

## Properties Fit For Mission grants (for website)

Our [strategy for resourcing mission](#) includes commitment to provide property support to enable local trustees can respond to missional opportunities. This includes providing limited financial support towards capital costs needed for premises to respond to identified transformative missional opportunities.

## OUR PRIORITIES

Within our budget we anticipate having relatively limited funds available for making grants so are prioritising applications which:

- represent major capital expenditure necessary as part of a viable response to clearly defined and transformative new missional opportunities (we would expect you to have an active and documented mission plan);
- have a clear financial need (the work will struggle happen without a district financial contribution);
- support the project in accessing funding from beyond the District;
- support achieving [Eco Church Award](#) status (or the applicant is already an Eco Church)

Other than in exceptional circumstances, Properties Fit For Mission grants will be no more than 10% of capital costs, up to a maximum grant of £20k.

## HOW TO APPLY

### STAGE 1 - CONSULT

If you are considering such a project, contact our [Missional Property Enabler](#) as early as possible. Their role is to help you explore, develop and articulate your vision, so that your mission might flourish, as well as providing technical advice and approval to undertake structural works.

The Connexional website also includes helpful [property development pathways](#) summarising steps to be considered in a property project, questions you might wish to ask, and how to write a mission plan.

### STAGE 2 - EXPLAIN

Use the property consents portal to explain what capital works you propose doing, what transformational mission this will enable, what it will cost, and how you anticipate it will be funded.

If you are seeking grant support, attach a document explaining the following, unless these are clearly addressed by your answers to the questions on the portal

#### Journey

- How have you arrived at this proposal?
- Why does it inspire hope in your context?
- Why is it priority of yours? Were other ideas considered?

- Which stakeholders have you listened to? What did they tell you?
- What research and data have informed your planning?
- How have you gained insight from beyond your locality?

Please attach a copy of your mission plan in the documents section on the consents portal.

#### **Team**

- Who are the members of the team responsible for steering and directing your property project (who are responsible for the contents of this proposal)? What skills and experience do they each bring?
- How do they work in tandem with those responsible for implementing the missional plan that your property needs to be fit for?
- Who is praying for this initiative, and how do you engage with them?

#### **Risks and responses**

- What are the main risks most likely to prevent the flourishing of your capital project?
- How are these being reduced to an acceptable level?

#### **Climate crisis**

- What positive impact will this capital work have on your carbon footprint?
- Will it enable you to achieve Eco Church Award status (if you are not already an Eco Church)?

### **STAGE 3 - DISCERN**

Inform the [Missional Property Enabler](#) when you think you are ready for what you have written to be reviewed by our Property Advisory Panel. The panel may seek clarification or conversation about aspects of your property project before making a recommendation to District Leading Team about whether to approve a grant.

Because we have limited funds there may be occasions when district grants approval to proceed with your project but is unable to make a financial contribution.

### **STAGE 4 - EVALUATE**

We will ask you to complete an evaluation, usually 12 months after completion of your property project, to allow time for its missional impact to start to be seen. The purpose of this is to support you in reflecting on your project, what you would do differently for future projects, and what you have learnt along the way that you and others should be mindful of for future initiatives.