

What about monitoring and evaluation?

If your proposal is successful in gaining funding, we will agree with you at the outset an appropriate monitoring process tailored to your project. It will be based on a combination of indicators. You will be required to provide six monthly reports whilst in receipt of funding and a 'final' report 12 months after funding has ended.

Does it matter whether we pay our Parish Share or not?

Yes - if you are applying on behalf of a parish or benefice this will matter. If you have not recently paid your Parish Share it doesn't mean you won't be considered, but we will look carefully at the context before making a grant.

Who is the main point of contact for the Fund?

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Mission Development Fund

Information about how your church or group could benefit from new funding being made available for mission projects across the diocese...

God is always at work in the world. Mission is finding out what God is doing and joining in. It means offering the good news of Jesus Christ to people in many different ways: using words, giving hospitality, helping young people search for meaning, caring for people in need, campaigning for justice, sometimes just bringing a bit of joy or fun into a bleak place. Always sustained by prayer and praise, we join in God's life changing work.

What is the Mission Development Fund (MDF)?

Funds are being released from reserves as well as using some of the annual income so that parishes and other groups can take on new mission projects and explore different ways of 'doing church'. The Mission Development Fund is to help you respond to what God is doing where you are.

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How will projects be chosen for MDF support?

All projects will be accountable to the Bishop's Council for their use of MDF funds. The criteria and priorities for projects are:

- 1** The project has to clearly demonstrate how it will encourage Living Worship and/or Grow Disciples and/or Seek Justice
- 2** Projects require the support of the Deanery Leadership or be the initiative of Bishop's Staff
- 3** Projects can receive funding for up to three years - **but no more than £30,000 in total.**
- 5** Projects seeking funding greater than £5,000 will be required to

demonstrate matched funding – this can be in kind as well as financial

- 6** Priority will be given to those projects which operate in those parts of the Diocese that fall within the 20% most deprived areas nationally
- 7** Projects will be given priority if they will develop the capacity of local churches so that the project has a legacy
- 8** Priority will be given to parishes who are up to date with Deanery Share payments
- 9** Only in exceptional circumstances will funds be available to be put towards building work

Projects will also model good practice, collaborative leadership and working together.

How do we apply to the fund?

- Once an idea has been developed within a parish, or ideally whilst it is being developed, there needs to be **consultation with the Deanery Leadership**. This is not only because the project will need the support of the Deanery but also to ensure there is not duplication of effort and collaboration can be encouraged where appropriate.
- Using the simple application form, you must show how your project connects with ***Joining Together in the Transforming Mission of God*** and in

particular how it enables Living Worship and/or Growing Disciples and/or Seeking Justice.

- Give a brief **summary** of your proposal. Say who will benefit, how long the project will take, and when you expect to start.
- Describe **who else is involved**. How will you work with other churches, people of other faiths - where appropriate - and the local community?
- Provide a simple statement of what the

project will **cost** over the whole period, including the money requested from the MDF and any funds you expect to get from other sources.

- For those projects that will involve employing a worker the application will need to include a proposal as to how the person will be **managed** and that appropriate employment systems are in place.
- Show that you have **Deanery support** for your project through the approval of the Deanery Leadership team..

What help is available for putting our bid together?

As well as working with the Deanery Leadership, the Diocesan Funding Consultant, Tony Brown will also be able to help as appropriate. He will provide guidance and expertise at an early stage, preventing wasted energies and heading off potential frustrations. When you are ready please contact Nigel Spraggins (details below) for an application pack.

How long are MDF projects expected to last?

Long-term projects may apply for guaranteed funds for 3 years. Funding can't be guaranteed for longer than the agreed period.

Will there be help available to manage projects?

If you need funding for a long-term project you will be expected to take part

in a project management training session before the funds are released. Further advice on project management will be available from Diocesan Advisers if you need it.

What about other funding sources?

The Mission Development Fund is limited so you should always try to find out about other sources of funding. For any projects seeking £5,000 or more from the fund matched funding will be required. You will need to say on your application form what you have done to find other funding sources.

Who will decide which projects are funded?

The Bishop's Council will make the final decision, and will consider applications in March, June, September and November of each year. Council will be advised by a small group comprising of three members of Bishop's Council (the Revd Pat Hemstock, Mrs Penny Peterson, Mr Peter Stanley), the Chief Executive and two directors. This group will consider all applications to ensure that the various criteria are met and work with applicants where necessary to develop the application. The work of the group would include reviewing parish accounts, confirming deanery involvement, being aware of other similar local initiatives, if the project includes employment ensuring that the parish has necessary processes in place. Provide a recommendation on each project to Council.

