Maintenance & Funding
Northern Ireland March 2019
For people who love church buildings

Funding for your Church
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Grants 2015 - 2017

- 1200 applications – year on year rise
- 528 grants awarded
- Over £4 million distributed
- 24% average success rate for Repair and Community grants – i.e. 1 in 4
- Average Repair grants: £17,000
- Average Community grants: £10,700
- 7 Funding Programmes
- Open to all denominations but....

THE THREE GOALS

- Preserving Heritage
- Promoting Sustainability
- Inspiring Support
THE NEW GRANT PROGRAMMES

• Foundation Grants
• Gateway Grants
• Cornerstone Grants

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FOUNDATION GRANTS

• Grants of between £500 and £3,000
• Simpler application form
• Quicker turnaround
• Urgent maintenance works
• Small Investigative works and surveys
• Value of works upto £10,000
• Offers valid for 1 year
• Next deadline 12 May 2019

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GATEWAY GRANTS

- Grants of between £3,000 and £10,000
- Project development work up to RIBA stage 1
- Consultation and investigative work
- Offers valid for 1 year
- Next deadline 9 May

CORNERSTONE GRANTS

- Grants of between £10,000 and £50,000
- Urgent structural repairs over £100,000
- Installation of toilets and kitchens over £30,000
- Offers valid for 2 years
- Next deadline 1 July 2019
HOW TO APPLY

• Must be a Christian Place of Worship
• Must be open
• Open to Listed and Unlisted buildings
• Must have raised 50% costs
• Work must be to the church building
• Work must not have started
• Must have quotes in place
• Must have permissions in place

Scoring criteria

• Heritage
• Need
• Case for investment
• Risk management & Project planning
• Heritage & Community impact

Outcomes

• Preserving Heritage
• Promoting Sustainability
• Inspiring Support
OTHER SOURCES

• The National Lottery Heritage Fund
• Allchurches Trust
• Garfield Weston
• Local Trusts
• Funder Finder
• It’s not just about grants

THE DOs and DONTs

Fundraising for your church

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FUNDING IS SIMPLE!

- Lead with the Need
- What are you going to do about it
- What difference does it make

EARLY STAGES

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<td>Community Consultation</td>
<td>Chase the Money</td>
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<td>Consider phasing</td>
<td>Ignore permissions</td>
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### Finding Funding

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<th><strong>DO</strong></th>
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<td>Talk to other churches</td>
<td>Forget to look internally</td>
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<td>Check out online directories</td>
<td>Underestimate local fundraising</td>
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### Identifying Funders

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<td>Read the Criteria</td>
<td>Just write a letter</td>
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<td>Identify the right programme</td>
<td>Blanket approach all funders</td>
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<td>Check the submission deadlines</td>
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<td>Approach them in advance</td>
<td>Just Whack an Application...</td>
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<td>Ask Questions</td>
<td>Ignore any training opportunities</td>
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<td>Read the Guidance Notes</td>
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<td>Sell yourself and your location</td>
<td>Do it on your own</td>
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<td>Use bullet points and headings</td>
<td>Rush it</td>
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<td>Think numbers and be specific</td>
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<td>Include attachments and photos</td>
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<td>Remember the before and after (outcomes)</td>
<td>Do it on your own</td>
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<td>Put your application aside for a few days</td>
<td>Start work before the funding</td>
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# DECISIONS AND BEYOND

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<td>Celebrate the successes</td>
<td>Be despondent if you are rejected – it's not personal</td>
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<td>Ask for feedback</td>
<td>Forget to take a step back and review what you have achieved</td>
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<td>Tell the Funder if anything changes</td>
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THE TAKEAWAYS

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<td>Take it seriously and invest time in it</td>
<td>Underestimate the amount of time it can take</td>
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<td>Approach several funders</td>
<td>Forget that funders can (and do) checkout applicants online</td>
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<td>Share what you have learnt</td>
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Any questions?

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