

MISSIONAL GRANTS OVERVIEW

7 September 2023

District funding is available to support Transforming Mission and Properties Fit For Mission projects. Full details of our current scheme and what we have said we will prioritise are available at <https://www.sheffieldmethodist.org/what-we-do/finance-fundraising.html>



We do not have any requests for grant applications to this meeting.

EVALUATIONS FOR EXISTING GRANTS

Sprotbrough families worker (Doncaster) – year 1 evaluation

I have continued to chase the church for progress on their seeking external funding to sustain this role (a condition of the grant) following their last evaluation submitted to our March meeting. Tranches two and three of the grant will not be paid until this matter has been resolved.

Warm Spaces

Warm Spaces evaluations are now outstanding for only four churches: Carterknowle, The Crossing, Stocksbridge Christian Centre, Totley Rise. Property grants have been pledged but not yet paid to Stocksbridge and Totley Rise.

Evaluations for Connexionally funded new Christian communities/ NPNPs

I will be leading a discussion at the Connexional NPNP Activists Gathering in October about how local and national monitoring and evaluation of these communities can be dovetailed to best effect.

WARM SPACE FUNDING

I had hoped to apply to the [Community Organisations Cost of Living programme](#) for financial support towards continuing warm spaces across the district. However this programme has been designed with a minimum grant of £10k, and to exclude partnerships or consortiums, and therefore effectively excludes local neighbourhood/ volunteer led work. It seems this unusual condition has been imposed because it is government rather than lottery money.

I will explore with churches continuing warm spaces if they would be interested in a joint bid for lottery funding towards their costs, but this would be applying to the highly competitive general grants programmes.

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