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Potential sources of funding for toilets and kitchen facilities in churches in Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire

Information on and links to the wide range of sources of grant aid for church buildings is given on our Grants for church buildings webpage. Parish Resources lists possible funders of community projects and improved facilities.

This note flags-up funders more likely to grant-aid new toilet and/or kitchen facilities but others, including more local sources, may be found. More information on most of the funders listed below is given in our advice notes on national grants and local grants on the Grants for church buildings webpage.

It is helpful to view websites and get in touch with funders to discuss your project and its eligibility for their grants at an early stage to establish a connection and avoid wasted work.

Some funders will grant-aid work in Bedfordshire or Hertfordshire but not both.

Funders with some kind of local focus

The Beds & Herts Historic Churches Trust http://www.bedshertshct.org.uk/ can grant aid new facilities such as toilets and kitchens in Bedfordshire (with funding from the Wixamtree Trust). We recommend that you talk about your project at an early stage with Archie Russell, the Grants Secretary, telephone 01767 312966 (email grants@bedshertshct.org.uk).

Other relevant sources of funding are:

- The Steel Charitable Trust www.steelcharitabletrust.org.uk which has a focus on Bedfordshire and Luton in particular
- The Simon Gibson Charitable Trust https://www.sgctrust.org.uk/contact-us/ - Hertfordshire is one of the areas it supports

National funders

Benefact Trust https://benefacttrust.co.uk/

National Churches Trust – Large Grants https://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/get-support/grants/large-grants

Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme – grants to cover the cost of VAT on some works – see the eligibility checklist and other information at https://listed-places-of-worship-grant.dcms.gov.uk/

The **National Lottery Heritage Fund** can support new facilities with a percentage of their grants for a wider conservation or other project but in practice this is difficult to achieve www.heritagefund.org.uk .

Other foundations and trusts:

- **The Bernard Sunley Charitable Foundation** www.bernardsunley.org
- **The Joseph Rank Trust** www.ranktrust.org
- **Trusthouse Charitable Foundation** www.trusthousecharitablefoundation.org.uk
- **The Beatrice Laing Trust** https://www.laingfamilytrusts.org.uk/
- **Garfield Weston Foundation** www.garfieldweston.org
- **The Headley Trust** https://www.sfct.org.uk/the-headley-trust/ can fund exceptional large churches and this diocese's parish churches through its second grants round in 2023.

Help and feedback

Please get in touch to talk about these funding sources and tell us if you have found another source of grant-aid for churchyards or think that this note should be updated.

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