

DIOCESE OF DURHAM Church Buildings Grant and Funding Information

- **Benefact Trust (Previously All Churches Trust):** Primary charitable object to promote the Christian religion. Open grants normally fund capital projects and equipment: <https://benefacttrust.co.uk/>
- **Church Buildings Panel Grants (Diocese of Durham):** Your first call for small grants for works to your church buildings. Grants of up to 10% total cost of works and maximum awards of £4,000. Make prior contact with Buildings for Mission Secretary (see contact details below) to discuss application and any required permissions for works prior to submission. There are no deadlines for submission to Panel. Award of grant might engender success in applying to external grant bodies.
Church Buildings Panel Loans: Same application form to be used when applying for loan from the CBP. Loans usually set at 3% interest and all applications subject to DBF assessment.
- **ChurchCare:** Offers general guidance and specific conservation grants for: **bells, books, brasses, church plate, clocks, metalwork, monuments, organs, paintings and textiles, stained glass and wooden objects.** <https://www.churchofengland.org/more/church-resources/churchcare/our-conservation-grants/grants-historic-church-interiors-and-churchyard-structures>
- **County Durham Community Foundation:** Independent grant-making foundation awards grants from funds established by its donors to make a lasting difference: <https://www.cdcf.org.uk/>
- **Database of Local, Regional and National Funding Bodies:** Refer to attached Funding Database ([here](#)) for information and basic criteria for a wide list of giving bodies, including:
 - **Sir James Knott Trust** (0191 230 4016) <http://knott-trust.co.uk/applications/how-to-apply-for-a-grant>
 - **Sir John Priestman Trust** (0191 567 4857) <https://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/get-support/support-organisations/sir-john-priestman-trust> ;
- **LPOW Grant Scheme - Reclaiming VAT on works to listed church buildings:**
The Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme is a government DCMS scheme, administered by Topmark, whereby listed churches can apply to claim back VAT incurred in certain works/ repairs: <http://www.lpwscheme.org.uk/index-2.html> The scheme is extended **until 31st March 2025.**
- **NHCT: (Northumbria Historic Churches Trust):** Offer grants of up to £5,000 to help with repairs and works projects to churches throughout Durham Diocese. Churches which are not listed may also be considered. Contact NHCT: <http://www.northumbriahct.org.uk/grant-application-form/>
- **National Churches Trust:** You may be eligible to apply for one of their grants, with support ranging from small maintenance work, to urgent and structural repair to more substantial project development work: <https://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/our-grants>
- **National List of Charitable Grants for Churches:** Compiled by the Church of England's National Stewardship Team, an excellent resource for all churches [National Church Grant Guide](#)
- **Parish Resources:** Websites offers excellent advice on various grants and sources of funding: <https://www.parishresources.org.uk/resources-for-treasurers/funding/>

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