



Foundation Grants

Repairs and Renovations

The National Churches Trust has made a temporary change to its Foundation Grant for Maintenance Grant Programme.

For the remainder of this year only, the Trust will only accept applications for maintenance projects at places of worship costing up to £20,000 excluding VAT, and will award grants of up to 50% not exceeding £10,000.

The next deadline will be 26 September for a decision in November. Find out more on the [NCT website](#).

Please share this news with PCCs and fundraising bodies such as Friends Groups.

If a church is securing quotes via the [MaintenanceBooker service](#) (which now includes high level works, masonry and repointing), then they may be able to consider a grant application outside of the deadline dates, whilst funds last, but no later than 2 December 2019.

In other grants news - there is one more round this year of Gateway Grants to support the early stages of Project Development – deadline on 12 September for a November decision.

The Trust's grant schemes help in the funding of church maintenance or repair projects, such as installing a toilet or kitchen to improve community facilities, or seeking early stage funding (such as for a feasibility report) for your place of worship.

There are 3 types of grants:

1. CORNERSTONE GRANTS.

These fund urgent structural fabric repairs identified in a recent Quinquennial Inspection Report or fabric survey report, and costed at over £100,000 including VAT and fees, and also projects that include the installation of kitchens and toilets costed at over £30,000 including VAT and fees.

Cornerstone grants are between £10,000 and £50,000 but they may also make some smaller awards.

2. GATEWAY GRANTS.

These fund project development and investigative work up to the RIBA planning stage 1, helping churches prepare for a major project and to gather together the documents required in order to make an application to a major grant funder. Also funds strategic or capacity building projects at local church trusts. Gateway grants are between £3,000 and £10,000.

3. FOUNDATION GRANTS.

These are for a limited time and the Trust will only accept applications for projects costing up to £20,000 (excluding VAT), along with urgent maintenance works and items identified as high priority within a recent Quinquennial Inspection Report or survey report. They will also help with small investigative works and surveys. Foundation grants are, for a limited time only, up to £10,000.