



ALLCHURCHES TRUST LIMITED[®]
OWNERS OF ECCLESIASTICAL INSURANCE GROUP

GRANT GIVING POLICY

BENEFITING CHRISTIAN CHURCHES, CHARITIES, AND THEIR COMMUNITIES

Our purposes are:

- to promote the Christian religion; and
- to contribute to the funds of any charitable institutions, associations, funds or objects and to carry out any charitable purpose; in general, charitable projects should have a Christian foundation.

What we support

We do not like to be prescriptive; we have found that organisations approach their work with enormous imagination. However, we know that applicants welcome general guidance so it might help to know that we particularly welcome applications from less well-off parishes and for projects that benefit mission and help local communities. We have always welcomed applications from all Christian churches and charities and have supported projects run by, among others, the Church of Scotland, the Church in Wales, the Church of Ireland, the Baptist church, Methodist church, United Reformed Church and the Society of Friends. Churches seeking funding should be part of Churches Together in England (CTE), Action of Churches Together in Scotland (ACTS), Churches Together in Wales (Cytun) or the Irish Council of Churches.

We have responded to appeals for building and restoration projects including the repair of church fabric; the preservation of UK heritage buildings; and establishing community initiatives – a broad description for perhaps the most diverse range of projects many of which reflect changes in society. We have provided grants to programmes that encourage the training and development of lay and ordained people, and that enable evangelism and church growth. We have also supported charities such as hospices, schools and trusts. Our website, annual reports and annual reviews include reports of recent grants which illustrate the huge variety of schemes we have supported.

We like to assist in areas of greatest need. We especially favour projects that show vision, illustrate enthusiastic support and demonstrate financial sustainability.

What we do not support

The following will only be supported in exceptional circumstances:

- charities with a political association
- national charities
- individuals or causes that will benefit only one person such as student grants and bursaries
- appeals for running costs or salaries
- healthcare though hospices can apply for funding towards the provision of chapel and chaplaincy space
- work that is primarily the responsibility of statutory authorities including residential, respite, day care and housing provision
- animal welfare, zoos, captive breeding or animal rescue centres
- retrospective grants although we may be prepared to consider applications for work already done which was urgent (such as essential emergency roof repairs) or for major capital projects (where work has started before all funding has been raised)
- more than one appeal from the same applicant within a 24 month period.

Size of grants

Most of our grants are now between £1,000 and £5,000 but we do make larger grants. We take into account the amount raised towards a project as well as the project's objectives and the extent of deprivation in the community concerned. In 2015, we made 1,340 grants of which 912 were small grants (up to £3,000) and 224 were larger (more than £3,000).

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