

Supporting Churches in Kent

The Trustees of The Colyer-Fergusson Charitable Trust invite applications for grants to support the fabric and maintenance of churches anywhere in Kent and where possible to encourage their sustainability.

Purpose of the Grants

The Colyer-Fergusson Charitable Trust has a long record of grant-giving in Kent. The Trustees recognise the importance of protecting the heritage of Kent's churches and few parishes can raise enough money to meet the cost of repairs. Therefore the Trustees are inviting applications from churches in Kent for capital projects, including repairs to the fabric of the building, to support their long-term sustainability.

Scale of the Awards

The Trustees anticipate making a number of grants between £10,000 and £25,000.

Remit of the Awards

Grants will be awarded to Kent churches of historical, architectural or community significance where there is proven need for capital funding for repair, maintenance or re-ordering of the building. Please note that revenue funding, including salary costs, will not be funding under this programme.

Funding Criteria

- Any Christian church, listed or un-listed, is welcome to apply so long as it is formally constituted.
- All applications should be made by the body with legal responsibility for the building
- The minimum grant will be £10,000 and the maximum £25,000.
- Churches must be located within the County of Kent.
- Churches must demonstrate that their building or the activities that take place within it are of importance to Kent.
- Churches will need to demonstrate that they have plans for their sustainability.

We will fund:

- Capital projects e.g. work carried out to repair, maintain or re-order church buildings.
- Repair work to the churches foundations, walls, roofs, rainwater goods, drainage, internal surfaces, floors, stairs, landings, lightning conductors and all its doors and windows.
- Repairs to plumbing, electrical and any other building services (including the hiring of scaffolding).
- Repairs to organs, bells and seating
- Disabled access provision
- New community facilities and reordering the present building

We will not fund

- Churches in private ownership such as school or hospital chapels
- Revenue costs e.g. salaries and running costs
- Redundant churches, except those that are actively used as community buildings.

Applications

Applications must be submitted via the Trust's online application form. Applicants are asked to visit www.cfct.org.uk and use the appropriate online application form to make their application. Please note that all successful online applicants will receive an email acknowledging their application. Please contact us if you have any problems submitting your application or if you do not receive an acknowledgement email.

Decisions

Applications will be processed on a rolling basis, usually within six months, but they may take longer on occasion. **Please note** - you must respond promptly, succinctly and factually to any queries we raise relating to your application. All applicants will receive a letter informing them of the Trustees' decision as soon as it has been made.

We regret that the number of applications in relation to the limited funds available is so large that many good proposals, even though they fit our priorities, have to be turned down.

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Grant Terms & Conditions

If you are offered a grant from the Colyer-Fergusson Charitable Trust it will be on the understanding that you have agreed to the following general terms and conditions:

1. If we make a grant offer you will need to complete and sign a Grant Acceptance form.
2. No changes to the project will be made without our agreement. You must also inform us immediately of **any proposed change** relating to grant expenditure or the organisation.
3. You should send a progress report following the guidelines sent with the grant offer letter.
4. You should keep accurate and comprehensive financial records of the spending of the grant. Any part of the grant that is not required for the purpose approved will be refunded to us.
5. We reserve the right to use your name in our publicity material. In any publicity/literature you produce you should include an acknowledgement of The Colyer-Fergusson Charitable Trust
6. We may wish to visit to see the work funded during the life of the grant and we reserve the right to withhold a grant or require repayment if: we find that any false information is supplied to the Trust deliberately; the work undertaken is not the work for which the grant was approved (and if we have not been informed of and approved these changes); your organisation becomes insolvent or goes into administration, receivership or liquidation, and if the grant has not already been spent on its intended purpose.
7. We reserve the right to share the information you have provided with relevant parties (e.g. Charity Commission) where appropriate.

We will sometimes add additional conditions to an individual grant to take account of particular circumstances. These will be included in the grant offer letter.