



Croydon Episcopal Area Mission Grant Scheme 2026

Guidelines for applying Croydon Episcopal Area - Mission Grant Guidance

Initiatives will be considered that address the two key themes:

1. **Evangelism:** To identify initiatives that will develop an innovative approach to evangelistic outreach and especially to Fresh Expressions of Church
2. **Social Outreach:** To identify initiatives that will seek to meet issues of social exclusion.

Decisions about the allocation of funds will be taken by the Grants Committee:

- The Rt. Revd Dr Rosemarie Mallett
- Ven Greg Prior, Archdeacon of Croydon
- Ven Dr Geoff Dumbreck, Archdeacon of Reigate

Applications must be submitted by Monday 6 April 2026 at 5pm

1. Applicant Body

Applications will be considered from parishes and groups working within the **Croydon Episcopal Area** of the Diocese of Southwark, including:

- PCCs and Deaneries
- Groups of churches
- Other church-based or church-associated projects
 - *Note: Applications for parish-associated or outreach projects must be submitted by the parish, and all funds must be received through the parish.*

2. Contact Person

A named contact is required—preferably someone who is available during the day and with an email address.

3. Amount of Grant Requested

Grants are available up to a maximum of **£1,500**. The proportion of the overall project cost covered by the grant may vary.

4. Purpose of Grant

Please provide a **one-line summary** of your project within the application form, supported by an accompanying letter (up to 750 words) giving full details.

All applications must demonstrate:

- i. That the project meets one of the two general criteria
- ii. That a specific opportunity is being addressed
- iii. The expected outcome of receiving a grant and how it will enhance the mission and ministry of the church or group
- iv. How the initiative fits into an overall mission strategy and aligns with the parish



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v. A full breakdown of costs (e.g., salaries, materials, venue hire, equipment)

Typical Applications

A wide range of projects have been funded in recent years. Projects that are innovative, imaginative, or that considered Fresh Expressions of Church are particularly welcomed.

Social outreach projects will be considered; however, applicants must show how the work forms part of a broader mission strategy addressing social inclusion.

Applications for building works are unlikely to be successful unless the improvements can be shown to have a direct impact on the mission of the church. Please be aware that such alterations may require DAC consultation and potentially a faculty, and this must be factored into the project's timeline.

5. Endorsements

- Parish applications must be endorsed by the PCC
 - Deanery applications must be endorsed by the Deanery Synod
 - Other projects must be endorsed by the sponsoring body *and* the PCC of the relevant parish
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6. Requirements

- All grant recipients must submit a brief evaluation report by the deadline on **30 November 2026**.

Projects that have not submitted an evaluation will be ineligible to apply in the following year.