

Quick Wins Grant Fund Eligibility Guide

Eligible buildings

- Churches and church halls where activities are taking place in a building owned by the PCC.
- All churches must have completed the Energy Footprint Tool as part of the parish returns. If you need any help with this please contact Tom Guyler - tom.guyler@yorkdiocese.org

Ineligible:

- CofE congregations meeting in rented or leased accommodation owned by others.
- Cathedrals, schools, housing, and other building types.
- Any church or church hall having not completed the Energy Footprint Tool

Eligible Net Zero Solutions

The building itself:

- Repair to the roof and rainwater goods (e.g. gutters, downpipes)
- Fix any broken windowpanes and make sure opening windows shut tightly
- Insulate around heating pipes
- Draught-proof the gaps or put up a door-curtain.
- Rugs/floor-coverings (with breathable backings) and cushions on/around the pews/chairs. This must have permission and is not appropriate for many mediaeval buildings.
- Where there is an uninsulated, easy-to access roof void, insulating the loft.
- Installing a glazed door within your porch or a draught-lobby.
- Creating one or more smaller (separately heatable) spaces for smaller events.
- Fabric wall-hangings or panels, with an air gap behind.

Heating and lighting:

- Matching heating settings better to usage .
- Replace lightbulbs with LEDs, where simple replacement is possible.
- Replace floodlights with new LED units.
- Install a HIVE- or NEST-type heating controller, to better control heating.
- If current appliances fail, replace with A+++ appliances.
- Learn how the building heats/cools and the link to comfort, by using data loggers.
- Improve heating zones and controls.

- Install TRVs on radiators in meeting rooms & offices.
- Under-pew electric heaters .
- Infra-red radiant panel heaters.
- Magnetic sediment “sludge” filter to extend the life of the system.
- Thermal and/or motion sensors on lighting.
- Install energy-saving device such as Savawatt on fridges or other commercial appliances.
- Installing a smart meter, to better measure energy use.

Temporary heating solutions, which enable a church or church hall to avoid undertaking a like-for-like oil- or gas-heating replacement, when their heating breaks down:

- Heated chair cushions *
- Boiler hire
- Electric heater hire or purchase *

* It is expected these temporary solutions will last for not more than one year, whilst the church makes plans, seeks advice, applies for faculty, and fundraises. At the end of the temporary period, once the church has installed their permanent heating solution, the diocese has the right to ask for items which have been purchased to become the property of the diocese, in order that they can be lent to other churches.

Electrical upgrades to enable direct electric heating, heat pumps, or solar panels:

Upgrades to the electrical system, to enable a church or church hall to move away from oil or gas heating, or to substantial reduce their use of existing oil or gas heating.

Other:

- Heated chair cushions, which either replace or significantly reduce the use of oil and gas fired space heating *.
- Solar PV, where a church can demonstrate it has completed all other measures to transition to net zero carbon, and so this is the next step

* If interiors are of historic, architectural, or artistic interest, professional & DAC advice must be sought before these steps are taken. If they could disturb bats, advice must be sought.

Other eligible costs include VAT (for unlisted churches and work to listed churches which falls outside the eligibility of the Listed Places of Worship (LPW) grant scheme).

How much can we apply for?

Maximum Grant size is set at £2,500.

PCCs that have listed buildings will be expected to seek cost recovery of eligible VAT from the Listed Places of Worship VAT Scheme; if you are not aware of the scheme, please contact the Church Buildings Support Officer - viv.cooling@yorkdiocese.org -for more information.

Cross-funding of projects with other Building for Mission or Net Zero Carbon grant streams

Cross-funding of projects which meet the requirements of both the Building for Mission Minor Repairs and Improvements Fund and Quick Wins Fund is eligible.

A church which has previously received a grant from the NZC Programme (for example a Give To Go Green match-funding grant) is eligible to subsequently receive a Quick Wins grant for a separate NZC project, where this project was not previously funded, or for NZC works which are the next step in a larger project to support the transition to net zero carbon. It is at the diocese's discretion to determine how best to distribute funds in an equitable manner.

If the works to be carried out are also eligible for Minor Repair and Improvement Funding, you can apply to both schemes to crossmatch funding.

Ineligible Work

- Routine maintenance, as described in the Church Building Council's Calendar of Care for routine maintenance.
- Routine cleaning.
- Conservation reports.
- Routine servicing of building services installations.
- Any work covered by insurance.

Support available.

It is important with all maintenance, repairs and improvements on church buildings, that guidance about faculty permission is sought from the DAC Secretary – catherine.copp@yorkdiocese.org . Any non-Faculty questions regarding this grant can be directed to the Funding and Community Engagement Adviser viv.cooling@yorkdiocese.org