

Funding Top Tips

Some top tips brought to you by the funders themselves! Giving you the edge when seeking funding for your project.



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#1

Pick the right grant programme for your project

By applying to the most suitable grant programme for your project, you have a better chance of receiving funding sooner. Visit AllChurches' 'What We Fund' page to find out more about which programmes they are running and what they fund.

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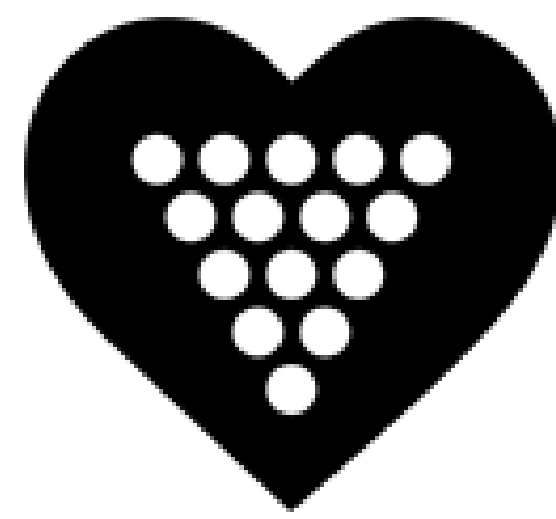
Take your time

Take your time in tailoring your application to our funding criteria and our charity's objects, making sure you are eligible to apply, and providing all of the information we need up front. Read through the entire application form before you start filling it in, have all the practical information you need to hand, and think carefully about what fits best in each section.

#3

Make your project's objectives clear in your application

We usually receive over a hundred applications per month which is a lot to read through! Help us to clearly see what the impact of your project will be for those who will benefit from your project, and how it will change people's lives.



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#1

Double check your application

We all make mistakes filling in application forms but the easier it is for our assessors to understand your project the quicker we are able to process your application. This applies to the project budget too. If your project budget doesn't completely add up then it can delay the application process whilst we make adjustments to your application.

#2

Have your documents ready

The list of supporting documents you need for your application can be found on our website. If we don't have these documents from you we may not be able to process your application in time to be considered by our grants panel.

#3

Know your need

We want to understand how you have identified that your project is needed and how many people will benefit from your project? The easier it is for our panellists to understand how you decided this project will address that need, the more likely they are to fund your application.



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#1

Timely maintenance

Timely maintenance really does produce long-term rewards. Putting off such work can lead to longer-term damage, so do not hesitate to get in touch with us and look at our grant applications.

#2

Keep up to date with the grants available

Look at our website (www.chct.info) for details of the grants available. Don't be afraid to contact either the grants secretary (grants@chct.info) or your area / Deanery rep for advice before you apply.

#3

Church Friend Membership

Remember that Church Friend membership of CHCT entitles you to higher grants!

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#1

Read the Funder's Website

Read the Funder's website not once, but twice!

#2

Build relationships

Having established that the funder may consider your project, pick up the phone and start to build the relationship. Avoid sending 'info@' emails or relying on third party advice.

#3

It is never Rank or bust!

Research the funding landscape and read the excellent resources that the team at Transformation Cornwall provide. If in any doubt, ask. Good luck.



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#1

Read the relevant guidance before applying

This will save you a lot of time and effort in the long run.

#2

Be sure to carry out proactive local fundraising

This looks great to funders who can see that you are enthusiastic about your church repair project and willing to put in the work. Don't rely solely on grant funders to plug the gap.

#3

Describe how the project will engage your community

No matter how big or small your project is, we want to see you working towards welcoming your local community into the building. Describe how you will do this outside of worship.

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#1

Check the area you are applying to

Tesco applications are location specific, make sure to name check the area you are applying in to maximise the 'local' vote.

#2

Add your recipient group

Put the recipient group at the beginning of your project description, people want to know who will benefit.

#3

Consider how you communicate your project

In asking people to support your project, heart usually beats head.

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#1

Provide clear, detailed information

We do receive a lot of applications and they vary a lot in content and style. Whilst we do not want the process to become burdensome, the more information that you are able to provide, the easier it is for us to get a good understanding of how your projects link with our goal to support the lives of people and the places they love for generations to come.

#2

Give a clear sense of how your project links to our themes

We made the fund available to help inspire physical activity, education opportunities, health and wellbeing and deliver positive environmental outcomes. To help your application along, give a clear sense of how your projects link to these themes.

#3

Keep up to date with funding information

Visit our website for up to date information about the fund. There are certain organisations that we are unable to fund so please check for eligibility before applying. There are also some funding limits based on the type of organisation that is applying.



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#1

Always check eligibility to apply

This will save you a lot of time and effort.

#2

Read the programme themes, and funder priorities

You will have more success if your project aligns with the priorities of the people in the lead.

#3

Research what the funder already invested in your area

If funders have already invested a lot in awards supporting those you currently work with, or in the locations where you deliver, they may not want to invest any more.



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Transformation Cornwall and Diocese of Truro
