



## Grant-Making Criteria for Local Ministry Area Initiative Grant

1. Grants will be made available to support initiatives which encourage and move forward the Mission of the Local Ministry Areas (LMA)
2. Grants are **not** available towards:
  - a) building works
  - b) restoration works
  - c) improvement works
  - d) the sole use of individual parish projects
  - e) equipment for individual parish projects
3. Priority will be given to initiatives that help the LMA to:
  - a) grow in numbers
  - b) grow in spiritual commitment
  - c) grow in service to God through outreach in the local community.
4. You must first consult with your Archdeacon about the project before submitting any grant application.
5. You must confirm that:
  - a) The ministry share of constituent parishes is up to date
  - b) If not, what plans are in place to clear any arrears
  - c) the application has endorsement/support of the LMA forum.
6. Where children, young people and vulnerable adults are involved, the initiative must comply with the Church in Wales safeguarding policy.
7. Where food preparation and/or dispensing is involved, the applicant must comply with hygiene and food safety regulations.
8. All regulations relevant to the initiative must be complied with.
9. The following examples of eligible projects are given simply to stimulate ideas – applicants are invited to use their God-given imaginations in finding creative ways of growing the 21<sup>st</sup> century church:
  - Start-up grant for a new congregation/church plant meeting in, for example, a school hall.
  - Resources for a team of children's or youth workers to improve provision within a local ministry area.
  - Costs of an evangelistic mission.
  - Costs for running a Christian foundation course.
  - A one-off event such as a local ministry area children/youth day.

- Costs of a community outreach initiative.
- A start-up grant to set up and equip a LMA office.
- Enhancement grant for Sunday schools, youth groups and new worship methods.

10. The following examples are initiatives that have been grant funded:

- Beach Mission encouraging families to find church;
- Joint Use of a Shop providing a variety of services within the community and to build a bridge/link between local people and the church;
- Café Church reaching out to the community and planting a new congregation made up of existing church members, their invited friends and other interested people;
- The Big Cwtch reaching out to the community in a relaxed way by meeting people where they are, to show that the church is relevant and alive in a non-judgemental, welcoming, loving and serving way;
- Angel Themed Events reaching out to every household in the parish and giving them a Christmas decoration for their window with an invite to the events and a message of Christian hope.

**ALL APPLICATIONS WILL NEED TO DEMONSTRATE THE FOLLOWING:**

- Relevance – that your application comes within the indicated criteria.
- Competence – that you have a fair chance of delivering your project competently and on time.
- Plausibility – that you establish a plausible route by which your proposal could result in the growth of the church.
- Comprehensiveness – that you have answered all the questions on the form in such a way as to give the grant-making group a clear picture of your intentions.
- Sustainability – that the larger, longer term projects show how you might keep the project going once our grant has finished or personnel move on.
- Good practice.
- Capable of evaluation.

The presumption is that any such application will be eligible for a grant, subject to funds being available. If applications exceed funds available then the grant-makers reserve the right to decide whether to award small grants to all, or larger grants to some and none to others.

All approved grants must be claimed within 6 months from the start date of the project. The members of the Local Ministry Area Initiative Grant Committee reserve the right to cancel any unclaimed/unused grants or balances of grants after the specified period.

Payments will only be made for the specified items stated on the application.

Retrospective applications for grants will only be considered after consultation with your Archdeacon.

An electronic report complete with pictures would be needed by the Local Ministry Area Initiative Grant Committee; within two months of the project completion or two months from date of the cheque.

Members with a personal interest in a proposal will withdraw from the meeting while it is discussed.

**All completed applications should be sent to the Mrs Nia Evans at the Diocesan Office and must arrive at least ten days before the date of the next meeting in order to be considered.**

Early applications are advised, where possible, in order to give time for the group to obtain any clarifications that may be required before the meeting.

In complicated cases a member of the group may arrange to visit you prior to the grant-making meeting.

Applicants will be notified of the outcome as soon as possible after each meeting.

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