

TINY GRANTS

Tiny Grants were introduced in 2021 to provide a simple application process for small grants up to £1000 to support missional activities across the Synod. Below are some reflective questions when considering making an application:

1. How does this application develop discipleship?
Discipleship is an integral element of mission and applicants are encouraged to include this aspect in their submission.
2. How does this application promote collaborative working?
Increasing collaboration and resource sharing offers mutual support, encouragement and renewed energy when engaging in missional projects.
3. How does this application embrace the Synod's Environmental policy?
As far as possible, resources should be from within the URC, or sourced locally or nationally. Outside these parameters, the application needs to state what is unique to their resource/source to merit consideration.
4. How will this application feed into the vision the church has for the future?

Process

1. By the applicant: completion of an application form to include the following information:

Type of missional activity:

Applications will be considered for new (not ongoing or training) activities in the following categories:

- Mission, evangelism or outreach
- Community initiative(s) to meet local need(s)
- Justice, peace and the integrity of creation.

Activity details including:

- How will the grant help the mission of the Church?
- How will the activity be monitored and evaluated?
- How will any learning be shared with the wider church or community?
- What is the anticipated timescale for the activity?

Expected date of receipt of a report/impact statement following an award (typically within one month of the project completion).

How will the activity be publicised (including acknowledgement of the Tiny Grant funding to raise awareness across the Synod)?

Date of Church/Elder's meeting in support of the application with copy of a record of the meeting.

Applicant's contact details.

Finance Details including:

What support is your church/pastorate providing? (There is an expectation that the church/pastorate will contribute financially where possible.)

What other sources of funding or voluntary/in-kind support have been applied for or granted?

Have you applied for a Tiny Grant in the last 3 years? If so, please give dates and amounts awarded.

Project costs with a copy of quotation or invoice.

Church bank account details (for payment if application is successful).

The Synod Executive wants to ensure that resources are shared fairly across the Synod

2. By the grant administrator (currently Convenor M&DC): award consideration and notification of result by email, typically within 10 working days, and report on awards to the Synod Executive Meeting.