



The Diocese of  
**Southwark**

**Woolwich Episcopal Area**

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Dear friends,

### **Area Mission Money 2025**

We are pleased to inform you that we have again been allocated funds from the Area Mission to support the work of mission in the Woolwich Episcopal Area, and therefore, there is the opportunity to apply for small grants which will support new and innovative projects that will enhance parish mission in your community.

We will prioritise applications for funding for projects which directly engage missionally with people outside the church and especially which engage the priorities of Southwark Vision (see below). We will consider applications which improve the welcome and facilities for worship eg sound and overhead systems where there is clear missional intent for these but these will have a lower priority (and possibly funding level).

Our first priority in the new [Southwark Vision - The Diocese of Southwark](#) is that we value all our parishes, and this means that we seek to equip and resource mission and ministry in the rich diversity of our many contexts. And these grants that we offer are an important part of that support.

Grants will be for up to £5,000. Woolwich Episcopal Area grant applications must be submitted on the enclosed application form with any necessary supporting documentation.

Please explain how your initiative picks up one or more of the themes of Southwark Vision as we seek to develop lay ministry, to become younger and more diverse and to reach the communities, for example the estates, which are poorly represented in our parishes.

We will also be encouraging area deans to have discussions with colleagues about how we work together. And we will be particularly keen to support projects which will have a greater impact because resources are shared.

As before, please be as clear as possible in explaining what the grant will be used for and the impact that you hope it will have. Please also ensure that you have the support of your PCC, area dean, and deanery lay chair. In general, we do not see this grant as appropriate for salary costs though we are prepared in some circumstances to provide a contribution to seed-corn funding for the first year of a project.

Grants are not usually given for ongoing funding of existing missional activities nor are they for maintenance of church activities or buildings. For buildings, contact us directly.


There is no particular deadline for applications, and we consider them on a monthly basis but of course the available resources are limited and may run out!

Please feel free to discuss your application with us and then please send it to the Bishop's PA [Tracey.Mardles@southwark.anglican.org](mailto:Tracey.Mardles@southwark.anglican.org)

Unfortunately, we are not always in a position to fund every application in full, however there is a good range of other sources of potential funding for projects. We would encourage you to visit: <https://southwark.anglican.org/support/for-our-churches/grants/>

With good wishes and thanks for your partnership in the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Yours sincerely



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