

Grant Making Sources

RLC50 - For Building Conservation Projects up to £50k

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	www.benefacttrust.co.uk
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

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

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	https://hdhwills.org/
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	www.jill-franklin-trust.org.uk
Contact	020 7722 4543 jft@jill-franklin-trust.org.uk Norman Franklin Jill Franklin Charitable Trust, Flat 5, 17 - 19 Elsworthy Road, London, NW3 3DS

Leonard Laity Stoate 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	www.stoate-charity.org.uk
Contact	The Leonard Laity Stoate 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	www.lpwscheme.org.uk
Contact	0845 013 6601 dcms@topmarkadjusters.co.uk Topmark (LPOW), 160 Bath Street, Glasgow, G2 4TB

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	https://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/cornerstonegrants
Contact	Enquiries, The National Churches Trust, 7 Tufton Street, London, SW1P 3QB, grants@nationalchurchestrust.org, 020 7222 0605

National Churches Trust: Foundation Grants

This programme, in partnership with The Pilgrim Trust can award grants towards urgent maintenance works (identified as high priority within a recent Quinquennial Inspection Report or surveys/small investigative works costing up to £10,000 and will cover no more than 50% of costs. The other 50% (at least) must have already been raised before applying.

Applications are accepted from listed and unlisted Christian places of worship, of any denomination and throughout the UK, but particularly from those in priority areas ie North East England, Northern Ireland and Wales.

For anglican churches the trust expects that the works will require at least List B permissions, and 2 quotes must be in place for each element of the work.

Will only fund repairs to the building and not fixtures, fittings, decoration etc. Stained glass windows are only eligible if there is an urgent need to repair the window structure.

Grant potential	Information re Applications
Grants of between £500 and £5,000 are available	Apply online via their website. Rolling fund open to applications until Oct 22. Decisions are given within 6 weeks of application.

Website	https://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/foundationgrants
Contact	Enquiries, The National Churches Trust, 7 Tufton Street, London, SW1P 3QB, grants@nationalchurchestrust.org, 020 7222 0605

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

Rank Foundation

Most of the funds are allocated to pro-active grant programmes, however they do run a small grants programme, called the Pebble Grants for capital projects (building work, refurbishment or the purchase of long-term equipment) or a one-off short term activity (such as an annual respite break or holiday for disadvantaged young people) can apply for funding through the Rank Foundation – Pebble Grants programme. To be eligible to apply the total project cost must be less than £150,000, the organisation must have an annual income of less than £500,000 and the organisation applying must already have raised a third of the total costs.

Grant potential	Information re Applications
£250 to £4,000	Online application through the website. Organisations can only apply once every 12 months regardless of the outcome of their application.
Website	https://rankfoundation.com/pebble-grants/
Contact	pebbles@rankfoundation.com, 12 Warwick Square, London, SW1V 2AA

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.

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£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

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 www.somersetchurchestrust.org

Contact Dr Axel Anthony Palmer (Chair), 52 Purlewent 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