**CHURCH BUILDINGS FUND**

This is a designated fund for the maintenance and repair of Church buildings

The conditions for a grant to be paid are:

1. The work must be identified in a current quinquennial survey report, unless it arises from an emergency;
2. The maximum grant is 50% of the cost, up to a maximum of £10,000, for any one claim;
3. The local church must meet 50% of the cost, or £10,000 whichever is the lower, without any loan from Synod;
4. Only maintenance work is to be included, but if any new work covers some / all of any maintenance then that can be included and may be considered;
5. Only in exceptional circumstances could a second claim be considered within a five year period, such as an emergency situation.

Normally, grants are only available for Church Buildings owned by East Midlands Trust.

However, United Churches and Local Ecumenical Partnerships may be eligible to apply, but will only be eligible for the appropriate proportion of the grant – that is all denominations in the LEP must contribute the same amount as Synod.

Synod will need to see and examine the accounts of the church making the application, supported by at least 2 quotations. Synod may offer a grant but will require evidence that the church has match funding in place before the grant is confirmed. The Synod officers will have delegated responsibilities to ensure that there is no delay, as it is appreciated that repair work may need to be undertaken expeditiously. Once approved, payment will be made by BACS into the church bank account on receipt of a copy of the invoice for the completed work.

If you wish to make a claim on this fund, please complete the application form in all respects and send to:

Synod Property Officer –

It is preferred requests are sent by email property@urc5.org.uk

Postal address is : The United Reformed Church – East Midlands Synod

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