



List of grant funders for churches



This list has been assembled by researching and cross-checking multiple lists of funds that are currently available. All funders on this list are open to churches.

Each entry on the list contains key information such as the funder's interests, contact information and details of how to apply. The funder's website is included; we recommend that you visit their website before making an application. Most funders have a list of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) to help you to complete their application forms online.

This list is organised by region to help you find relevant funds for your church.

There is also a specific category to find grants for Historic Places of Worship. For further guidance on grants for conservation and listed buildings, visit the Methodist Council's resource page, available at: www.methodist.org.uk/for-churches/property/conservation-listed-buildings/news-funding-and-training/

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UK-wide grant funders

Anchor Foundation

Grant making Trust supporting Christian organisations

Funder's interests

Supporting Christian charities concerned with social inclusion, particularly through ministries of healing and the arts.

Who will they support?

Christian charities in the UK and overseas.

Grants size

Up to £12,000

Activities supported

- ✓ Supporting faith
- ✓ Supporting community action
- ✓ Only in exceptional circumstances will a grant be given for building work.

Themes

- ✓ Christian faith
- ✓ Project costs

Application details

- Apply online
- Trustees meet twice a year, in April and October

Apply by:

- 31st January for the April meeting
- 31st July for the October meeting

Contact details

secretary@theanchorfoundation.org.uk
www.theanchorfoundation.org.uk

Beaverbrook Foundation

Grant programme

Funder's interests

Preserving heritage buildings and supporting charitable appeals.

Who will they support?

All faith organisations

Grants size

Grants range from £5,000 to £300,000 (typically under £40,000)

Activities supported

- ✓ Funds are distributed to many areas, often focusing on charities and causes that reflect Beaverbrook's own interests, this includes supporting faith.

Themes

- ✓ Christian faith
- ✓ Projects costs

Application details

- Apply online

Contact details

020 3325 3987
jane@beaverbrookfoundation.org
www.beaverbrookfoundation.org/grants

Benefact Group

Annual funding programme

Funder's interests

The Movement for Good Awards is an annual platform for giving, set up by all the businesses that make up the Benefact Group to make a tangible difference in the lives of the people, communities, churches and charities they serve.

Who will they support?

Anyone can nominate a registered charity, not -for-profit organisation, or community interest company, in the UK, Republic of Ireland, Channel Islands or Isle of Man. The nominations are entered into a phased series of 6 draws for a chance to benefit from one of 370 x £1,000 donations.

There will be 5 special draws throughout the year where 5 x £5,000 donations will be awarded.

Larger grants (£10,000+) are also available to help get larger transformative projects off the ground.

Grants size

Large and small grants

Activities supported

- ✓ Supporting faith
- ✓ Supporting community action

Themes

- ✓ Wide range of themes supported

Application details

- Online application

Contact details

www.movementforgood.com

Benefact Trust's Methodist Grant Programme

Seeks to enhance the mission and ministry of the Methodist Church in the UK and Ireland.

Funder's interests

Support significant redevelopment projects on buildings and repair and maintenance projects that are essential for the ongoing mission and ministry of an organisation.

Who will they support?

Individual Methodist churches who are part of the Methodist Connexion are able to apply, along with Methodist Circuits and Districts and some key Methodist heritage sites.

Grants size

Project costs up to £1 million

Activities supported

- ✓ Supporting faith
- ✓ Supporting community action
- ✗ Excludes salaries and running costs

Themes

- ✓ Building communities
- ✓ Helping people
- ✓ Growing churches

Application details

- Apply online
- Ongoing applications

Contact details

01452 873189
info@benefacttrust.co.uk
www.benefacttrust.co.uk

The Beatrice Laing Trust

Various sized grants available

Funder's interests

Advancement of the evangelical Christian faith and the relief of poverty.

Who will they support?

Churches and church projects.

Grants size

£2,000 - £10,000

Activities supported

- ✓ Supporting faith
- ✓ Supporting community action
- ✗ Usually excludes church restoration and repair

Themes

- ✓ Christian faith
- ✓ Tackling poverty
- ✓ Tackling disadvantage

Application details

- First take online eligibility quiz, download cover form then send application by post
- Ongoing applications

Contact details

www.laingfamilytrusts.org.uk/about-us/beatrice-laing-trust

Coalfields regeneration Trust

Grants programme

Funder's interests

Supporting community organisations in former coalfield communities across three key themes. Health & Wellbeing; Employment; & Skills

Who will they support?

Coalfields regenerate has two funders:

Scotland Grants - Grassroots organisations tackling issues in their communities.

Wales Grants - Community organisations in or serving former mining communities.

Grants size

Large and small grants

Activities supported

- ✓ Project costs
- ✓ Supporting community action
- ✓ Capital costs

Themes

- ✓ Health and wellbeing
- ✓ Community action
- ✓ Education and training
- ✓ Energy efficiency

Application details

- Online application

Contact details

www.coalfields-regen.org.uk

Foyle Foundation

Small Grants Scheme

Funder's interests

Young people, vulnerable people, the elderly and disadvantaged, Arts, Heritage, Education.

Who will they support?

A range of charitable organisations including churches.

Excludes charities with a turnover of more than £150k.

Grants size

£2,000 to £10,000

Activities supported

- ✓ Supporting community action
- ✓ Funder will consider supporting salary costs

Themes

- ✓ Essential equipment
- ✓ Enabling ongoing service provision or homeworking
- ✓ Delivery of online digital services

Application details

- First create online account then apply online
- Ongoing applications
- The Foyle Foundation will stop accepting new applications on 30 April 2025.

Contact details

0207 4309119
sgs@foylefoundation.org.uk
www.foylefoundation.org.uk

Garfield Weston Foundation

Range of grant programmes

Funder's interests

A wide range of charities that make a positive difference, working in different sectors in the UK.

Who will they support?

A wide range of community and charitable organisations, including churches.

Grants size

Either regular grant below £100,000 or major grant above £100,000

Activities supported

- ✓ Supporting faith
- ✓ Supporting community action

Themes

- ✓ Wide range of themes supported

Application details

- First take online eligibility quiz
- Ongoing applications

Contact details

020 7399 6565
garfieldweston.org/for-grant-applicants

TMCP Discretionary Grants

Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes support and strengthen the Methodist Church and have four grants available: Property Projects, Pastoral Support, Staffing Support and Education and Training.

Funder's interests

Supporting and strengthening the Methodist Church.

Who will they support?

Applications:

- must come from the authority of Methodist Conference
- should be supported by a local Minister, Chair of District or Connexion Officer
- where there are local reserves being used

Grants size

Enquire with funder

Themes

- ✓ Property Projects
- ✓ Pastoral Support
- ✓ Staffing Support
- ✓ Education and Training

Application details

- Applications are only considered at the meetings of the Committee which normally meets three times a year. Check website for next meeting.
- Post application to TMCP at Central Buildings, Oldham Street, Manchester M1 1JQ

Contact details

0161 235 6770
grants@tmcp.org.uk
www.tmcp.org.uk/money/grants

National Lottery Community Fund (NLCF)

Range of grant programmes

Funder's interests

Awards for all - great ideas that help communities to thrive.

Who will they support?

Bring people together and build strong relationships in and across communities.

Improve the places and spaces that matter to communities.

Help more people to reach their potential, by supporting them at the earliest possible stage.

Grants size

Up to £20,000

Activities supported

- ✓ Supporting community action
- ✓ Religious organisations supported if the project benefits the wider community and does not include religious content.

Themes

- ✓ Reaching communities
- ✓ Equipment
- ✓ Capital costs

Application details

- Apply online
- Ongoing applications

Contact details

028 9568 0143 (or for those with a hearing or speech impairment: 08001 plus 028 9568 0143)
general.enquiries@tnlcommunityfund.org.uk
www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk

The Leathersellers' Company

Small grants programme

Funder's interests

Grants typically focus on tackling deprivation and social problems, but a wide range of causes are supported.

Who will they support?

UK registered charities and CIOs. Applicants must currently be supporting vulnerable people; be working in geographical areas of high deprivation in the UK; and have an annual income under £200,000.

Grants size

Up to £5,000

Activities supported

- ✓ Supporting community action
- ✗ Excludes capital restoration projects for the sole purpose of conservation/heritage; CICs

Themes

- ✓ Reaching communities
- ✓ Unexpected costs

Application details

- Online application
- Eight application windows throughout the year. Windows will close when 40 applications have been received.

Contact details

020 7330 1452
clerk@leathersellers.co.uk
www.leathersellers.co.uk/small-grants-programme

Westhill Endowment

Grants programme

Funder's interests

Support for a wide range of projects /interests in activities involving formal and informal religious education.

Who will they support?

Churches and charities that develop the capacity of organisations to better serve the needs of their beneficiaries, or service users, in the fields of religious education and faith-motivated community transformation.

Grants size

£500 - £20,000

Activities supported

- ✓ Supporting faith
- ✓ Supporting community action

Themes

- ✓ Education and training
- ✓ Project costs

Application details

- Online application - Submit 800 character description of project via website. Westhill will either respond with a full application form to be completed and submitted or a reason as to why an application may not be successful.
- Ongoing applications

Contact details

0121 472 8000
info@westhillendowment.org
www.westhillendowment.org

Grant funders supporting England and Wales only

Liz and Terry Bramall Foundation

Grants programme

Funder's interests

The advancement of the Christian faith and other charitable purposes.

Who will they support?

Churches and charitable organisations, with an emphasis on Yorkshire.

Grants size

Gives over £8m a year in a variety of different grant sizes.

Activities supported

- ✓ Supporting community action
- ✓ Supporting faith and religious activities
- ✓ Emphasis on West Yorkshire region

Themes

- ✓ Christianity
- ✓ Range of charitable purposes
- ✓ West Yorkshire

Application details

- Send written applications via post or email
- Ongoing applications

Contact details

www.bramallfoundation.org
bramallfoundation@raworths.co.uk

Yapp Charitable Trust

Grants for running costs and salaries to small, registered charities in England and Wales with a total annual expenditure of less than £40,000.

Funder's interests

Services that help to improve the lives of marginalised, disadvantaged or isolated people.

Who will they support?

Organisations that help to improve the lives of marginalised, disadvantaged or isolated people.
Grants only available for ongoing core funding.

They can only offer grants to registered charities that have been formally established for a minimum of three years with a total annual expenditure less than £40,000.

Grants size

Up to £3,000 per year for core funding only

Activities supported

- ✓ Core Funding: Grants for regular activities or services that have been ongoing for at least a year.
- ✗ Excludes new projects, extra services, additional delivery costs, or capital expenditures such as equipment, buildings, renovations, or furnishing.

Themes

- ✓ Elderly people
- ✓ Children and young people
- ✓ Social welfare

Application details

- Apply online; check guidance before applying
- Online applications

Contact details

0191 389 3300
info@yappcharitabletrust.org.uk
www.yappcharitabletrust.org.uk

Grant funders supporting Scotland only

Gannochy Trust

Small, main and major grants

Funder's interests

To improve the quality of community life in Perth and Kinross, and for people across Scotland.

Who will they support?

Charities and churches that deliver non-faith based projects benefitting the whole community regardless of faith.

Grants size

Small grants up to £10,000

Main grants up to £30,000

Major grants over £30,000

Activities supported

- ✓ Supporting heritage
- ✗ Churches can only apply if their community project is not faith based

Themes

- ✓ Supporting community
- ✓ Young people and children
- ✓ People who are disadvantaged or vulnerable

Application details

- Apply online
- Deadlines for 2025: 2nd May 2025, for consideration at the grant-making meeting on 16th July 2025. 3rd October 2025, for consideration the grant-making meeting on 3rd December 2025.

Contact details

01738 620653

admin@gannochytrust.org.uk

www.gannochytrust.org.uk

Foundation Scotland

Range of funding programmes

Funder's interests

Supporting charities, communities and grassroots organisations across Scotland.

Who will they support?

Constituted community groups and charities, including churches.

Grants size

Range of grant sizes available

Activities supported

- ✓ Supporting community action

Themes

- ✓ Foodbanks
- ✓ Vulnerable people

Application details

- Apply online
- Check funders website for application deadlines

Contact details

0131 5240300

enquiries@foundationscotland.org.uk

www.foundationscotland.org.uk/apply-for-funding/funding-available

Historic Environment Scotland Grants

Several grant schemes available for projects that promote the historic environment of Scotland

Funder's interests

Promoting and protecting the historic environment of Scotland, especially projects that deliver benefits for communities, promote public access and develop knowledge and skills.

Who will they support?

Organisations in Scotland.

Check specific funds for eligibility criteria

Grants size

Up to £10,000

Themes

- ✓ Historic environment
- ✓ Conservation

Application details

- Applicants must submit a brief expression of interest before applying.
- Ongoing applications – check with specific grant

Contact details

grants@hes.scot

www.historicenvironment.scot/grants-and-funding

Grant funders supporting Wales only

<h2>Community Foundation Wales</h2> <p>Range of grants available</p> <h3>Funder's interests</h3> <p>Groups that are meeting the needs of local communities.</p> <h3>Who will they support?</h3> <p>Community groups and charities running activities to support the community.</p> <h3>Activities supported</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Supporting community action✗ Excludes projects that fall within the statutory sector responsibility e.g. anything that falls within the school curriculum	
<h3>Grants size</h3> <p>Range of grant sizes available.</p> <h3>Themes</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Supporting the community✓ Supporting vulnerable people✓ Supporting most-deprived areas of Wales	
<h3>Application details</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Apply online● Ongoing applications	<h3>Contact details</h3> <p>02920 379 580</p> <p>grants@communityfoundationwales.org.uk</p> <p>www.communityfoundationwales.org.uk</p>

Local grant funders

FSJ Trust – Essex

Grants for charities and Not for Profit groups within Essex

Funder's interests

Offering grants for core funding, project-based initiatives, refurbishments and equipment for charitable organisations in Essex.

Who will they support?

Groups helping communities in Essex.

Grants size

£2,000 to £3,000

Activities supported

- ✓ Supporting community action
- ✓ Supporting faith and religious activities

Themes

- ✓ Supporting communities
- ✓ Vulnerable children and families

Hadrian Trust – North East England

Grants for organisations in North East England

Funder's interests

Organisations working to improve the lives of people in the North East of England.

Who will they support?

Community organisations in Tyne and Wear, Northumberland and Durham. (Including Hartlepool)

Grants size

£500 to £2,000

Activities supported

- ✓ Supporting community action
- ✗ Excludes repair of buildings used solely for worship
- ✗ Excludes major building improvements

Themes

- ✓ Social welfare
- ✓ Disability
- ✓ Projects that support vulnerable or isolated older people

Application details

- Complete the on-line application form and submit it, or print it off to fill in by hand and post.
- Application deadline will be three weeks before the grants meetings. Check website for details.

Contact details

07531 145789
www.hadriantrust.co.uk

Sir George Martin Trust – West and North Yorkshire

Grants for groups in West Yorkshire

Funder's interests

Improving the well-being of disadvantaged and/or vulnerable West Yorkshire people.

Who will they support?

Church appeals that are connected with disadvantaged/vulnerable community outreach only.

Grants size

Up to £5,000

Activities supported

- ✓ Supporting community action
- ✓ Supporting faith

Themes

- ✓ Supporting vulnerable people
- ✓ Building resilience

Application details

- Request an application form from the Trust Manager
- www.sirgeorgemartintrust.org.uk/how-to-apply/

The trustees will next meet to discuss grant applications on the 9th June 2025, 6th October 2025 and February 2026. Applicants should initially get in touch at least two-three months before each meeting.

Contact details

01943 605372
info@sirgeorgemartintrust.org.uk
www.sirgeorgemartintrust.org.uk

Sutton Coldfield Charitable Trust – Warwickshire

Various grant programmes

Funder's interests

Churches and organisations that benefit the residents of the former Borough of Sutton Coldfield.

Who will they support?

Churches who are delivering services to the community.

Grants size

Up to £45,000.
Larger grants are sometimes considered.

Activities supported

- ✓ Supporting community action
- ✓ Supporting faith

Themes

- ✓ Supporting the community
- ✓ Faith organisations

Application details

- Email first to register interest in applying
- Ongoing applications

Contact details

info@suttoncharitabletrust.org
www.suttoncoldfieldcharitabletrust.com
0121 7940970

William A Cadbury Charitable Trust – West Midlands

Various grant programmes

Funder's interests

Charitable organisations and churches in the West Midlands. Programmes are guided by the founder's Quaker principles.

Who will they support?

Churches, charities and community organisations in the West Midlands.

Grants size

Small grants up to £2000, large grants of £20,000

Activities supported

- ✓ Supporting community action
- ✓ Supporting faith and religious activities

Themes

- ✓ Vulnerable people including the elderly, children, and those with disabilities
- ✓ Projects with a clear Quaker connection
- ✓ Community Action

Application details

- Apply by sending a brief application to the Trust Administrator via post or online (preferred)
- Ongoing applications

Contact details

0121 472 1464 between 10am and 2pm - Tuesdays only
info@wa-cadbury.org.uk
www.wa-cadbury.org.uk

Grant funders supporting Historic Places of Worship

Further guidance and resources for Methodist historic places of worship has been compiled by The Methodist Council, available at: www.methodist.org.uk/for-churches/property/conservation-listed-buildings/news-funding-and-training/

The Heritage Funding Directory, Managed by The Heritage Alliance and the Architectural Heritage Fund is another useful free source to find funds for heritage buildings. Available at: www.heritagefundingdirectoryuk.org

Garfield Weston Foundation

Range of grant programmes

Funder's interests

A wide range of causes including: Welfare, Youth, Community, Arts, Faith, Environment, Education, Health, Museums and Heritage.

Who will they support?

A wide range of community and charitable organisations, including churches.

Grants size

Either regular grant below £100,000 or major grant above £100,000

Activities supported

- ✓ Supporting faith
- ✓ Supporting community action

Themes

- ✓ Wide range of themes supported

Application details

- First take online eligibility quiz
- Ongoing applications

Contact details

020 7399 6565
www.garfieldweston.org/apply-to-us/faqs

Historic England

Grants programme

Funder's interests

Various grant streams but most relevant likely to be: Repair Grants for Heritage at Risk

Who will they support?

People who own or manage individual historic sites and need to repair them or understand them better; local authorities, for sites and buildings in their area; organisations who want to encourage better understanding, management and conservation of the historic environment in its many and varied forms.

Grants size

Large grants

Activities supported

- ✓ Supporting faith
- ✓ Supporting community action

Themes

- ✓ Listed buildings
- ✓ Urgent minor repairs
- ✓ Heritage open to visitors

Application details

- Contact the local office prior to making an application.
- They aim to tell you their decision within six months of receiving a complete application.

Contact details

0370 333 0607

customers@HistoricEngland.org.uk

www.historicengland.org.uk/services-skills/grants

Local community foundations

Funds are also distributed across the UK via 46 accredited community foundations.

There is a **community foundation** for every region of the UK, which supports local organisations and groups, often including churches.

- Each of the 46 community foundations will have differing application criteria and processes, so contact your local community foundation to enquire about grants available to your church. The list of community foundations can be found at www.ukcommunityfoundations.org/

Want to find out more?

To find out more or for further advice visit the fundraising hub:

www.methodistinsurance.co.uk/churchfundraising

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