

ELIGIBILITY FOR GRANTS

The table below provides guidance on eligibility for grants. Trustees will consider applications for grants in Categories 1 and 2.

Category 1 - Projects that will be considered:

- Church building fabric restoration: renewal or repair of walling, roofs, flooring, guttering and rainwater goods, external drainage, timber structures, window stonework and doors.
- Repairs to historic stained glass or ornamental glass windows.
- Repairs to embedded historic clocks, wall paintings, reredos, monuments and memorials that are part of the fabric of the church.
- New heating sources and equipment (solar panels, plumbing or electrical) that will preserve church fabric.
- Dangerous and expensive electrical safety and lighting.
- Enhancements - facilities and other improvements that benefit the congregation and community – toilets, kitchenettes, disabled access etc.

Category 2 - Projects that will not normally be considered:

- Routine maintenance of the fabric, electrical installations, heating and plumbing works.
- Conservation, renovation and replacement of furnishings, including Royal coats of arms, pulpit, altar, screens, pews and benches, choir stalls, chairs.
- Repair and restoration of historic organs.
- Repairs to – plain glass windows, wall or floor tiles, brasses, fabrics (altar frontals etc), hassocks and kneelers.
- Re-ordering – liturgical and/or general.
- Electrical 5 Year Tests.
- Security systems inside and/or outside

Category 3 - Projects that will not be considered:

- New buildings and extensions, on or adjacent to the church and/or church community hall.
- Routine decoration or redecoration.
- Renovation of Bells and bell-frames.
- Churchyard works - external repairs to Lychgates and pathways; walling and gateways; car-parking; external lighting, monuments and memorials
- Flagpoles.
- IT, audio systems and projector equipment.