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# Heritage Lottery Fund

## Places of Worship Grants

**This is lottery money. There is a national budget of £20,000,000 split between 7 English regions. South West includes: Cornwall, Devon, Dorset, Wiltshire, Gloucester, Bristol, North Somerset, B&NES and Somerset.**

## Outcomes for . . .

Heritage	People	Communities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Better managed</li> <li>• In better condition</li> <li>• Better interpreted and explained</li> <li>• Identified/recorded</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Developed skills</li> <li>• Learnt about heritage</li> <li>• Changed their attitudes and/or behaviour</li> <li>• Had an enjoyable experience</li> <li>• Volunteered time</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Environmental impacts will be reduced</li> <li>• More people and a wider range of people will have engaged with heritage</li> <li>• Your local area/ community will be a better place to live, work or visit</li> <li>• Your local economy will be boosted</li> <li>• Your organisation will be more resilient</li> </ul>

Projects have to deliver at least one outcome from each heading. This means that heritage alone will not work; facilities alone will not work. There are other funders/schemes for heritage and facilities. Consider what will work.

## **Grants for Places of Worship – main elements**

- Urgent repairs remain the priority
- Public engagement and activities
- Can include up to 15% for works to encourage sustainable use
- Awards from £10,000 to £250,000.

There has to be a Quinquennial Inspection report (or a specialist report on the area subject to the application) which:-

- is less than 2 years old
- shows that the work needs doing within 2 years.

## **Grants for Places of Worship – main elements**

- No different deadlines for Listed Grades
- 2 round process
- Specific document requirements
- Conservation accredited professional
- 4 deadlines per year
- Focus on the smaller, single phase projects.

Anything costing over £10,000 must be procured by open tender. This includes architects.

All projects must achieve the following outcomes for the GPOW programme:-

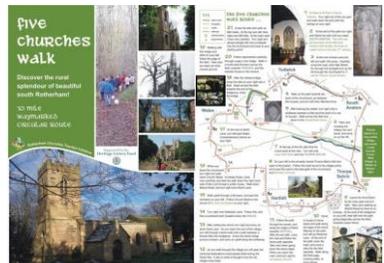
- **Outcome for heritage:** With HLF investment, heritage will be in **better condition**.
- **Outcome for communities:** With HLF investment, **more people** and a **wider range of people** will have **engaged with heritage**.

## Heritage and Communities

- Will more people be able to attend for different events, eg educational visits, lectures or tours?
- Will there be increased visitor numbers, or more ways of learning about the building, eg websites?
- Will the users of the building be more diverse after the project?
- Will people be able to learn new skills?

## Types of Activity

- Partnerships delivering engagement
- New interpretation
- Real world or virtual guided tours and trails
- Lecture series
- Workshops and ‘hands on’ activity
- Adult/schools learning
- New volunteers
- Activities linked to the repairs – skills taster days, etc.



## **Project Enquiry Stage**

- A listed place of worship used for worship at least 6 times a year?
- Applicant must be responsible for the building – ie must be PCC and not 'Friends'
- Completed project has to be open at least 40 days each year outside regular hours of worship
- Urgent structural repair works (NB Quinquennial Inspection or equivalent)
- What other activities might they carry out on the building? (eg non-urgent repairs which can be done while scaffolding is up for urgent repairs)
- Grants from £10,000 to £250,000.

- Read the Guidelines.
- Do not rush.
- Use a critical friend.
- Plan for second round before submitting anything.
- Listen to HLF feedback when given and work out how to use it.
- Talk to other parishes and learn from them. The Luke 14:28 Treasurers' Learning Network is an online discussion forum which you may find helpful – details and how to join may be found at:  
[www.bathandwells.org.uk/supporting-parishes/finances/for-treasurers/treasurers-learning-network/](http://www.bathandwells.org.uk/supporting-parishes/finances/for-treasurers/treasurers-learning-network/)

## **Contact details and websites**

Heritage Lottery Fund's application guidelines for Grants for Places of Worship:

<https://www.hlf.org.uk/looking-funding/our-grant-programmes/grants-places-worship-england>

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