

GRANTS

Mission Guidance

The Synod Mission & Discipleship Committee will consider grant applications to help churches develop their mission.

What do we mean by mission?

Each church will have its own focus for God's mission in its midst, hopefully articulated in a 'live' mission statement. Mission is about partnering with God to see God's kingdom made reality. It could involve proclamation and evangelism, tackling social injustice, providing a loving service, caring for Creation...

Projects could be one-off or ongoing. They could be large or small. The grant can be for a single church, a wider pastorate, Mission Partnership or Area Partnership.

Possible ideas for projects could include:

- the employment of a Church Worker (e.g., a Youth, Children's, Family, Pioneer or Outreach Worker)
- training for staff or volunteers
- investment in IT to reach particular groups
- covering the cost of a course for participants, e.g., Alpha, LICC etc
- financial support for a development programme
- a one-off mission event
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For help with identifying a focus for mission please contact either:

Mission and Training Officer: training@urceastern.org.uk
or Children's Youth and Development Officer: cydo@urceastern.org.uk

1. To begin the grant process you will need to have a conversation with either the Mission and Training Officer or the Children's Youth and Development Officer.
2. This will result in and precede the filling in of an Initial Enquiry Form – Synod Grants App1.docx
3. There will then be a discussion and partnership to explore the vision and plans which must have the support of the Church and / or Elders' Meeting
4. Following conversations, the church will be invited to complete an application form - Synod Grants App2b Mission.docx
5. In the majority of cases approved grants will be paid on receipt of supporting invoices by the Synod Finance Officer along with confirmation that the invoice(s) have been paid.
6. For ongoing grants, an annual report will need to be submitted at the end of every year, preferably at the grant's anniversary date, over the period of the project in order to facilitate payment of the next instalment of the grant.
7. For one-off grants a report will be requested following the event / spend.