

Grant Funding Organizations for Environmental Projects

Organisation	Website	Focus	Amount	Requirements
Allchurches Trust	https://www.allchurches.co.uk/	Projects that benefit mission and help local communities	£1,000 to £5,000	Clear (and where possible, measurable) outcomes for projects and demonstrate how they will ensure sustainability beyond. All applicants need to be a UK registered charity, church or have “exempt” status.
Ashden Awards	https://ashden.org/	Sustainable Buildings, Energy innovation, clean air in cities	Up to £20,000	Businesses, public bodies and charities can all apply.
Biffa Award	https://www.biffa-award.org/	Rebuilding biodiversity	£10,000 to £75,000	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Within 15 miles of Biffa operation and 10 miles of active Biffa landfill site e.g. Newcastle Depot/Transfer Station/Recycling Facility (Operation) Wallsend, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE28 6UE 2. Third party contributor to provide 10% of grant applying for. 3. Project is less than £200,000 4. Specific targets needed in relation to a Biodiversity Action Plan and must deliver a direct improvement to habitats and/or species. 5. There must be a strong element of public access or inclusion, such as volunteer involvement.
		Community Buildings e.g. church halls	£10,000 to £75,000	<p>Can include building refurbishments and heating systems. Applications from churches must be able to demonstrate a wider community use and benefit – such as youth groups, special interest groups, exercise groups etc.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The project site must be within five miles of a significant Biffa operation or within 10 miles of an active Biffa Landfill site.

				<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. The project site must also be within 10 miles of any licensed landfill site. To find your nearest landfill site, telephone the regulator Entrust on 01926 488300. 3. The site must be owned by the applicant or there must be a signed lease of more than 10 years in place between the applicant and the landowner. 4. The total cost of the project must be less than £200,000, inclusive of VAT. 5. There must be a minimum of 104 days of full public access to the project per year. 6. Any Biffa Award grant must be used for site-based improvement work. 7. Biffa Award is unable to fund retrospectively, so you should only apply for funding for work that will take place in the future.
Centrica Energy for Tomorrow	https://www.centrica.com/energy-for-tomorrow	Renewable Energy Generation Community Projects	£100,000-£500,000	Large scale generation for community benefit
CO2 Sense	https://www.co2sense.co.uk/	Renewable energy	Flexible	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Look for a return to reflect the risks they are taking. 2. Short to medium term investments, no longer than 5 years.
DPD Eco Fund	DPD UK Eco (scroll down to Eco Fund)	Environment, sustainability, ecology, community projects	Up to £2,000	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Only one successful bid for funding every 2 years 2. One application per month per organisation <p>We particularly encourage community groups and educational facilities, with all applications needing to be of a green, ecological or sustainability nature, with the project benefiting the environment.</p>
Garfield Weston Foundation	https://garfieldweston.org/apply-to-us/	Inclusive community projects	Up to £100,000	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Demonstrate you have raised funds locally. 2. The project is valued by the community. 3. Have identified half of the costs of the project already.

Heritage Lottery Fund	https://www.hlf.org.uk/looking-funding/what-we-fund/buildings-and-monuments/places-worship	Activities that connect people with heritage (and include some capital works to historic fabric)	£3,000 to £5 million	2021-2022 prioritising projects that demonstrate long term environmental sustainability, organisational resilience and inclusion outcome (a wider range of people involved in heritage) https://www.heritagefund.org.uk/funding/national-lottery-grants-heritage-2021-22
Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme	http://www.lpwscheme.org.uk/	Building repairs, improvements and associated professional fees	VAT reclaim > £500	Makes grants towards the VAT incurred in making repairs and carrying out alterations to listed buildings mainly used for public worship.
Liz And Terry Bramall Foundation	https://www.bramallfoundation.org/	Environment/conservation/heritage	£500 and £1,250,000	Does operate throughout England & Wales, but has an emphasis on the region of Yorkshire
LNER Customer and Community Investment Fund	www.lner.co.uk/CCIF	Environment, community, mental health & wellbeing, sustainable travel	£1,000 - £100,000	Located within 10 – 15 miles of the east coast mainline.
M&S Energy	M&S Energy Crowdfunder UK	Renewable Energy Projects	£1,000 - £5,000	Held as a competition each year. In previous years this has been run as a crowdfunding campaign to fund one or more of the following activities: a. Installation of renewable energy technology and/or battery storage b. Installation of energy efficiency measures c. Reducing use or increasing recycling of plastics d. Carbon saving including tree planting, electric vehicles, etc.
MCS Charitable Foundation	https://www.mcscharitablefoundation.org/funding	Accelerate the adoption of renewable energy and low carbon technologies	£5,000 - £50,000	UK wide impact, demonstrating an innovative approach that could be replicated, adapted or scaled up, sharing good practice. Applications that have matched funding will be looked upon favourably. Grants will usually be for £5,000 to £50,000. Applications may be submitted from public organisations and not-for-profit companies as well as charities.

National Churches Trust - preventative maintenance micro grants	Preventative Maintenance Micro-Grants - Apply National Churches Trust	Church maintenance <i>(maintaining church fabric is good practice for climate resilience and reducing unnecessary heat loss, and thus carbon emissions)</i>	50% of cost works, up to max of £500	If they book a service for work direct to their church building through our Maintenance Booker website. Services include rainwater goods maintenance, asbestos removal, lightning protection system repairs, masonry repairs, lime mortar repointing and high level maintenance. Small congregations or limited financial means will be prioritised.
National Churches Trust - foundation small Grant Programme	https://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/foundationgrants	Church maintenance <i>(maintaining church fabric is good practice for climate resilience and reducing unnecessary heat loss, and thus carbon emissions)</i>	£500 - £5,000	Total project cost up to £10,000
National Churches Trust - Wolfson Fabric Repair Grants	Wolfson Fabric Repair Grants National Churches Trust	Historic church fabric repairs <i>(maintaining church fabric is good practice for climate resilience and reducing unnecessary heat loss, and thus carbon emissions)</i>	Up to £10,000	<p>They must be of heritage significance and listed Grade I or II* in England and Wales, Grade A or B+ listed in Northern Ireland, and Grade A or B listed in Scotland.</p> <p>Repairs will usually be identified as Category A or B recommendations in the most recent Quinquennial Inspection report, or as urgent repairs in condition surveys. Typically projects include roof repairs, masonry repairs, rainwater disposal and drainage, and floorwork.</p> <p>Apply online via the Gateway Grant Programme for projects costing between £10,000 and £100,000 Apply online via the Cornerstone Grant Programme for projects costing over £100,000</p>
Naturesave Trust	https://www.naturesave.co.uk/naturesave-trust/	Renewable energy Wildlife conservation Recycling projects	£500 - £5,000	The organisation/project must have a website, schools can apply.

Suez Communities Trust	https://www.suezcommunitystrust.org.uk/apply-for-funding/england/	Countryside, environment, green issues	Up to £50,000	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Must be within a funding zone https://www.suezcommunitystrust.org.uk/apply-for-funding/postcode-checker/ (e.g. 2.5 miles from their sites in Alnwick, Benwell, Berwick upon Tweed, Byker, West Sleekburn, North Tyneside etc.) 2. Must be not-for-profit. 3. Own or hold a lease for the project site with at least 5 years remaining.
The Tree Council	www.treecouncil.org.uk/Grants	Tree Planting	75% of £100 to £700	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Children must be involved in the planting. 2. 25% of funds must be self-funded.
Schroder Charities Trust	https://schrodercharitytrust.org/frequently-asked-questions-faqs	Environment and Conservation / Heritage / Strengthening Communities	Up to £5,000	Must be a registered charity in the UK, does not fund major capital appeals

This list was most recently updated December 2021.

For further sources of financial assistance on projects working towards carbon net zero please see the [Parish Buying Net Zero webpage](#).

You may choose to consider other sources of [fundraising and grants](#) available to your church, or your church may choose to [fundraise online](#). For more advice on finding funding:

- contact the [Generous Giving team](#)
- watch [the webinars on environmental fundraising](#) from the Church of England Environment Programme
- read the [Inspired North East website](#)