Synod Advance Fund

Grants to support online working of Churches

The Synod Schemes & Grants Committee recognises the need to reach out online to both members and those in the community. Churches may need to invest in some additional equipment. Examples are: camera; sound or recording; lighting; wifi; laptop computers. This type of project falls somewhat between the two funding streams of building and mission. Projects should follow these guidelines. The SS&GC will make up to £30,000 available this Connexional year for such schemes.

**Guidelines**

Proposals should be submitted on the SAF application form, with the additional information required. (Available on the Synod website or on request). They should include:

* A plan with clear objectives and activities should be submitted.
* How the success of the project will be monitored.
* An indication that the skills required to use the equipment effectively are available or will be acquired.
* Evidence that due diligence with regards to cost effectiveness and consideration for the environment has been made.
* Budgets which indicate the costs and any additional sources of funds or fundraising
* Proposals should be approved by the churches own planning and financial procedures – please include the date of that approval

**Grants up to £3000 are available:**

* Requests for under £1000 receive 100%
* Requests over £1000 can receive 50% of expenditure over £1000

**Reporting Requirements**

Churches receiving grants should produce a short report indicating the outcomes of the project and any lessons learnt after 12 months. This will enable the committee to evaluate the effectiveness of the scheme.

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