



# GRANT PROGRAMMES

2019 – 2023



*For people who love church buildings*



St Catherine's church, Temple, Cornwall



St Arvan's church, Monmouthshire

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**If you need funding for a church maintenance or repair project, want to install a toilet or kitchen to improve community facilities, or are seeking early stage funding (such as for a feasibility report) for your place of worship, then the National Churches Trust grant schemes could help you.**

## CORNERSTONE GRANTS

The programme funds two types of work.

- Urgent structural fabric repairs identified in a recent Quinquennial Inspection Report or fabric survey report, and costed at over £100,000 including VAT and fees.
- Projects that include the installation of kitchens and toilets costed at over £30,000 including VAT and fees.

Cornerstone grants are between £10,000 and £50,000 but we may also make some smaller awards.

[www.nationalchurchestrust.org/cornerstonegrants](http://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/cornerstonegrants)



## GATEWAY GRANTS

The programme funds two types of work.

- Project development and investigative work up to the RIBA planning stage 1, helping churches prepare for a major project and to gather together the documents required in order to make an application to a major grant funder.
- Strategic or capacity building projects at local church trusts.

Gateway grants are between £3,000 and £10,000.

[www.nationalchurchestrust.org/gatewaygrants](http://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/gatewaygrants)



## FOUNDATION GRANTS

The programme funds two types of work (costed at up to £10,000 excluding VAT).

- Urgent maintenance works and items identified as high priority within a recent Quinquennial Inspection Report or survey report.
- Small investigative works and surveys.

Foundation grants are between £500 and £3,000.

[www.nationalchurchestrust.org/foundationgrants](http://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/foundationgrants)



All of our programmes are open to churches, chapels and meeting houses of all Christian denominations in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland that are open for worship at least six days per year, and that are open to the public beyond worship for at least 100 days per year. The North East of England, Northern Ireland and Wales have been identified as priority areas.

# HOW TO APPLY

Applications must be made online on our website at [www.nationalchurchestrust.org/our-grants](http://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/our-grants) where you can find the most up to date information, including deadline dates and detailed guidance notes.

**An eligibility quiz must be successfully completed online before filling in any of our application forms.**

## **Eligibility criteria include:**

1. The building must be a Christian place of worship (but not a cathedral) located within the UK and originally built as a place of worship more than 30 years ago. The building must be open for public worship at least six days per year.
2. Applicants must have raised at least 50% of the project costs at the point of application. Grant awards will never exceed 50%.
3. Work must be to the church building itself or an attached hall, not a separate structure.
4. Work must not have started before the application is submitted.
5. Applicants must demonstrate how they meet the Trust's outcomes in line with its 2019-2023 strategy:
  - Preserving heritage
  - Promoting sustainability
  - Inspiring support
6. Projects at listed buildings must be led by a qualified professional architect or surveyor with Conservation Accreditation.
7. Applicants must have at least two quotes in place at the point of application, together with any necessary permissions for the work.
8. Places of worship must be open beyond worship for at least 100 days per year.

*The terms and conditions of our grant awards can be found in the guidance notes on our website. These include that grantees must register on both our [ExploreChurches](#) and [MaintenanceBooker](#) websites.*



# 2019 DEADLINES

All grants decisions are made by our grants committee which meets three times a year.



**Cornerstone** 5 November 2018 for a decision in March 2019;  
4 March 2019 for July 2019; 1 July 2019 for November 2019



**Gateway** 10 January 2019 for a decision in March 2019;  
9 May 2019 for July 2019; 12 September 2019 for November 2019



**Foundation** 24 January 2019 for a decision in March 2019;  
12 May 2019 for July 2019; 26 September 2019 for November 2019

## OTHER WAYS WE CAN HELP

### Managing your project

Advice for your building projects, from planning, funding, managing, and evaluating, to dealing with problems:

[www.nationalchurchestrust.org/building-advice/managing-building-projects](http://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/building-advice/managing-building-projects)

### Accessing funding

Advice on applying for grant funding, including a list of other funders who give grants towards church repairs:

[www.nationalchurchestrust.org/how-fundraise-your-project/applying-grant-funding](http://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/how-fundraise-your-project/applying-grant-funding)



### ExploreChurches

Churches, chapels and meeting houses are treasure houses of heritage, history and community. ExploreChurches is a high quality resource for visitors and churches, supporting and promoting a beautiful collection of fascinating places to visit: [www.explorechurches.org](http://www.explorechurches.org)



### Maintenance Booker

MaintenanceBooker makes it easy for churches, chapels and historic buildings to access the highest standard of building maintenance services. You'll find it easy to manage maintenance tasks and book high quality contractors. [www.maintenancebooker.org.uk](http://www.maintenancebooker.org.uk)

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