



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.

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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

Contact details

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

Apply by:

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

Beaverbrook Foundation

Grant programme

Funder's interests

Preserving heritage buildings and supporting charitable appeals.

Who will they support?

All faith organisations.

Grants size

Large and small grants

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
- ✓ Project 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 Island 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 10 x £5,000 donations will be awarded.

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

Activities supported

- ✓ Supporting faith
- ✓ Supporting community action

Grants size

Large and small grants

Themes

Wide range of themes supported

Application details

- Online application

Contact details

www.movementforgood.com

Benefact Trust

Range of grant programmes for churches

Funder's interests

Projects to promote the Christian faith or any other charitable purpose.

Who will they support?

Any church or other exempted organisation.

Grants size

Project costs up to £1 million

Larger grants available for project costings over £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

020 7430 9119
sgs@foylefoundation.org.uk
www.foylefoundation.org.uk

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
garfieldweston.org/for-grant-applicants

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

Baptist Building CIO

Grants for small-scale mission-focused building projects in Baptist churches, mainly in rural or deprived areas

Funder's interests

Partnering with Baptist churches in the UK by offering grants to transform church buildings for mission.

Who will they support?

Baptist churches.

Grants size

£5,000 to £25,000 for small-scale projects (costs up to £60,000)

Activities supported

- ✓ Supporting church restoration and repair (linked to faith and community action).

Themes

- ✓ Christian faith
- ✓ Renewing buildings

Application details

- Check website for details, deadlines and to download application form

Contact details

07506 663761
admin@baptistbuilding.org
www.baptistbuilding.org

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
- Applications will close one week before each committee date, or when 45 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
- 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

No set grant amount

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

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.

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

- ✓ Supporting community action

Themes

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

Application details

- Apply online; check guidance before applying
- Ongoing 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 community action
- ✗ 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 2024: 3rd May; 4th October. See the website for latest deadlines as they change each year.

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

01315 240300
enquiries@foundationscotland.org.uk
www.foundationscotland.org.uk/apply-for-funding/funding-available

Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations (SCVO)

Phase 2 of Third Sector Resilience Fund Scotland

Funder's interests

Organisations that already deliver services and products but find themselves in financial difficulties directly as a result of COVID-19.

Who will they support?

Churches primarily delivering services in Scottish communities since before March 2020. The funding need must be directly as a result of the impact of COVID-19.

Grants size

Up to £75,000

Activities supported

✓ Supporting community action

Themes

✓ Supporting communities

Application details

- To apply, first complete online eligibility quiz
- Ongoing applications

Contact details

enquiries@scvo.org.uk
www.scvo.org/support/coronavirus/funding

Grant funders supporting Wales only

Community Foundation Wales

Range of grants available

Funder's interests

Groups that are meeting the needs of local communities.

Who will they support?

Community groups and charities running activities to support the community.

Grants size

Range of grant sizes available.

Activities supported

- ✓ Supporting community action
- ✗ Excludes projects that fall within the statutory sector responsibility e.g. anything that falls within the school curriculum

Themes

- ✓ Supporting the community
- ✓ Supporting vulnerable people
- ✓ Supporting most-deprived areas of Wales

Application details

- Apply online
- Ongoing applications

Contact details

029 2037 9580
grants@communityfoundationwales.org.uk
www.communityfoundationwales.org.uk

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?

Churches and community organisations who are helping communities in Essex.

Grants size

£2,000 to £3,000

Activities supported

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

Themes

- ✓ Isolated elderly people
- ✓ Vulnerable children and families

Application details

- Follow the bullet point list of application guidance on the website

Contact details

amason@fsjtrust.org.uk
www.fsjtrust.org.uk

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 Yorkshire

Various grant programmes

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 £3,000

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/

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

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

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

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.baptist-ins.com/churchfundraising

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