

GRANT MAKING POLICY: PROCEEDS OF SALE OF CLOSED CHURCHES

1. Under the Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011, two thirds of the net proceeds of sale of closed churches are paid to the Diocesan Pastoral Account, with the remaining third being paid ordinarily to the Churches Conservation Trust.
2. Diocesan policy is that half of the money paid to the Pastoral Account, that is one-third of the net proceeds of sale, should be made available as a grant fund for the deanery in which the closed church was situated. Deaneries may make applications to the DBF for grant funding for mission projects either for deanery projects or for parish projects as determined by the Deanery Synod. Applications must be made within five years of the date of sale, failing which the funds will remain in the Pastoral Account and will not be available as a grant fund.
3. Determination of applications for grants is delegated to the Mission Fund, and the Mission Fund guidelines and application process apply, except that the following Mission Fund limitations do not apply:
 - a. The cap of £45,000;
 - b. The limit of three years' funding;
 - c. The exclusion of building-related projects;
 - d. The exclusion of one-off events.