

National Churches Trust Grants:

A reminder that deadlines are fast approaching for the next rounds of the following grant programmes:

- [Foundation Grants](#) are available to places of worship of all Christian denominations around the United Kingdom towards work that addresses urgent maintenance, as identified as a priority in a recent Quinquennial Inspection Report or survey. The works should be stand-alone projects costing between £1,000 and £10,000 excluding VAT. Grants range from £500 to £3,000. The **next deadline is 12 May 2019** for a decision in July.

In order to apply applicants should have 2 quotes for the work, 50% of funding in place, as well as permissions (e.g. List B consent, Faculty, Trustee approval or equivalent thereof), and be able to evidence the urgency for the work. Projects should be led, overseen and supervised by a suitably qualified architect or surveyor, with conservation accreditation if the building is listed. We cannot fund work retrospectively though work may commence after an application has been submitted to us.

To date our grants have been used to fund small scale roof repairs, repointing, drainage, guttering etc. The grants can also be used to fund small investigate works and surveys.

Gateway Grants are awards of £3,000 to £10,000 to support churches to develop high quality, well researched, sustainable projects through the diagnosis of issues affecting the church, by testing the viability of proposed solutions, and through developing plans up to RIBA stage 1, in advance of applying to a major church heritage funder. For the guidance notes (including the full eligibility criteria, scoring and grant conditions) and online application form, please visit www.nationalchurchestrust.org/gatewaygrants Next deadline 9 May 2019 for a decision in July.

- **Cornerstone Grants** are awards of £10,000 to £50,000 towards urgent and essential structural repairs, with an estimated cost of at least £100,000 (including VAT and fees) and/or the introduction of kitchens and toilets costing at least £30,000. For the guidance notes (including the full eligibility criteria, scoring and grant conditions) and online application form, please visit www.nationalchurchestrust.org/cornerstonegrants Next deadline 1 July 2019 for a decision in November.
- **MaintenanceBooker** www.maintenancebooker.org.uk Based on the principle that prevention is better than cure MaintenanceBooker can help churches and chapels avoid having to carry out major repairs to their buildings by making it easy to carry out regular maintenance. The service is available to churches, chapels and historic buildings across England and Wales and provides an online 'one stop shop' where churches and chapels can book accredited contractors for services including gutter clearance, tree maintenance, lightning protection system inspections and asbestos management services. **Small grants are also available** towards the costs of some services booked via the site. For more information, see [here](#).

Please contact grants@nationalchurchestrust.org or call 020 7227 1933 to speak to the grants team if you have any questions regarding their grant programmes.