Minor Repairs Grants

Eligibility Guide

Eligible Buildings

Consecrated Church of England buildings for worship including shared buildings and ecumenical partnerships in the 40 mainland parishes and the Diocese of Sodor and Man.

The ‘building’ in this sense also includes below ground services, foundations and the immediate curtilage of the church.

Ineligible Buildings

Other buildings or structures in the churchyard or curtilage of eligible buildings which are not in ecclesiastical use, such as church halls.

Cathedrals; churches and chapels which are the responsibility of private owners or institutions.

Church of England churches outside England or the Isle of Man.

Non-Anglican Places of worship.

Closed and closing churches.

Repairs - **The work must be registered on the Online Faculty System, whether it is List A, List B or Full Faculty**

Repair of **external** building fabric: roof coverings, roof structure, walls, parapets, pinnacles and other architectural features, towers, spires, windows, doors, rainwater disposal system including below-ground drainage.

Repair of **internal** building fabric: ceilings, floors, doors, walls and wall linings (plaster/panelling but not wall paintings, mosaics etc).

Repair of building services installations where essential for health and safety and/or continuity of worship and mission use.

Emergency repairs or holding works, e.g. propping, covering, protection etc.

For the repair work to be eligible it **must** be included in the **most recent** QI report. While the urgent and important repairs (repairs to be done within 12 and 24 months) should take priority any that should be completed within the QI timeframe of 5 years will be valid.

Ineligible Work

Routine maintenance. If you are struggling to understand this consult the Church Building Council’s [Calendar of Care](https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2018-12/CCB_Calendar-of-Care_Aug-2016.pdf) for routine maintenance that will not be included.

Routine cleaning.

Work to furnishings, such as bells and bell frames, books and manuscripts, church plate, clocks, monumental brasses and decorative metalwork, monuments, organs, paintings and wall paintings, stained glass, textiles, wooden objects. These may qualify for the grants administered by ChurchCare (see [Grants for historic church interiors and churchyard structures | The Church of England](https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/churchcare/our-conservation-grants/grants-historic-church-interiors-and-churchyard#na)).

Conservation reports. These may qualify for the grants administered by ChurchCare (see [Grants for conservation reports | The Church of England](https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/churchcare/churchcare-grants/grants-conservation-reports)).Routine inspection (Quinquennial Inspections, periodic inspection of electrical installations, appliance testing, gas safety checks, etc).

Routine servicing of building services installations.

Any work covered by insurance.

NB: A maintenance plan is also required for the grant application to make sure that routine maintenance is being carried out.

We will assess reserves levels and church accounts when considering applications and will prioritize churches that would struggle to financially cover these repairs.

A Church Building Officer must be involved with the application process, otherwise it will not be accepted.