There is no deadline and the application process is ongoing. <http://www.cinnamonnetwork.co.uk/micro-grants>

**Esmée Fairbairn Foundation:** Works with the Suffolk Foundation for work with vulnerable people. Also relevant to churches might be their support for 'revitalising community life' under their Social Change programme <http://esmeefairbairn.org.uk>

**Ganzoni Charitable Trust.** General charitable purposes but mainly considers capital projects rather than ongoing running expenses <http://opencharities.org/charities/263583>

**Garfield Weston Foundation** can fund basic amenities such as loos, kitchens and disability access and will consider inclusive work in engaging communities, regardless of denomination <http://www.garfieldweston.org>

**Lord Belstead Charitable Trust**

<http://www.charitychoice.co.uk/the-lord-belstead-charitable-settlement-87824>

**National Churches Trust.** One of their four programmes is Community Grants – which offers grants of £5,000 and above for facilities that will enable increased community use of places of worship. Criteria includes that projects must have an estimated cost of at least £25,000, including VAT and fees. <http://www.nationalchurchestrust.org>

## *Projects to benefit the wider community continued*

**Suffolk Community Foundation** manages a variety of charitable funds and can award grants to charitable organisations or community groups that help relieve disadvantage and deprivation across Suffolk and make a real difference to people's lives. Will not support promotion of religious or political causes. <http://suffolkcf.org.uk>

**Suffolk Historic Churches Trust:** The trust supports the provision of modern facilities in churches where they do not already exist small grants may be made towards toilet and kitchen projects. Grants up to £10,000. <http://www.shct.org.uk/grants>

**Waste Recycling Environmental (WREN) Heritage Fund:** Are you within 10 miles of a licensed landfill site? You may be eligible for a grant for your community building. WREN has recently changed how it funds community projects with a single programme called the FCC Community Action Fund. Check the website for 2016 application deadlines. <http://www.wren.org.uk/apply/wren-grant-scheme>  
Also see <http://www.biffa-award.org> and <http://www.viridor-credits.co.uk> and, in each case, note the criteria for public access to the building.

**Westhill Endowment** – promotes education that reflects Christian principles and interchange between the Christian Church and other faiths. Supports community-transforming projects. Grants £1,000-10,000 <http://www.westhillendowment.org/apply.php>.

## *Repair projects*

### **Government roof fund**

Any listed place of worship in the UK that meets the criteria of urgent need – as stated by your existing Quinquennial Inspection report. Grants between £10,000-100,000. This can cover the full cost of your project, excluding VAT. If your project is above this value, you can contribute your own funds. VAT can be recovered through the Listed Place of Worship Grant Scheme - <http://www.lpwscheme.org.uk>

**HLF Grants for Places of Worship** – Urgent structural repair for listed places of worship. You must be prepared to deliver the vital outcome of 'more people and a wider range of people will have engaged with heritage'. <http://www.hlf.org.uk/looking-funding/our-grant-programmes/grants-places-worship-england>

**The National Churches Trust** – *Check in January 2016 for information on the 2016 Programme.*

**Partnership Grants** – The NCT works in partnership with 26 local charities to provide grants towards repair projects. Grants from £2,500 to £10,000 for urgent repair projects and you apply to the **Suffolk Historic Churches Trust (SHCT)**. The SHCT may grant funds towards the cost of preservation, repair, maintenance, and improvement of churches and chapels within Suffolk. Grants up to £10,000. *The Trust can also offer practical help to PCCs with seeking other sources of funding.* <http://www.shct.org.uk/grants>

**Garfield Weston Foundation** can help towards restoration works to historic church buildings such as roof repairs. <http://www.garfieldweston.org>

**Allchurches Trust** (see under community) <http://www.allchurches.co.uk/index.aspx>

**The Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme** refunds VAT in many cases. Find out what's eligible and be informed of any alerts on changes in how to apply. [www.lpwscheme.org.uk](http://www.lpwscheme.org.uk)

**ChurchCare/Wolfson Foundation partnership** is offering grants towards the eligible costs of essential fabric repairs in Grade I or Grade II\* Anglican churches <http://www.churchcare.co.uk/churches/funding-and-grants/our-grants/fabric-repairs>

## *Heritage and learning projects*

**Alfred Williams trust** - <http://opencharities.org/charities/266652>

**Foyle Foundation:** Interests: Small grants scheme - supporting smaller charities working at grass roots and local community level. Main grants schemes - arts/learning - support projects that help deliver artistic vision or facilitate the acquisition of knowledge. Grant potential: £10,000; rolling but can take up to four months. No deadlines for submissions and decisions <http://www.foylefoundation.org.uk>

**Garfield Weston Foundation** supports educational projects including small local and volunteer projects such as reading schemes and after school clubs <http://www.garfieldweston.org>

**Trusthouse Charitable Foundation:** Grants are given for a range of charitable purposes including rural issues, urban deprivation, community support, disability, arts, education and heritage. Interests: The adaption of church properties with a view to providing improved facilities for use by the church and its work in the community.  
Grant potential: £5,000 + <http://www.trusthousecharitablefoundation.org.uk>

**Scarfe Charitable Trust** - <http://opencharities.org/charities/275535>

**Wolfson Foundation** is a charity awarding grants to support and promote excellence in the fields of science and medicine, the arts and humanities – including historic sites, education and health and disability.  
<http://www.wolfson.org.uk>

**Sharing Heritage** is the HLF programme that helps you to share and celebrate community heritage. Grants are £3,000-10,000. <http://www.hlf.org.uk>

## *Restoring or conserving church treasures*

**Church Buildings Council** supports PCCs in the conservation of listed buildings and their historic contents.  
<http://www.churchcare.co.uk/churches/funding-and-grants>

**Heritage Lottery Fund's Sharing Heritage** and **Our Heritage** programmes can help with restoring bells, organs, clocks, wall paintings but you will need to add activities to learn about them and share the heritage.  
<http://www.hlf.org.uk/>

**The Leche Trust:** The trustees will consider supporting the repair and conservation of church furniture (with particular emphasis on the Georgian period) <http://www.lechetrust.org/>

**William and Jane Morris Fund** - Grants for churches built before 1896 for conservation of decorative features (pre-1896 stained glass, sculpture, furniture, internal monuments and tombs, and wall paintings: £500-3,000).  
Website: <https://www.sal.org.uk/grants/morris-fund-conservation-grants/>

*This list of grant-making bodies has been organised into sections — community projects and improvements — repairs — heritage and learning projects — church treasures. This is aimed at saving you time. Please note that some funders will support more than one of the categories which will become clear when you visit their websites. Please remember that programmes and deadlines change so keep an eye on funders' websites for developments. This list is simply to get you started.*

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