



Go For It

Small Grants Pilot Grant Guidelines for applicants

Often a small amount of money at the right time can make a huge difference. **Go For It** wants to be able to help you work for change in your church and community in flexible and creative ways. To assist this we have created a diverse programme of Small Grants for various purposes. Any application must be able to demonstrate clearly its association with at least one Church of Scotland

congregation. Part of a successful application to **Go For It** will be the demonstration of a commitment to good partnership working.

There are **five criteria** for funding and successful applicants will meet at least two of these:

- meeting identified needs in the community
- nurturing Christian faith within and beyond the church
- tackling poverty and/or social injustice
- developing new ecclesial/Christian communities
- creating work which is genuinely innovative and shares good practice with others

The **Guide to Pilot Grants** section below helps you to see the kind of specific information we are looking for in your application. Where Grant conditions are described, it should be noted that these are not exhaustive; you will be advised of any further conditions that apply. For more information please speak to **Go For It** staff or one of our co-workers.

To apply

Please complete the **Pilot** Grant Application Form and submit this along with a completed Eligibility Questionnaire, Income and Expenditure Table and supporting Kirk Session Minute, **PLEASE DO NOT ENCLOSE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS AS THESE CAN NOT BE CONSIDERED.** Make sure you **fully answer all the questions.**

Guide to Pilot Grants

<p>Required information</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who will benefit from this project and what needs have you identified? • What difference do you hope to make for them? • What do you intend to do? • How does this fit with the Go For It criteria?* • Please provide a breakdown of project costs and where money will come from. • What do you expect to learn from the pilot? • How will you monitor and evaluate the project?
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How will the project be managed to ensure good practice throughout?
Examples	<p>Gabton Family Centre wish to develop an additional group for Dads but want to experiment with different ways of engaging them.</p> <p>Rupton Church want to start a 'Messy Church' group for families in their community, to keep in touch with the large number of children who attend their annual Holiday Clubs.</p>
Programme description	<p>Pilot Grants are awarded to enable you to test out the viability of an idea by putting it into practice for a short period of time. Pilot Grants generally run between 9 months and 1 year. This should help you to deepen relationships with beneficiaries and partners, demonstrate the level of need and desire for the project, work on management and governance responsibilities, evaluate the pilot and make appropriate plans. The application might also include the cost of initial training for key personnel. You would be eligible to apply for a Main Grant or a Step Grant following on from a successful Pilot project, but there is no guarantee that any further funding would be awarded.</p>
Grant limits	<p>Maximum grant award is £5,000.</p> <p>Organisations may not apply for another Pilot Grant within 2 years of a previous award.</p> <p>Organisations should be able to demonstrate an appropriate investment of their own money or resources into the pilot. No match funding is required.</p>
Grant conditions	<p>Go For It will only fund one project per church at any time. Consequently you can only submit one application per church/congregation at any given time. Applications must be supported by an extract minute from the relevant Church of Scotland Kirk Session, approving both the Pilot and this application to Go For It.</p> <p>Successful applicants will be required to submit a report on their project at the end of the Grant period in every case.</p>
Additional sources of support*	<p>If you intend to work towards the Go For It criterion, "Tackling poverty and/or social injustice", you might like to make contact with the Priority Areas team within the Church of Scotland. They are responsible for the support, development and co-ordination of the Church's work within its poorest communities and would be pleased to hear from you: priorityareas@churchofscotland.org.uk</p> <p>If you intend to work towards the Go For It criterion, "developing new ecclesial/Christian communities", you might like to make contact with these agencies within the Church of Scotland: the Joint Emerging Church Group (JECG) and Fresh Expressions. They support the development of this work and would be pleased to hear from you: Fresh Expressions – David McCarthy: dmccarthy@churchofscotland.org.uk JECG – Angus Mathieson: amathieson@churchofscotland.org.uk or Lesley Hamilton-Messer: lhamilton-messer@churchofscotland.org.uk</p>

What happens next? Your application will be reviewed by **Go For It** staff to ensure that it is eligible and gives them enough information to proceed. All applications will receive an acknowledgement email. If staff find that the application is ineligible or there is insufficient information, your application will not go forward. Otherwise, the application will be assessed by a panel of three drawn from the **Go For It** Committee. They may request further information at this stage and once this is received a decision will be communicated to you quickly. We expect the decision-making process to be complete within six to eight weeks.

If you require further information, call the **Go For It** Team within the Church of Scotland's Ministries Council on 0131 225 5722 or email goforit@churchofscotland.org.uk

For all the documents you need to complete an application for a **Pilot** Grant (Eligibility Questionnaire, Application Form, Income and Expenditure Table, Guidelines) visit:
http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/serve/go_for_it/grants/applying_for_a_small_grant

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