

Grant giving policy

- **Standard Property Grant Scheme**

This scheme is limited to projects with a maximum cost of £50,000. The maximum grant is £5,000.

Grants are awarded for building development, for mission, outreach and community benefit, with a demonstration of energy efficiency. Grants are not awarded for routine building maintenance.

The normal grant is up to 10% of the project cost.

- **Large Property Grant Scheme**

Large grants are awarded for building development, for mission, outreach and community benefit, with a demonstration of energy efficiency. Grants are not awarded for routine building maintenance.

Large grants will be awarded on the following basis:

- (i). For projects in the range £50,000 to £500,000, up to 10 grants with a maximum of up to £25,000 each, may be made each year.
- (ii). For large schemes between £500,000 and £2.5million, up to 4 grants with a maximum of up to £50,000 each, may be made each year.

Criteria for the award of these large grants will include:

Significant redevelopment projects on buildings which have been identified as key to the future mission objectives of a church circuit or district.

Work which includes the provision of disabled access and facilities.

Schemes which bring significant community benefits beyond those to the immediate congregation, as identified during community consultation.

For both the Standard Property Grant Scheme, and the Large Property Grant scheme:

The degree of financial support (if any) from the Circuit, District and Connexion for the scheme and whether any support has separately been provided by Allchurches Trust Limited will also be taken into consideration. Please add this information as part of your project detail.

Further applications will not be considered from organisations which have already been awarded a grant within the previous two year period under the scheme.

Applications cannot be considered from the following:

- individuals (unless it is on behalf of a church);
- grants in respect of salaries, general running costs, maintenance and repair.

Applications must be submitted on-line, detailing the objectives of the project, the total project cost, how the grant applied for will be used, the funds raised to date towards the project and whether a grant has previously been given under the scheme (with dates and value).

Applications must be agreed by the Applicant with their District Property Secretary or District Chair prior to submission. Supporting documents must be included in the application - this can be an email or a letter on headed paper, scanned and uploaded with the application.

Applications can only be acknowledged by email.

The Grant Giving Committee meets four times a year, so applicants should allow 3 to 6 months for an application to be processed and considered.

The Committee's decision on whether an application is successful and the amount awarded is final and cannot be appealed against.

The Committee reserves the right to request repayment of any grant made if the project for which assistance was originally sought is aborted or if the grant recipient receives more overall funds than is necessary for completion of the project.

If you have any questions about the application process, please contact us at methodist-insurance-fund@allchurches.co.uk or on 01452 875858.