

Grant Guidance

Churchyard Grant

Criteria

- Applications must be supported by the Incumbent and Archdeacon.
- Works should be in accordance with Faculty rules, and where appropriate, any other permissions that may be required, e.g., planning permission. Please contact the DAC secretary for more details.
- Churches should also seek funding from other sources, particularly the local Community Council and the Local Authority, as trustees of the Welsh Church Acts Fund. Please contact the grants officer for more details.
- Grants will be up to 75% of eligible costs, with a maximum of £2,000.
- Any grant offer will automatically lapse if not taken up within 3 years. After a grant is awarded, another will not be awarded to the church for at least 3-years unless the committee considers there are exceptional circumstances.
- Please see the website for application deadlines.
- Ministry Areas should be up-to-date with Ministry Share or, if they are struggling financially, have in place a payment plan and an action plan which have been agreed by the Archdeacon.

Eligible Costs

- Boundary repair.
- Footpath repair, including provision of handrails or other safety equipment where required.
- One-off assistance to bring a churchyard into good condition.
- Clearance of headstones to create a garden of remembrance to ease maintenance.
- Work to trees.
- In exceptional circumstances, clearance of a graveyard, including exhumation.

Evidence

Evidence should include the following:

- Copy of the previous years' accounts, including churchyard fund.
- Photographs.
- Professional reports where available (e.g., from architects, surveyors, contractors).
- A quote where available.

N.B Please also check the environment grant criteria to see if you may be eligible to apply for more funding.

Eco Grant

Criteria

- Applications must be supported by the Incumbent and Archdeacon.
- Works should be in accordance with Faculty rules, and where appropriate, any other permissions that may be required, e.g., planning permission. Please contact the DAC secretary for more details.
- Churches should also seek funding from other sources, particularly the local Community Council and the Local Authority, as trustees of the Welsh Church Acts Fund. Please contact the grants officer for more details.
- Grants will be up to a maximum of £12,500 (£5,000 from the diocese and £7,500 from the RB).
- Any grant offer will automatically lapse if not taken up within 3 years. After a grant is awarded, another will not be awarded to the church for at least 3-years unless the committee considers there are exceptional circumstances.
- Please see the website for application deadlines.
- Ministry Areas should be up-to-date with Ministry Share or, if they are struggling financially, have in place a payment plan and an action plan which have been agreed by the Archdeacon.

Eligible Costs

- Works of repair and maintenance that clearly improve environmental performance such as dealing with penetrating damp, defective rainwater-goods, roof leaks etc.
- Works to reduce heat loss through, for example, repairing leaded windows in poor condition, broken window glass, or ill-fitting external doors.
- Upgrade heating systems away from fossil fuel-based systems (or substantially reducing reliance on such fuels).
- Upgrade electrical systems and installations to reduce energy use e.g. LED lighting systems, targeted electric heating, improved heating controllers, etc.
- Works of insulation, where appropriate.
- Installation of solar PV or other renewable energy technologies.
- Works in churchyards to enhance biodiversity and carbon capture.
- Churchyard wall repairs – in recognition of the particular impact of climate change on groundwater levels and associated direct impact on historic ground-retaining churchyard boundary walls, grants towards their repair with appropriate natural, local and re-used materials may be considered.

Evidence

Evidence should include the following:

- Copy of the previous years' accounts, including any maintenance/repair funds.
- Photographs.
- Professional reports where available (e.g., from architects, surveyors, contractors).
- A quote where available.
- Results of an energy audit or the CinW energy footprint tool.
- Reference to the Church in Wales' publication ['A Practical Path to Net Zero'](#)

Large Building Repair Grant

Criteria

- Applications must be supported by the Incumbent and Archdeacon.
- Works should be in accordance with Faculty rules, and where appropriate, any other permissions that may be required, e.g., planning permission. Please contact the DAC secretary for more details.
- Churches should also seek funding from other sources, particularly the local Community Council, the Local Authority, as trustees of the Welsh Church Acts Fund, HLF, CADW, Benefact Trust, Garfield Weston, James Pantyfedwen and National Churches Trust. Please contact the grants officer for more details.
- Grants will be up to a maximum of £5,000.
- Any grant offer will automatically lapse if not taken up within 3 years. After a grant is awarded, another will not be awarded to the church for at least 3-years unless the committee considers there are exceptional circumstances.
- Exceptional and/or emergency applications will be considered in the first instance by the respective Archdeacon.
- Please see the website for application deadlines.
- Ministry Areas should be up-to-date with Ministry Share or, if they are struggling financially, have in place a payment plan and an action plan which have been agreed by the Archdeacon.

Eligible Costs

- Repairs to any part of the fabric of the church building (not including organ repairs) or church hall.
- Costs associated with mission-focussed re-ordering of church buildings, including adding kitchens and toilets.

Evidence

Evidence should include the following:

- Copy of the previous years' accounts, including any maintenance/repair funds.
- Photographs.
- Professional reports where available (e.g., from architects, surveyors, contractors).
- A quote where available.

N.B Please also check the environment grant criteria to see if you may be eligible to apply for more funding.

Small Building Repair Grant

Criteria

- Applications must be supported by the Incumbent.
- Works should be in accordance with Faculty rules, and where appropriate, any other permissions that may be required, e.g., planning permission. Please contact the DAC secretary for more details.
- Grants will be up to a maximum of £1,000.
- Any grant offer will automatically lapse if not taken up within 1 year. After a grant is awarded, another will not be awarded to the church for at least one year unless there are exceptional circumstances.
- Applications will be considered by the Archdeacon.
- Ministry Areas should be up-to-date with Ministry Share or, if they are struggling financially, have in place a payment plan and an action plan which has been agreed by the Archdeacon.

Eligible Costs

- Small or urgent maintenance or repair works.
- Investigatory works before starting a larger project.
- Essential fees related to the fabric repair work including specialist reports required in advance of those repairs (e.g. bat survey, statement of significance or structural engineer's report).

Evidence

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- Copy of the previous years' accounts, including any maintenance/repair funds.
- Photographs.
- Professional reports where available (e.g., from architects, surveyors, contractors).
- A quote where available.