



Croydon Episcopal Area Mission Grant Scheme 2023

Guidelines for Submitting an Application

Initiatives will be considered that address the two key themes, in order of priority:

- **Evangelism:** To identify initiatives that will develop an innovative approach to evangelistic outreach and especially to Fresh Expressions of Church
- **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 which consists of:

- Ven. Greg Prior, Archdeacon of Croydon
- Ven. Moira Astin, Archdeacon of Reigate

Applications must be submitted by Wednesday, 19 April 2023.

Assessment meetings will follow during the month and successful projects will be informed after that date.

Please use these guidelines when submitting your application.

NB Mission Funding is allocated by the Allchurches Trust on an annual basis and there is no guarantee that it will be made available again the following year. No application should be made which would require continuation funding from the same source.

1. Applicant body

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

- PCCs and Deaneries
- Groups of churches
- Other church-based or associated projects (the grant application must come from the parish for a parish associated or outreach project and therefore the funds must be received by the parish)

2. Contact person

We need a named contact, preferably someone who is available during the day, and ideally with an email address.

3. Amount of grant requested

Grants will typically range up to a maximum of £5,000. The proportion of a project funded by a grant may vary. Where an application has been made over a number of years for the part support of a church-based worker we will ask whether any alternative sources of funding have been considered.

4. Purpose of grant

Please give a one line summary within your application and attach an accompanying letter of no more than 750 words giving full details of your application

All applications must demonstrate the following:

- i) That the project meets one of the two general criteria
- ii) That a specific opportunity is being addressed
- iii) What the outcome of a grant being allocated would be and how it will enhance the mission of the ministry of the church or group.



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- iv) How this initiative fits into an overall mission strategy and to the parish MAP.
- v) A breakdown of costs, i.e., salaries, materials, refreshments, etc.

Typical Applications

A wide range of projects have been funded in recent years. Projects which are innovative, imaginative and might be considered as 'fresh expressions' of church will be welcomed. Social projects which merely distribute funds or goods to those in particular need may still be funded but evidence will be required that this is part of a more general aim to address issues of social inclusion as part of a mission strategy.

It remains the case that applications for building works are unlikely to be successful except in cases where improvements can be shown to have a direct effect on the mission of the church. Please note, however, that any such alterations will almost certainly require DAC consultation and perhaps a faculty and the timescale for this should be considered in the application.

5. Budget

Please ensure that your application includes a complete summary/itemisation of costs to the amount applied for. Applications that do not include this information will not be considered.

6. 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.

7. Requirements

- All recipients of grants will be asked to give a brief evaluation report at the end of the project or nine months after receiving the grant. Bodies which have not submitted an evaluation are ineligible to apply in the subsequent year.
- It is expected that parishes applying for mission money will be up-to-date with their Fairer Shares contribution.
- All applications must be accompanied by a budget to include a breakdown of costs, i.e. salaries, materials, refreshments, etc.