

BUGB Mission Grants

Mission Project Grants

Guidance Notes SWBA



INTRODUCTION

- Mission Project Grants will be given to encourage and enable Baptist Churches to respond to the mission needs of their community as part of their ongoing work and ministry. They will be one-off grants for new projects or new initiatives within existing projects. These projects must have a mission focus, in that their main aim should be to benefit people from the community which the church is seeking to serve.
- Whilst any project will be considered, please note the following:
 1. Priority will be given to those which fall into one of the following categories:
 - a) Innovative and creative evangelistic initiatives which will involve working with those who cannot yet be considered as disciples of Jesus Christ and/or enabling people to make a free and informed response to the invitation to faith and repentance.
 - b) Initiatives which are intended to help alleviate poverty or the effects of poverty. Where groups are excluded from resources or deprived of certain facilities, they may be regarded as poor for the purposes of these grants
 2. The committee will be unlikely to fund
 - a) Building projects – unless the grant application is for a clearly defined aspect of that project that links with the church’s mission strategy.
 - b) Large projects – where such a grant is not going to make any significant difference
 - c) Projects which churches are clearly able to fund themselves.
 - d) Projects which are not linked with a church’s ongoing mission strategy.
- The maximum amount payable for any one project is £1500.
- Please note that
 1. Any funds that remain unspent nine months after they have been given to the church should be repaid (subject to negotiation) so that the money can be used elsewhere.
 2. The church will be asked to provide a progress report approximately nine months after the grant has been paid.

COMPLETING THE FORM

Note 1 – The Church

The church that makes the application must be in membership with the Baptist Union of Great Britain and the South Wales Baptist Association.

The decision to apply for a BUGB Mission Project Grant should be made by either a Deacons’ Meeting (or equivalent) or a Church Members Meeting. Please indicate which meeting made this decision and when.

Note 2 – The Project

The ‘Brief Description of project’ should only be one or two sentences

The rest of this section is for you to tell us about the project. Helpful information will include the nature of the project, its aims and objectives, the number/type of people who will be contacted and/or helped and anything else that you think is relevant and will be helpful to those assessing the application. You will also need to explain how it fits into your church’s mission strategy.

Please note that we are looking to support projects that are part of a church's ongoing mission strategy. If you have not yet produced such a strategy then please consult your local Association who will be able to help you produce one.

Note 3 – The Costs

3.1 Please itemise the anticipated costs of the project:

Note that the maximum amount you can apply for is currently £1500

It is important that the church can demonstrate that they have or can obtain* the resources necessary to fund any start-up costs not covered by this grant.

3.2 If the project is of an ongoing nature, it is important that the church can demonstrate that they can obtain the resources necessary to fund the continuing running costs of the project *.

3.3 Because we only have a limited amount of money available we want to ensure that it is given to those churches where it is most needed. This means we are unlikely to fund projects where the church's accounts show they have the necessary resources to fund the project themselves. This section gives you the opportunity to explain why, if this is the case, your application should still be considered.

3.4 Normally grants are given as soon as they have been agreed. However, if it would be more appropriate for your grant to be paid later, please indicate. If you are unsure at the time of application then a date can be negotiated once the grant has been agreed.

3.5 The expectation is that all churches who receive a grant **from** Home Mission should be contributing to the wider Baptist family **through** Home Mission. Some church accounts do not specify how much has been given to Home Mission so we are asking for this information to be given here as well as an indication of how much the church expects to be giving in the current financial year.

** e.g. grants from other organisations, funds raised by the church, government funding.*

Please note that the application form should be signed by **both** the person named on the front page **and** the Minister or a church officer - Secretary or Treasurer. (If the applicant is one of these people then they should just sign twice!)

Note 4 – Further Information

The first two documents on the list are **essential**.

Your application may be returned to you if they are not included.

Once the application form has been completed it should be sent (along with all relevant additional paperwork) to your Association. It should **not** be sent to the Baptist Union.

If the form has been completed electronically it can be **e-mailed to office@swbabugb.org.uk**

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