

The Christian Science Trust in Great Britain

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FUNDING GUIDELINES

These Guidelines will be reviewed annually

An application form should be completed to apply for a grant

The following requirements must be met in order to receive financial aid:

- A financial need must exist in order to apply for financial aid.
- A Church, Society, Informal Group, Christian Science Organisation or The Mother Church should support and submit the application.
- Applications from Branch Church/Society to be submitted by the Clerk
- Please note that no on-going funding is available for any project or initiative, e.g. salaries, maintenance.
- An application for financial aid must be in place before any expenses are incurred.
- The applicant should contribute at least 25% of the total cost of the project to be funded.
- All projects are considered, regardless of the size.
- A fruitage report should be completed and submitted at the end of each project.

The Guidelines shown below indicate the circumstances that will be considered by the Trustees for financial support.

We are open to creative ideas and will support financially, Manual-based activities. All applications are considered individually, but funding is not automatic and may not always be to the maximum percentage mentioned.

Donations and all financial contributions from other sources will be taken into account when making a decision on funding. The total funds available to the church, including any investments or reserves, will also be taken into account.

Lectures given by:

Churches

Contribution of up to 75% of costs for second and subsequent lectures held in the same lecture year.

Societies

Contribution of up to 75% of all lecture costs.

Informal Groups

Contribution of up to 75% of all lecture costs. The application for the lecture must be supported by a church or society.

Reading Rooms

Contributions of up to 75% will be considered to support the upgrade/enhancement of Reading Rooms to improve their visibility and outreach potential; e.g. window displays and display facilities. Opening hours and availability to the public will be taken into account.

Media and Technology Development

- A contribution of up to 75% (maximum £1,000) will be given to a Reading Room or Church wishing to upgrade their technology provision. Assistance does not include on-going ISP or line access fees.
- Upgrades will be considered at five-year intervals.
- Website development – contribution of up to 75%. However, there must be a sustainable plan to maintain and update the website going forward.

Building Assistance

- Assistance may be available to branches for structural and other repair work to buildings, including enhancements to buildings and environs, and also for those branches moving to more efficient settings and for seeking compliance with local accessibility regulations.
- Grants will not normally be given to Churches or Societies for routine maintenance of their buildings. However, the Trustees would support projects which address the promotion of Christian Science.
- All applications are considered individually.

Individual Support

The Trust does not provide support to individual Christian Scientists. However, applications for assistance will be considered from Mother Church appointees, Committees on Publication, and Christian Science nurses to attend international and national conferences and activities which are specific to their position. Other meetings and activities may be considered on the basis of their compliance.

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