Grants and Support for Churches

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Tales from the Crypt Project

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The National Churches Trust

The national, independent, non-profit organisation promoting and supporting church buildings of historic, architectural and community value across the UK.

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Grant programmes 2019-’23

**Preventative Maintenance Micro Grants** Awards of up to £500
- Towards small services booked on MaintenanceBooker

**Foundation Grants** Awards of £500 to £5,000
- Maintenance and repair projects up to £10,000

**Gateway Grants** Awards of £3,000 to £10,000
- Project development up to RIBA Stage 1
- Supporting local churches trusts
- Essential repairs costing £10,000 to £100,000

**Cornerstone Grants** Awards of £10,000 to £50,000
- Urgent structural repairs costing over £100,000
- New facilities (kitchens & toilets) over £30,000

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Eligibility

✓ Located in the UK

✓ Originally built as a place of worship (over 30 years ago) and open for regular public worship

✓ Work not yet started

✓ At least **50% funds** raised

✓ Open at least **100 days** per year – or within 1 year of completion

✓ Leading qualified professional with conservation accreditation if listed

✓ Necessary permissions and multiple quotes in place

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Foundation Grants – for maintenance

- Awards of £500 to £5,000
- Maintenance and repair projects up to £10,000
- E.g. small roof repairs, repointing, repairs to rainwater goods
- Work identified in recent QI/survey report
- 2 quotes and 50%
- Permissions
- Support from lead professional (CA)
- Maintenance plan
- Rolling decisions
Monmouth Methodist Church,
Monmouthshire, Wales

➢ £3,000 Maintenance (Foundation) Grant, July 2019
➢ Total project cost £6,459
Gateway Grants – Project Development

- Awards of between £3,000 and £10,000
- Project development up to RIBA Stage 1
- E.g. feasibility studies, option appraisals, detailed reports to better understand an issue
- 2 quotes and 50% funds for this element
- Support from lead professional (CA)
- 3 decision rounds

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Gateway Grants - repairs

- Awards of between £5,000 and £10,000
- Essential fabric repairs costing £10,000 to £100,000
- Work identified in recent QI/survey report as priority
- 2 quotes and 50% funds in place
- Permissions
- Conservation accredited lead professional
- 3 decision rounds
Cornerstone Grants

- Awards of between £10,000 and £50,000
- Urgent structural repairs costing over £100,000
- New facilities (kitchens & toilets) over £30,000
- 2 quotes and 50%
- Permissions
- Conservation Accredited Professional if church is listed

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St Julietta, Lanteglos by Camelford, Cornwall

➢ £40,000 Repair Grant, March 2018
➢ Total project cost £413,000

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Scoring Criteria

➢ Heritage
➢ Need
➢ Case for investment
➢ Risk management & Project planning
➢ Heritage & Community impact (incremental for programmes)

Priority areas: North East, Wales, N. Ireland

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Our Grant Outcomes

Preserving Heritage
- Building will be in better condition
- Building will be better managed
- Building / heritage will be better understood

Promoting Sustainability
- Building will be more suitable for wider community uses
- Building / organisation will be more secure for the future
- Problems will be diagnosed and / or projects well planned

Inspiring Support
- Church will engage with more people
- Increased opportunity for volunteering
- Place of worship will be more financially viable

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Top tips

• Read the guidance note before applying
• Supply all documents requested
• Meet any deadlines

In your answers, let us know:

• Why your project is essential and why you need our support
• How the project is well planned, viable, sustainable
• How your community is engaged
• The benefits and impacts of your project
Other Funders and the Wolfson Foundation

- Essential fabric repairs for:
  - Grade I or II* listed buildings

- Up to £10,000 additional grant – still enter via Gateway or Cornerstone

- We recommend to several other funders too
## Upcoming 2020 Grant Deadlines

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