



# United Diocese of Glasgow & Galloway

The Scottish Episcopal Church

## Diocesan Mission Grants – Application Guidelines (*updated 2023*)

Applications for a Diocesan Mission Grant can be made to the Diocese at any time. Applications are overseen by the Bishop in conjunction with the Canon Missioner and all applications should be addressed to the Bishop in the first instance.

Normally, grants of up to £2000 are available through direct access to the Bishop; grant applications for sums greater than £2000, as supported by the Bishop and the Canon Missioner, will be considered by the Bishop's Staff Group.

The grants are intended to facilitate missional outreach within the local community and it is important to understand that the grants are for mission, i.e., taking the Good News of Jesus in word and deed to those we live and work amongst. Creative, exciting, and innovative projects are welcomed.

The Diocese invites you to read below the main criteria for the award of a grant and, if your project fits these, please proceed with an application.

### Criteria

1. A grant may only be awarded to a **Scottish Episcopal Church/Region in the Diocese of Glasgow & Galloway**.
  - a. Applications may be made for ecumenical, interfaith, or regional cooperative projects, but must come from at least one Scottish Episcopal Congregation of the Diocese who will be *participating* in the project.
  - b. Applications can be shared with Regional Councils but **DO NOT** require Regional Council approval to be submitted.
2. A grant may be up to but not in excess of **£2000**; **grants above this level may require further information to be forwarded to the Diocese**.
3. A grant may be awarded for **missional purposes only**. In this context, *Mission* is defined as: *any activity that demonstrates the love and compassion of Christ and will include Jesus' invitation to a new life, human flourishing, and a deepening relationship with God*.
4. The **need** for the project for which a grant is sought should be made clear.
5. The **number and groups of people who will benefit** from the projects should be identified.
6. The Diocese would also be interested in how you would **communicate** with the beneficiaries – or simply, those you wish to be a part of the project.
7. It is expected that a grant will normally, but not always, **be a percentage of rather than the full amount needed for the project**. In other words, **applicants are encouraged to seek other funders** to be stake-holders in your project, and of course this should include the congregation.
8. The Diocese would really wish to see that any grant awarded is actually making the missional difference anticipated. So, the Diocese will ask you to identify **how you will know that the project is working** and doing what you wanted it to do.