

The Aldhelm Mission Fund supports new mission initiatives in parishes, schools and the wider community in the Diocese of Salisbury. The Fund is intended specifically to encourage and resource creative thinking and risk-taking about new work and projects and to provide at least some of the resources needed to try different ways of mission in the spirit of St Aldhelm as part of the diocesan Mission Strategy. It is a designated fund of the Salisbury Diocesan Board of Finance and is administered under the authority of the Bishop's Council by the Aldhelm Mission Fund Group.

Scope of the Fund

- Money may be used to fund or part-fund mission-related projects, including posts that involve new initiatives. The emphasis is on new, rather than ongoing activities, and in particular, work that connects the Church to the wider community for the purpose of proclaiming the gospel.
- The money will be primarily for initiating projects. The Aldhelm Mission Fund Group will want to be sure that the projects have built into them strategies to sustain them into the longer term, or appropriate exit strategies for the project.
- The Fund will not support building projects, administrative or parochial youth worker posts.
- Funding will not be provided for more than three years on any specific project.
- Funding will not be provided for projects that have already begun.

Criteria

- Applications must be sponsored by a parish or deanery within the Diocese of Salisbury.
- The work must be new, either in a new area, new work or a new phase of work.
- There must be a focus on outreach and service to the wider community.
- There must be a clear aim and an indication of how the work will be sustained.
- The project must have some measurable outcomes and help foster growth.
- There must be evidence of working with partners e.g. ecumenical and community and, wherever possible, funds from other sources will have been sought.
- There must be a project group to oversee the project.

Process

- Any one individual or group of people within the Diocese of Salisbury may make application to the Fund. However, applications must be sponsored by the local parish and normally be supported by the deanery.
- **You are strongly advised to consult about a proposed project before making a formal application.** Initial enquiries should be made to the Secretary, who can advise on the criteria and process. He can then inform one of the AMF Group Advisors who can help advise on prospective projects and the application itself. Contact details are given overleaf.
- Should you decide to make an application, you should advise your Rural Dean or Lay Chair, as well as your Archdeacon, as they will need to endorse your application.
- Applications should be made electronically using the appropriate form. **Form A should be used for funding applications up to £500 in total. All other applications should be made using Form B.**
- When an application has been received, a member of the Group may contact the sponsor to ensure that there is sufficient information on which to base a decision on funding.
- Funds are typically granted annually and a report is required by the Group each year. The Group may also nominate one of its members to act as a liaison person for the project.

Other Sources of Funding – can be found on the Diocesan website at the following link:
<http://www.salisbury.anglican.org/parishes/stewardship/>

Closing dates for applications (with dates of AMF meetings) **are:**

2019: 8 February (meeting 26 February), **24 June** (meeting 11 July), **25 October** (meeting 13 November).

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