

# Grant Funding



Grant funding is an important part of the churches voluntary income. Few parishes today can raise enough money to meet the cost of major repairs or new facilities without grants or an appeal. A well run appeal is an opportunity for outreach; success depends on enthusiasm, hard work and persistence. Encouraging prayer for your endeavours will enable everyone to participate.

## Church Grants

The Diocese of Exeter is working in partnership with Church Grants. It is an online search engine specifically for churches and christian organisations containing a searchable database of hundreds of UK trusts and foundations. It is easy to use and you are able to search for local as well as national funders.



ChurchGrants also offers [Kickstarter](#) a guide that gives you the tools to optimise income achievable from trusts and foundations. The team also undertake consultation work offering advice on suitable funders, bid writing strategies and capital planning.

## What next?

Together with the Growing the Rural Church (GtRC) team and ChurchGrants, we facilitate webinars on capital planning, grant application writing, raising money from trusts and foundations and writing your case for support.

These can be accessed on the Growing the Rural Church webpage [here](#)

Contact [us](#) if you want your unique parish code to begin exploring the grants that might be available to you via the [ChurchGrants](#) website.

Ecclesiastical Insurance have [Fundraising in a box](#) and offer charity fundraising [webinars](#).

## Top Tips

- Before you begin pray; this can be a 5 year-long journey
- Think about what you want to achieve and how you are going to achieve it.
- Engage your community, involve them in your journey
- Select: identify talent in your (church) community who can help
- Watch: have a look at the GtRC website 20 minute masterclasses.

## Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC)

The advice offered by the DAC is based on long experience, diverse expertise and careful attention to the particular proposals put forward, whilst taking into account the Mission and Ministry issues raised by proposals.

The DAC has a list of approved specialist advisors and consultants. Advisers are available to visit parishes to talk through proposed projects.

The link to the DAC site visit guidance is [here](#) guidance on maintaining your church building is [here](#)

