

## DIOCESE OF SHEFFIELD

### APPLYING FOR A GRANT

There are various Funds from which grants may be made available. The two largest Funds are the Parish Mission Fund and the Church in Action Fund. You do not need to specify which Fund you are applying to, the Grants Committee will seek to match you to what is available and appropriate.

All applications must give a clear explanation of what is proposed and provide detailed costs and budgets. The project must:

- ⊕ be relevant to the work of the Church in the Diocese:
- ⊕ answer any supplementary questions have been answered in such a way as to convince the grant-making group that you have a fair chance of delivering your project competently
- ⊕ establish a plausible route by which your proposal could result in the growth of the church
- ⊕ answer all questions on the form in such a way as to give a clear and full picture of your intentions
- ⊕ if this is your intention, indicate how will the project continue in the future

#### Parish Mission Fund

1. Grants from the Parish Mission Fund will be made for initiatives in evangelism, the numerical growth of the Church and fresh expressions of Church
2. Grants are available for one-off costs and for annual costs including costs associated with staff, for up to three years
3. Grants are **not** available towards major building works or projects that are primarily social in nature. If you are in any doubt about the eligibility of your projects please check with an Archdeacon or with the Diocesan Missioner
4. Grants will normally be made for up to £5,000 and will represent a percentage of the total cost of a project. The Committee is willing to consider applications for larger sums, though it will be important for applicants to demonstrate long-term sustainability. Contributions towards staffing costs or larger scale projects over three years would be on a decreasing scale
5. Projects that relate to people in their twenties or thirties, families, teenagers or children are particularly invited
6. Any unit of the Diocese may apply for a grant – parishes, teams, clusters, deaneries, fresh expressions, areas or organisations
7. In order to become eligible for a grant, parishes with Parish Share arrears will need to show how their arrears are being addressed
8. It will be helpful if larger applications show some evidence of wider support from within the Diocese e.g. a parish should show some level of support from their deanery or cluster

9. The following examples of eligible projects are given to stimulate ideas – applicants are invited to use their God-given imagination in finding creative ways of growing the 21<sup>st</sup> Century church:

- ▶ start up funding for a new congregation meeting in a school hall – e.g. musical instruments, projector, initial rent etc
- ▶ training and equipment needs for a team of children's group leaders for newly improved Sunday groups
- ▶ contributions towards salary costs for a youth or children's minister, a families worker an alpha group co-ordinator, an evangelist, a church planter, or a young adults' networker
- ▶ a mix of start up and staffing costs for a new deanery post for a pioneer fresh expression such as a young adult network church
- ▶ start up and initial running costs for an after-school congregation
- ▶ costs of an evangelistic mission

### Church in Action Fund

Applications to this Fund are to further the work of the parish and the Church:

- ⊕ grants are usually for less than £5,000, and are for one-off projects
- ⊕ capital items and building refurbishment costs are considered

### The Growth & Opportunities Fund

- ⊕ this Fund is to sponsor single events and activities which enable engagement with people to promote the Mission of the Church
- ⊕ applications are normally limited to a maximum of £500

**Please** make sure that you talk to an **Archdeacon** to gain his support for your project and then fill in the application form together with any supplementary information.