

National Church Energy Support Fund



The Fund:

Carlisle Diocese has received around £200,000 from the Church Commissioners to help support those parishes facing significant financial pressure as a result of increases in their energy bills. Some of the fund will also be used to help fund churches providing 'warm places / hot-spots' for their communities.

The Diocese will target money to those parishes in most financial need, taking into account the type of fuel used, the additional costs incurred in 2022/23 due to increased prices, the extent to which they have been able to fix their unit price(s), and the scale of their unrestricted reserves.

The average level of individual grants paid will depend on the number of eligible applications received, but might be in the region of £1,000.

If your parish wishes to apply for this support, please complete the questions below as well as you can (one application for each church). If heating for a Church Hall is paid by the parish, these may be included in the application.

We appreciate that energy bills will not necessarily coincide with the dates stated on the application form, so please estimate where necessary.

How to Apply:

To help us process the applications, our preferred method is that you **complete the online 'Google Form'** (which can be found through the following link ([here](#))). The questions you will be asked are shown below, and we suggest that you prepare your answers before making the online application.

If you are unable to use the online form. Please complete the form below and either scan the form and e-mail it to Stewardship@carlisediocese.org.uk, or post it to:

Stewardship Team, Church House, 19-24 Friargate, Penrith, CA11 7XR

Applications must be received by Saturday 14th January 2023.

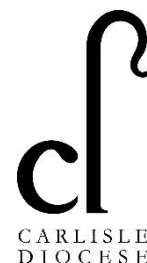
It is anticipated that Funding allocations will be published on the Diocesan Website, and Grants will be paid out by the end of February 2023.

Please note:

1 – this is a different scheme from the Diocese's '**LED Lighting Challenge**' which will be launched in 2023 when the details have been finalised.

2 – Churches may wish to apply for an additional Northern Mission Centre '**micro-grant**' of £250 from the Growth Fund if they are working with their communities around 'warm spaces' as part of their mission. As part of the micro grant scheme, you would be linked to a Pioneer who may be able to help you imaginatively introduce mission into the space. Alongside this the NMC will provide a resource of 10 reflective/prayer space ideas (available from January), that you can use in your "warm space" to engage people in a creative way. For more information contact Emma Birkin nmc@carlisediocese.org.uk.

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To apply Click [\(here\)](#)

1 – Parish Name _____

2 – Church Name and buildings if including (for example) a church hall as well as your church

Church _____

Other Buildings _____

3 – Type(s) of fuel used – please indicate with a tick which fuel type(s) used for this building:

- | | | | |
|------|-------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
| i) | Electricity | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| ii) | Gas | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| iii) | Oil | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| iv) | LPG | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| v) | Other | <input type="checkbox"/> | (please state) _____ |

4 – If you selected 'other in question 3' please provide further details here:

5 – Please provide the **total you paid for energy** for the period of one year:

For **1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021** £ _____

(We expect you will use the figure from your accounts or a best estimate.)

6 – Please estimate the total **you expect to pay** for the period:

For **1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023** £ _____

Take into account:

Bills paid so far since 1 April 2022

An estimate you will have to pay for the period to 31 March 2023, assuming:

- Your usual energy consumption
- Any fixed unit rates you currently benefit from
- If your rates are not fixed, or the fix ends before March, use the Govt capped rates which are approximately:

- Gas £75 per MWh [7.5p/kWh]

- Electricity £211 per MWh [21.1p/kWh]

It is hoped that the impact of this Govt support will be showing on your bills by December to help you estimate your winter bills.

7 – If you are on **fixed rate contracts** for some/all of your energy, please give details:

i) Are you in the current Parish Buying Energy bundle to October 2023? (Yes or No) _____

ii) Do have a fixed rate in place for:

a. Electricity **8** When does it run to? _____

b. Gas **9** When does it run to? _____

10 – If you use oil, **LPG or another type of fuel**, are you in any scheme or receiving support to reduce your bills? If so please provide details.

11 / 12 – From your 2021 Parish Accounts, please tell us:

i) Total Income for 2021 £ _____

ii) Unrestricted Reserves at 31 Dec 2021 £ _____

13 – Are you using church energy to help provide a ‘warm space’ / ‘hot-spot’ for the community this winter? Yes or No _____

If so, please provide brief details (eg which building is being used, opening times, whether it will be operating through the whole winter?)

And an estimate of your additional fuel bills this winter as a result of offering the ‘warm space’ / ‘hot spot’. service.

£ _____

14 – Please confirm your PCC bank details for receipt of funds if your application is successful:

Account Name: _____

Sort Code: _____

Account Number: _____

15 - Form Completed by (name): _____

Contact e-mail: _____

Please complete this form by the closing date of Saturday 14th January 2023.