

# Grant Making Sources

## RLC101 - For Building Conservation Projects > £100k

### Beaverbrook Foundation

Funds a very wide range of arts, heritage and socially focused projects, including the renovation and adaptation of churches, throughout England and Wales. The foundation was originally established in 1954 by the first Lord Beaverbrook, a Canadian-British businessman, politician and newspaper publisher. It was re-registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation in 2013. The areas that the Foundation has increasingly concentrated on has been supporting small charitable projects; recognising that it is often more difficult to raise a few thousand to refurbish a church hall than it is to raise millions for a major public building. Our experience shows that it is often the small donations to the small charities that make a big difference.

Grants are made at the discretion of the trustees for charitable purposes including those that would have reflected the interests of the first Lord Beaverbrook, including:-

- The erection or improvement of the fabric of any church building
- The purchase of books, papers, manuscripts or works of art
- Care of older people or sick people

Grants are made for capital expenditure, for revenue and running costs, and for special projects. The trustees are keen to support match funding initiatives, and may make a payment conditional upon the applicant obtaining the remaining funding from other sources. The foundation is able to support all faith organisations but applications are only accepted from registered charities.

Grant potential	Information re Applications
£5,000	Applications can be made via the website.
Website	<a href="https://beaverbrookfoundation.org/">https://beaverbrookfoundation.org/</a>
Contact	Jane Ford, 3 Queen Street, London, W1J 5PA, jane@beaverbrookfoundation.org, 020 7042 9435

### Belsize Charitable Trust No 1

Funding is available in the areas of:

Environmental  
Conservation  
Heritage.

Previous grant beneficiaries have included: St Loye's Foundation Exeter; Salvation Army; Mission to Seafarers; Somerset Rural Youth Project; National Trust; Cumbria Wildlife Trust, National Memorial Arboretum.

Grant potential	Information re Applications
£6,000	
Website	
Contact	c/o Lloyds TSB Bank plc, UK Trust Centre, Abington, Oxon, OX14 5SW, 01235 232700

## **Benefact Trust - General Grants**

Benefact Trust is the new name for Allchurches Trust (as of March 2022). The trust is one of the biggest funders of ecclesiastical projects in the UK and will fund an enormous range of church based projects that demonstrate a focus on the impact on people and communities and promote the Christian faith. The main area of grant making are churches, social welfare and education. Funding focus includes: building communities, helping people in need to flourish, and growing churches spiritually and numerically. Funding has been used to support: Repairs, renovations, reordering & new builds; Community outreach; Protection of heritage. Exclusions: Running costs and salaries.

The trust funds:

Churches and cathedrals of all denominations, with the following project areas:-

- Mission and ministry
- Church halls
- Community and outreach
- Repairs
- Conservation
- Reordering and new works
- Bells, organs and music
- Heating, lighting, amenities and building security
- Churchyards and cemeteries
- Chapels and chaplaincy projects

It will not normally fund running costs.

Retrospective grants are possible where work is underway but projects which have completed would not be eligible.

Grant potential	Information re Applications
Small Grants up to £15k	Online application form.
Website	<a href="http://www.benefacttrust.co.uk">www.benefacttrust.co.uk</a>
Contact	Iain Hearn (info@benefacttrust.co.uk) 01452 873189 Benefact House, 2000 Pioneer Ave, Gloucester Business Park, Brockworth, Gloucester, GL3 4AW

## **Clark Charitable Trust**

Grants available for emergency relief, furtherance of religion and education, arts, heritage, general.

The trust responds in the first instance to emergency relief appeals, then awards grants for general charitable purposes. Areas of interest include architecture, fine art, music, art galleries and cultural amenities, historic and church buildings and heritage.

No grants to individuals or non-charitable bodies.

Registered charity no: 274300

Grant potential	Information re Applications
	Apply in writing.
Website	
Contact	Zedra UK Trusts, Booths Hall, Booths Park 3, Chelford Road, Knutsfold, WA16 8GS charities@zedra.com, 01565 748818

### **Clark Foundation**

Supports Christian projects (capital & revenue) in areas where the Clarks company had offices or factories or where there is evidence that current/former Clarks employees reside on the locality and would derive benefit from their grant. If the above does not fit with your location then do not apply. Instead apply to the Roger & Sarah Bancroft Clark Trust as they support Christian projects more generically.

Grant potential	Information re Applications
£5,000	Apply in writing to the trustees. Queries should be directed to Mrs Mel Park (see contact info)
Website	
Contact	The Trustees, Box 1, 40 High Street, Street, BA16 0EQ, trustgrants@clarks.com cc mel.park@clarks.com, 01458 842121

### **Constance Travis Foundation**

The charity operates in locations in England and Wales with a focus on Northamptonshire.

Areas for support (relevant to churches) include:

Care of the vulnerable and sick, community, social mobility, environment, conservation & heritage

Grant potential	Information re Applications
£6,000	
Website	
Contact	Mr Ernest Raymond Anthony Travis, Quinton Rising, Quinton, NN7 2EF, 01604 862296

### **District Councils**

Have been known to offer grants; however since the cuts to social funding, from April 2013 they have not been putting aside any money for community grant schemes. Local Authorities are enabled by the Local Authorities (Historic Building) Act 1962 to contribute grants or loans towards repairs and maintenance of churches. Support from your local councillors is useful.

Contact your Local Authority Planning Department for further information

Grant potential	Information re Applications
Website	
Contact	

### **Dorothy Whitney Elmhirst Trust**

The Trust invites applications for funding from various projects. The Trust appears to have not received much income over the last three years but still distributes grants in the region of £100k each year. The area of support for the Trust is the South West of England with a preference for Somerset. Churches are not specified as a priority group but they have awarded grants to PCCs in the past.

Grant potential	Information re Applications
£1,000	In writing to the Trust
Website	
Contact	The Trustees, PO Box 76, Minehead, TA24 9AR, 07936 384190, nickshattock@hotmail.co.uk

### **Frognall Trust**

The trust supports conservation projects across the UK, including church conservation projects.

Grant potential	Information re Applications
£1,000	Applications should be made in writing. Applicants should be received by February, May, August and November each year for consideration at the trustees' meeting the following month.
Website	
Contact	Peter Fraser, Alexandra House, St Johns Street, Salisbury, Wiltshire, SP1 2SB, sue.hickley@wilsonslaw.com, 01722 427536

### **G F Eyre Charitable Trust**

The Trust support general charitable purposes including 'religion' and heritage projects. The Trust supports organisations across the UK but there is some preference to the South-West of England.

Grant potential	Information re Applications
£3,000	Applications should be in writing and Trustees will consider applications annually.
Website	
Contact	Andrew Richards, Francis Clark Llp, Centenary House, , Peninsula Park, Rydon Lane, Exeter, EX2 7XE, andrew.richards@pkf-francisclark.co.uk, 01392 667000

### **Georgian Group/Cleary Fund**

The Georgian Group gives small grants each year towards Georgian buildings & monuments (1714 - 1837)

Exclusions: Must be a Georgian building or monument. NB - they fund 10 projects a year.

Charity No: 209934

Grant potential	Information re Applications
£250 - £1,000	Applications should be made in writing.
Website	<a href="http://www.georgiangroup.org.uk">www.georgiangroup.org.uk</a>
Contact	020 7529 8920 office@georgiangroup.org.ukDavid MckinstryThe Georgian Group, 6 Fitzroy Square, London, W1T 5DX

### **HDH Wills 1965 Charitable Trust**

The focus of support is the conservation and maintenance for the benefit of the public of the natural environment and its indigenous woodland flora and fauna with particular reference to the conservation and maintenance of the character and amenity of rural areas.

Grant potential	Information re Applications
£1,000-£2,000	Online Application via website preferred. Alternatively a form can be downloaded and emailed/posted.
Website	<a href="https://hdhwills.org/">https://hdhwills.org/</a>
Contact	suetrafford@hdhwills.org

### **Ian M Foulerton Charitable Trust**

The trust supports conservation and heritage projects in general, including churches. The preservation conservation protection and restoration for public benefit of any building of historic architectural artistic or scientific interest and importance. The preservation protection conservation and restoration for public benefit of furniture, pictures, historic records, books, manuscripts. The advancement of the education of the public in buildings of historic architectural interest.

Grant potential	Information re Applications
Between £500-£30,000	Applications should be made in writing,
Website	
Contact	Mr John F Mcevoy (Chair), c/o Irwin Mitchell Llp, Thomas Eggar House, Friary Lane, Chichester, West Sussex, PO19 1UF, foulerton@irwinmitchell.com, 01243 786111

### **Jill Franklin Trust**

The Trust funds repair and restoration (not improvement) of architecturally significant churches (half a page in Pevsner's Buildings or Grade 1 listed).

Exclusions: Does not fund church improvements. Churches need to be Grade I or exceptionally Grade II\* listed. The Trustees look more favourably on a simply & economically prepared appeal, ie no glossy brochures. The church should be open to visitors every day.

Grant potential	Information re Applications
£500 - £1,000	To apply, please complete the online application form.
Website	<a href="http://www.jill-franklin-trust.org.uk">www.jill-franklin-trust.org.uk</a>
Contact	020 7722 4543 <a href="mailto:jft@jill-franklin-trust.org.uk">jft@jill-franklin-trust.org.uk</a> Norman Franklin Jill Franklin Charitable Trust, Flat 5, 17 - 19 Elsworthy Road, London, NW3 3DS

### **John S Cohen Foundation**

One area of focus is to support the built and natural environment, as well as music, the arts and higher education. Will give grants to charities focusing on heritage and conservation.

Grant potential	Information re Applications
£500 - £3,000	Telephone first and then apply in writing.
Website	
Contact	020 7286 6921 Diana Helme PO Box 21277, London, W9 2YH

### **Lennox and Wyfold Foundation**

Education/training; Medical/health/sickness; Disability; Relief of poverty; Overseas/famine relief; Religious activities; Arts/culture; Sports/recreation; Environment/conservation/heritage

Grant potential	Information re Applications
£5,000 - £10,000	Written applications only. No website.
Website	
Contact	Mr G Fincham, Lennox and Wyfold Foundatio, RF Trustee Co Limited, 15 Suffolk Street, London, SW1Y 4HG, 020 3696 6721

### **Leonard Laity Stoaite Trust**

Less concerned if work started. Core area South West of England. Support is given to all charitable causes but have a special interest in Methodism / Medical and Disablement / The Disadvantaged / Youth and Children / Other Churches / Community Projects / The Environment

Grant potential	Information re Applications
Between £100 - £2,000, typical grants are £500 - £1,000	Applications should be in writing; neither telephone nor e-mail applications will be entertained.
Website	<a href="http://www.stoaite-charity.org.uk">www.stoaite-charity.org.uk</a>
Contact	The Leonard Laity Stoaite Charitable Trust, 41 Tower Hill, Williton, Taunton, TA4 4JR

### **Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme (LPWGS)**

LPOWGS give grants that cover the VAT incurred in making repairs, maintenance and alterations to listed places of worship.

The application form can be completed by hand and posted along with other documentation, or completed online, or emailed with electronic copies of any supporting documentation.

See website for updated list on Eligibility Criteria. Must be a listed place of worship.

Grant potential	Information re Applications
Maximum potential is full VAT rate (20%) on eligible expenditure.	Application Form available to download from the funder's website.
Website	<a href="http://www.lpwscheme.org.uk">www.lpwscheme.org.uk</a>
Contact	0845 013 6601 dcms@topmarkadjusters.co.uk Topmark (LPOW), 160 Bath Street, Glasgow, G2 4TB

### **Lord Barnby Foundation**

The trust supports a wide range of projects, including religious projects across the UK. Grants are available for the advancement of health or saving of lives, disability, the prevention or relief of poverty, environment, conservation and heritage.

Grant potential	Information re Applications
£1,000 - £5,000	Applications should be made in writing and include a brief description of the organisation and project plus a copy of the organisation's most recent accounts.
Website	
Contact	The Lord Barnby Foundation, PO Box 442, Market Drayton, TF9 9EQ, lordbarnbyfoundation@gmail.com, 07835 441168

### **National Churches Trust: Cornerstone Grants**

National Churches Trust has changed its grant programmes in line with the new Building Resilience Strategy for 2019 - 2023 and now offers three grant streams.

The Cornerstone Grant Programme supports the conservation and sustainable use of church buildings, focusing on larger and more complex projects. Grants are offered towards the cost of urgent structural repair projects costed at more than £100,000 including VAT. The Trust will also consider projects that introduce kitchens and accessible toilets to enable increased community use, costed at more than £30,000 including VAT.

Grants are awarded to represent a maximum of 50% of the project cost.

Will not fund bells, clocks, organs, internal furnishings, fixtures and fittings, monument restoration, heating, lighting or re-orderings (except for loo/servery installations as part of widening engagement).

Grant potential	Information re Applications
Grants of between £10,000 and £50,000 are available	Applications are accepted from listed and unlisted Christian places of worship, of any denomination, across the UK. The Trust particularly encourages applications from priority areas ie North East England, Northern Ireland and Wales, although applications from other areas are also welcomed. Guidance notes and an online application form can be found on the Trust's website.
Website	<a href="https://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/cornerstonegrants">https://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/cornerstonegrants</a>
Contact	Enquiries, The National Churches Trust, 7 Tufton Street, London, SW1P 3QB, grants@nationalchurchestrust.org, 020 7222 0605

### **National Churches Trust: Gateway Grants**

Grants are available to listed and unlisted Christian places towards developing a church building project. This can include churches, chapels and meeting houses. Applications are expected from listed and unlisted Christian places of worship, of any denomination, across the UK. The Trust particularly encourages applications from priority areas, ie North East England, Northern Ireland and Wales, although applications from other areas are also welcome.

The Gateway Grant Programme also offers grants to local church trusts to fund projects that support organisational development, increase their capacity to churches in their area or that deliver new ways of supporting churches in their area.

Grant potential	Information re Applications
Grants of between £3,000 and £10,000 are available	
Website	<a href="https://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/gatewaygrants">https://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/gatewaygrants</a>
Contact	Enquiries, The National Churches Trust, 7 Tufton Street, London, SW1P 3QB, grants@nationalchurchestrust.org, 020 7222 0605

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## National Churches Trust: Wolfson Grants

The Wolfson Foundation funds are now administered by The National Churches Trust.

The Wolfson Fabric Repairs grants programme supports fabric repairs for Grade I and II\* (England), A and B+ (Northern Ireland) listed Anglican church buildings throughout the United Kingdom. £400,000 per year is awarded to projects, including urgent roof repairs, improving rainwater goods, drainage works, and wall repairs. In 2019, awards were given to 79 parishes.

The Fund supports essential fabric repairs in architecturally or historically significant Anglican churches in the UK.

Anglican churches in the UK are eligible to apply. The church must be listed either Grade I or Grade II\* in England, Scotland and Wales, or Grade A or B+ in Northern Ireland. The following criteria are considered when awarding grants:-

- Significance of the building.
- Urgency of the proposed works.
- Need for the works (e.g. Category A or B works in the most recent Quinquennial Inspection report).
- Appropriateness of the proposals.
- Financial need of the parish.

Funding is available for urgent fabric repairs. These tend to be repairs that are Category A or B recommendations in Quinquennial Inspection reports. This includes:

- Roof repairs (including repairs due to theft).
- Masonry repairs.
- Rainwater disposal and drainage.
- Floorwork.

50% of the required funding needs to have been secured as actual or pledged grants prior to application.

The church must not have received a grant from the Wolfson Foundation in the previous five years. Funding is not available for: Installation of facilities (eg WCs or access improvements); Renewal of heating & lighting; Any Category D (or lower) recommendation arising from a Quinquennial Inspection report; Professional fees; VAT recovery.

Grant potential	Information re Applications
Up to £100,000 via Gateway Grants; over 100,000 via Foundation Grants	The move to the National Churches Trust will result in a simplified funding application process for fabric repairs. Parishes will be able to submit one application form and be considered for up to two fabric repair grants. This will reduce form filling for the parishes. There will also only be one reporting and claims process for the two grants, again reducing the burden of paperwork on parishes.
Website	<a href="https://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/our-grants/wolfson-grants">https://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/our-grants/wolfson-grants</a>
Contact	Enquiries, The National Churches Trust, 7 Tufton Street, London, SW1P 3QB, grants@nationalchurchestrust.org, 020 7222 0605



## **National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF)**

The Heritage Fund provides grants to fund a broad range of projects that connect people and communities to the national, regional and local heritage of the UK.

The fund is operating revised eligibility criteria until March 2023 so please check their website to ensure your project can fit before submitting a project enquiry. Beyond March 2023 revised criteria will be applied. As always their key criteria must be met - Engaging a wider range of people with heritage.

Usually NLHF will support a broad range of heritage projects relating to:-

- Nature - anything that connects people to nature and the natural world
- Natural and designed landscapes - landscapes are areas of ground which could be urban or rural in nature, and might include parks, or industrial sites that have been left
- Oral histories - such as voice recordings of people's stories of times gone by
- Cultural traditions - Exploring the history of different cultures through storytelling, or things that you do as part of your community. This could be anything from dance and theatre, to food or clothing.
- Community archaeology - digs that lots of people can take part in
- Historic buildings, monuments and environments - from houses and mills, to caves and gardens. Areas that are connected to history.
- Collections - collections of objects, books or documents in museums, libraries or archives
- Historic events - histories of people and communities or places and events
- Languages - the heritage of languages and dialects
- industrial, maritime and transport - this might be places and objects linked to our industrial, maritime and transport history

Applications require QI less than two years old, priority roof/high level works, building has to be listed, works need to be undertaken within two years of the date of the report, need strong community outcomes – involve school & community.

Projects can be in development for up to two years and delivered in up to five years.

The funding is available to both not-for-profit organisation (such as charities, community groups and local authorities, and faith based or church organisations, etc) and partnerships led by not-for-profit organisations. To be eligible applicants must contribute at least 5% of their project costs for grants up to £1million and at least 10% for grants of £1million or more.

Grant potential	Information re Applications
£3,000 - £10,000; £10,000 - £250,000; £250,000 - £5million	Applicants will need to use the Heritage Fund online portal. All applicants for a grant above £250,000 need to complete a short Expression of Interest (EOI) form. The Heritage Fund will use the information to decide whether or not to invite the applicant to submit a development phase application.

Website [www.heritagefund.org.uk/funding/](http://www.heritagefund.org.uk/funding/)

Contact

## **Pilgrim Trust**

The trust supports the preservation and conservation of historic buildings. These grants are covered under their "Preservation & Scholarship Fund". Churches are eligible whether they are registered charities or exempt from registration. The trust operate a two stage application process so aim to capture their interest with the initial stage one application.

Grant potential	Information re Applications
£15,000	An application form is available to download from the website.

Website [www.thepilgrimtrust.org.uk](http://www.thepilgrimtrust.org.uk)

Contact Sir Mark Jones (Chair), 3rd Floor, Ebury Gate, 23 Lower Belgrave Street, , London, SW1W 0NR,  
info@thepilgrimtrust.org.uk, 020 7834 6510

### **Roger and Sarah Bancroft Clark Charitable Trust**

The trust supports religious projects in Somerset and does support churches with fabric repair needs. Be clear about how any repairs or other capital works will increase or improve the way the church engages in mission with its community.

If your project/church is based in an area close to a current or previous Clarks factory or office (not shop) and/or you have Clarks employees living in your area then you may be better approaching the Clark's Foundation instead.

Grant potential	Information re Applications
£5,000	Applications should be made in writing/email to Mrs Mel Park (see contact info)
Website	
Contact	The Trustees, Box 1, 40 High Street, Street, BA16 0EQ, trustgrants@clarks.com cc mel.park@clarks.com, 01458 842121

### **Rowan Bentall Charitable Trust**

They prefer causes and organisations in the south of England.

Grant potential	Information re Applications
£3,000	Applications should be sent in writing to the correspondent.
Website	
Contact	The Trustees, Trustee Department, 1st Floor, Trinity Quay 1, Avon Street, Bristol, BS2 0PT, 0345 304 2424

### **Somerset Churches Trust**

The trust offers grants to help cover repairs to the main fabric of Somerset churches (including walls, roof, windows, floor and drainage) and help with improvements and alterations to facilities and access to allow greater community use.

Applicants who are not already members of the trust must become members for at least three years in order for a grant to be paid.

Do not fund basic maintenance, bells, ornaments, lighting, heating, organs, boundary walls, churchyard maintenance. Previous grant recipients cannot apply within 3 years from the date on which a grant award has previously been paid.

Grant potential	Information re Applications
Up to £5,000 but average grants are usually between £1,500 - £2,000	An application form is available to download from the website. Deadline for applications is 27/05/22 for consideration at July trustees meeting.
Website	<a href="http://www.somersetchurchestrust.org">www.somersetchurchestrust.org</a>
Contact	Dr Axel Anthony Palmer (Chair), 52 Purlwont Drive, Bath, BA1 4AZ, somersetchurchestrust@gmail.com, 07747 630421

### **The Carpenter Charitable Trust**

Grants are available for a wide range of charitable purposes: · The advancement of health or saving of lives · The prevention or relief of poverty · Overseas aid/famine relief · Religious activities · Environment/conservation/heritage.

Grant potential	Information re Applications
Grant potential: At the trustees' discretion, but less than £5,000.	Apply In writing.
Website	
Contact	The Carpenter Charitable Trust, 1 Codicote Road, Welwyn, AL6 9LY, michael.carpenter4@btinternet.com, 01438 718439