

Guidance note Other Sources of Funding

ChurchCare



16,000 buildings. One resource



This guide is in three sections:

- information Sources
- the major grant givers
- grants towards the conservation of the contents of your church (including bells and organs)

Information sources

There are a number of funding directories which can direct you to trusts and grant-making bodies appropriate for your specific project. Some are available free on the internet, others require a subscription fee. Your diocese may have a subscription to one of those and may be able to advise you further.

Free resources:

Charity Commission

The Charity Commission website includes the Register of Charities that can be

browsed and used to highlight trusts by name, object, or area of benefit.

[www.charity-commission.gov.uk]

Funding Central

Funding Central is a free website for the voluntary and community sector, including social enterprise, providing access to funding and finance opportunities, plus tools and resources supporting organisations to develop sustainable income strategies appropriate to their needs.

[www.fundingcentral.org.uk]

Funds for Historic Buildings

There is a comprehensive free guide to funding for historic buildings, including churches, on the Funds for Historic Buildings website. As well as a searchable directory of funding sources, it contains information on making funding applications, other resources and information on

regeneration funding.
[www.ffhb.org.uk]

Heritage Funding Directory

The Heritage Alliance's Heritage Funding Directory is available from the Heritage Alliance website. The Directory is a comprehensive guide to sources of financial support and resources for projects connected with the UK's heritage.

[www.theheritagealliance.org.uk/fundingdirectory/main/fundinghome.php]

Paid-for/subscription services:

Directory of Grant-Making Trusts

The major source for identifying suitable trusts is the *Directory of Grant-Making Trusts*, published by:

The Directory of Social Change
24 Stephenson Way
London NW1 2DP





08450 77 77 07

E: publications@dsc.org.uk
[[www.dsc.org.uk/Publications/
Fundraisingsources/@132337](http://www.dsc.org.uk/Publications/Fundraisingsources/@132337)]

It is available at main public reference libraries and as a subscription service online. Some dioceses have a copy of the *Directory* that they are prepared to let parishes borrow. The *Directory* lists a large number of organisations that may accept applications for grant-aid, states their relevant criteria, and indicates the approximate annual income of each charity. It also contains important advice on how to present your applications.

Directory of Social Change

Trustfunding, the website database of the Directory of Social Change, contains information on over 4,200 grant making trusts. You need to register and pay a subscription in order to access the database.
[www.trustfunding.org.uk]

Government Funding is a similar subscription website that provides information on government grants for the voluntary and community sector from a range of government departments.
[www.governmentfunding.org.uk]

The Major Grant Givers

Repair Grants for Places of Worship

Few parishes can raise enough money to meet the cost of a major repair without help from grant-making bodies.

The major source in England is now likely to be the **Repair Grants for Places of Worship in England scheme** jointly run and funded by English Heritage (EH) and the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF).

The scheme may make a grant provided:

- The building is listed at Grade I, II* or II. If you need to check whether your church is listed contact your local authority's planning department, or the Diocesan Office.
- The church is used for public worship on at least six days a year and is open to the public outside the normal hours of worship on at least forty days.

The grant will be used to pay for high-level structural repairs (e.g. repair of roofs, tower, spire, rainwater disposal system or high-level masonry) identified in a recent condition survey as being necessary within the next two years. Other urgent repairs to historic fabric at risk of loss can also be considered.

The work will cost more than £10,000 and less than £250,000 and can be carried out under one contract. Grants of £250,000 and more can be considered in exceptional circumstances.

Grants are never made retrospectively for work started before a written grant offer has been made and accepted.

Although funds for the scheme come from both the Heritage Lottery Fund and English Heritage, the day-to-day administration of the scheme (for England) is carried out by English Heritage regional offices on behalf of both organisations. Grants are in high demand and not all applicants will be successful. There is an annual deadline for applicants, which varies with the grade of the church.

Full details of the scheme and an application pack can be obtained from the **English Heritage website** or by contacting English Heritage Customer Services:

English Heritage
Customer Services
Department
PO Box 569
Swindon
SN2 2YP
England
tel: 0870 333 1181
fax: 01793 414926





email: customers@english-heritage.org.uk

The Heritage Lottery Fund
Head Office
7 Holbein Place
London SW1W 8NR
020 7591 6042/6044

Email: enquire@hlf.org.uk
www.hlf.org.uk

To receive a grant your project must:

- help people to learn about their own and other people's heritage

Your project must also do either or both of the following:

- conserve the UK's diverse heritage for present and future generations to experience and enjoy;
- help more people, and a wider range of people, to take an active part in and make decisions about heritage.

The Your Heritage programme offers grants between £3,000 and £100,000. It is the general small grants programme for all types of heritage projects, particularly designed for voluntary and community groups and first-time applicants.

The Heritage Grants programme offers grants of more than £100,000 for

projects which conserve and enhance our diverse heritage, or encourage more people to be involved in their heritage, or both.

The Young Roots grant scheme offers grants of between £3,000 and £50,000, for projects led by young people. It aims to involve 11-25 year-olds in finding out about their heritage, developing skills, building confidence and promoting community involvement.

Big Lottery Fund 'Awards For All' Scheme

0845 4 10 20 30

Email: general.enquiries@awardsforall.org.uk
www.awardsforall.org.uk

Awards for All is a Lottery grants scheme funding small, local community-based projects in the UK. Awards for All England offers grants of between £300 and £10,000 for projects that improve communities, and the lives of people within them. It is for voluntary and community groups, schools and health organisations, parish and town councils.

The Arts Council

The Grants for the Arts scheme, administered by the Arts Council, may be of assistance for churches seeking to improve their cultural facilities e.g. use for concerts, plays etc., and to

commission contemporary art and craft work.

[www.artscouncil.org.uk/funding/apply-for-funding/grants-for-the-arts]

It may also assist major organ reconstruction projects for concert use (although for the conservation of historic instruments application should be made to the Heritage Lottery Fund). It is advisable to discuss any possible application with the Arts Council as early as possible.

Arts Council England
14 Great Peter Street
London SW1P 3NQ
Tel 0845 300 6200
Email enquiries@artscouncil.org.uk
www.artscouncil.org.uk

The Landfill Communities Fund

(formerly the Landfill Tax Credit Scheme)

This tax credit scheme enables operators of landfill sites to voluntarily contribute money towards projects that create significant environmental benefits and improve the lives of communities living near landfill sites.

Although some landfill operators offer direct funding, most donate their credits to independent 'distributive environmental bodies' who in turn specialise in funding the projects described above.





The regulator of the scheme ENTRUST has a website that explains how the Fund works and also gives a full list of organisations that provide funding across the UK. [www.entrust.org.uk]

There are two environmental 'objects' which are relevant to churches:

- **Object D:** projects that provide or maintain public amenities or parks within 10 miles of a landfill site
- **Object E:** projects to restore or repair buildings for religious worship, or of architectural or historical interest within 10 miles of a landfill site

Some local councils, dioceses and county historic churches trusts have already enrolled in the scheme so you should check with the relevant local authority and with your diocese.

The Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme

The LPW Grant Scheme currently makes grants towards the VAT incurred in making repairs to listed buildings in the UK which are primarily in use for public worship. The Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) manages the policy governing the scheme, while administration is carried out by remote contractors.

Tel 0845 601 5945

www.lpwscheme.org.uk

Grants for the conservation of the contents of your church

Apart from the major grant givers and the Cathedral and Church Buildings Division conservation grants (www.churchcare.co.uk), there are a number of other organisations which can help you fund the conservation of your church's furnishings and fittings as well as churchyard furnishings, memorials and tombs.

The Leche Trust

The Leche Trust offers grants for the preservation of buildings and their contents and the repair and conservation of church furniture (including such items as monuments, but excluding structural repairs to the fabric). Preference is given to buildings and objects of the Georgian period.

Secretary: Mrs Louisa Lawson
84 Cicada Road
London SW18 2NZ
Tel 020 8870 6233
Email info@lechetrust.org

www.lechetrust.org

The William and Jane Morris Fund

Preference is given to limited programmes of work connected with conservation of decorative features, e.g. stained glass, sculpture, furniture, textiles, monuments and tombs. Grants are allocated annually, and application forms must be submitted by 31st August for consideration in the following November or by 31st March for consideration in the following May.

c/o The General Secretary
Society of Antiquaries
Burlington House
Piccadilly
London W1J 0BE
Tel 020 7479 7080

Email admin@sal.org.uk
www.sal.org.uk/grants/williamandjanemorris

The Sharpe Trust

The Sharpe Trust administers grants for the maintenance, repair, and restoration of church bells in England and Wales.

c/o The Grant Secretary
Mr A Strickland
71 North Home Road
Cirencester
GL7 1DS
Tel 01285 885734

Email
Alan.strickland4@btinternet.com





www.sharpetrustees.org.uk

The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers (CCCBR)

The CCCBR administers two funds for bell restoration, the Central Council's Bell Restoration Fund and the Fred E Dukes International Bell Fund (for bell restorations outside the British Isles). When funds are available, applications for the Bell Restoration Fund are invited by notices in *The Ringing World* and on the CCCBR website, generally in December or January.

c/o The Hon Secretary

Mrs Mary Bone
11 Bullfields
Sawbridgeworth
CM21 9DB
Tel 01279 726159
Email secretary@cccbr.org.uk
www.cccbr.org.uk

The British Institute of Organ Studies (BIOS)

BIOS has produced a leaflet 'Grants for Funding Work on Historic Pipe Organs'. This gives details of charities that have made grants towards the conservation of historic organs. It also gives useful information about the preparation of organ appeals and how to research the history of your instrument. This guide is available at www.bios.org.uk/cgi-bin/downloads/biosgran.pdf

The O N Organ Fund

The fund offers grants for the provision and restoration of pipe organs in the British Isles. Grant applications are welcomed before the closing dates of 31 March and 30 September.

The Secretary
Dr Alan Thurlow
8 Old Bakery Gardens
Chichester
West Sussex
PO19 8AJ

Email
alanjthurlow@btinternet.com
www.onorganfund.org.uk

The Pilling Trust

The Pilling Trust is particularly interested in churches that maintain an active choral tradition. They will consider new organs and electronic instruments.

Waterworths
Central Buildings
Richmond Terrace
Blackburn
Lancashire BB1 7AP

Tel 01254 51123

Heritage Lottery Fund

The Heritage Lottery Fund can offer grant aid for schemes for organs that show wider community benefits (www.hlf.org.uk), and, for organs used heavily for public performance. The Arts Council Lottery Fund can also consider

applications
(www.artscouncil.org.uk).

