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Advice on Grants from Environmental Bodies for Church Building Repairs and Alterations

This advice introduces the grants that may be available for churches because of their proximity to a landfill site.

The Landfill Communities Fund and Environmental Bodies

The Landfill Communities fund allows the operators of landfill sites to contribute to community and environmental organisations to 'offset' some of the negative impacts of living in the vicinity of a site (normally within 10 miles). This can include sites which have closed. Most funding is given through Environmental Bodies. Further information is given here http://www.entrust.org.uk/landfill-community-fund.)

The best way of finding out if your church would be eligible for funding from an Environmental Body is through the Funder Search on the same website https://www.entrust.org.uk/landfill-community-fund/finding-funding/funder-search/.

This will allow you to find out which Environmental Bodies are able to fund projects in your county and you can then find out whether those in your specific location are eligible. If a body will provide funding in your location you will then need to check whether it will support your type of project.

By way of example, at the time of writing there are four Environmental Bodies which will provide funding for some places in Bedfordshire. These are the Derbyshire Environment Trust, GrantScape, Royal Society of Wildlife Trusts and The Veolia Environmental Trust.

Relevant objects supported by these bodies are:

- Object D which can fund the provision, maintenance or improvement of a public park or another public amenity. Your church should be accessible to and used by the public and the project should provide public benefits.
- Object E (only GrantScape) which can fund the repair, maintenance or restoration of a building or structure which is a place of religious worship or of historic or architectural interest

Feedback and help

Please get in touch if this advice note needs updating or if you know about another good national source of grant-aid that should be added.

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