

Sources of Finance for Repair and Improvement

Introduction

This guide is not comprehensive but should provide useful starting information. It should also be emphasised that most of the organisations mentioned will not consider assisting projects which have already got underway. There are a number of other local trusts peculiar to particular localities in Scotland. Each of the trusts has different requirements for applications to them and it is important to make EARLY CONTACT to check individual requirements. For the purposes of applications to Historic Scotland and the Heritage Lottery Fund there are now two submission dates for applications, at the end of February and August in each year. Each of these organisations uses a joint application form and if a congregation is seeking to apply only for Historic Scotland funds, and not Lottery funding, this should be made explicit either in a covering letter or in the form itself.

- **CHURCH OF SCOTLAND – CENTRAL FABRIC FUND**

Loans and grants are available from this Fund which is operated by the Church of Scotland General Trustees for the purchase, building, repair and improvement of Churches, Halls and Manses and in certain other special cases as determined by the General Trustees. All applications must be submitted via the local Presbytery Office. Application Forms and Guidelines are available from the Secretary and Clerk, The Church of Scotland General Trustees, 121 George Street, Edinburgh, EH2 4YR – telephone 0131 225 5722; email gentrustees@cofscotland.org.uk.

Contact Keith Mason / Brian Waller for preliminary advice

- **LOCAL AUTHORITIES**

Local Authorities may but do not require to contribute towards the expense incurred or to be incurred in the repair or maintenance of:

- (a) A listed building which is in their local government area; or
- (b) A building in their area which is not listed but appears to them to be of architectural or historic interest.

Further information may be obtained direct from the Chief Executive or Director of Administration of the local authority concerned.

- **PRIVATE TRUSTS**

- (1) Allchurches Trust Ltd

The objects of the Trust include contributing to the funds of a charitable institution but the majority of the donations are to dioceses and cathedrals of the Church of England. It has also a general fund which can contribute to churches of other denominations. Contact: The Company Secretary, Allchurches Trust Limited, Beaufort House, Brunswick Road, Gloucester, GL1 1JZ; Tel 01452 873189; Fax 01452 423557. Application forms available online from website: allchurches.co.uk.

(2) Astor of Hever Trust

This trust may consider small one-off grants for the preservation of religious historic buildings in the Grampian area. Apply to Lord Astor of Hever, Frenchstreet House, Westerham, Kent, TN16 1PW; telephone 01959 565070; email astor.hevertrust@ukgateway.net.

(3) Baird Trust

This trust gives grants to assist with the building and repair of Churches and Halls but not Manses. Apply to The Secretary, 182 Bath Street, Glasgow, G2 4HG; telephone 0141 332 0476.

(4) Bellahouston Bequest Fund

This fund gives grants to Evangelical Denominations in the City of Glasgow and in certain areas within 5 miles of the city boundary to assist with the building and repairing of Churches and Halls and the promotion of religion. Apply to Messrs Mitchells Robertson, Solicitors, 36 North Hanover Street, Glasgow, G1 2AD; telephone 0141 552 3422; email info@mitchells-roberton.co.uk.

(5) Chase Charity Foundation

This organisation gives grants for the repair of small rural A-listed Parish Churches situated in parishes of under 5,000 people. Apply to 2 The Court, High Street, Harwell, Didcot, OX11 0EY.

(6) Council for the Care of Churches

Small grants up to £1,000 can be given for repair of furnishings in A-listed buildings including bells, organs, metalwork, stained glass, woodwork, textiles, monuments, paintings, etc. Apply to The Council for the Care of Churches, Church House, Great Smith Street, Westminster, London, SW1P 3NZ.

(7) Dalrymple Donaldson Fund

The income on this fund is used for the purpose of making grants for the judicious restoration and repair of buildings of historical and antiquarian interest and the Trustees have from time to time made grants to congregations where appropriate. Apply to Mr J S Wood, Secretary, Dalrymple Donaldson Fund, Tigh na Fiodh, Insh, Kingussie, PH21 1NU; Tel: 01540 651 645

(8) Ferguson Bequest Fund

For the maintenance and promotion of religious ordinances and education and missionary operations in the first instance in the Counties of Ayr, Kirkcudbright, Wigtown, Lanark, Renfrew and Dunbarton. Apply to Iain A T Mowat CA, 182 Bath Street, Glasgow G2 4HG (Tel: 0141 332 0476; Fax: 0141 331 0874; Email: info@fergusonbequestfund.org.uk).

(9) Garfield Weston Foundation

Applicants must be registered charities promoting education, medicine and religion. Apply to Weston Centre, Bowater House, 68 Knightsbridge, London, SW1X 7LQ; telephone 020 7589 6363.

(10) Gannochy Trust

The Gannochy Trust was founded in 1937 and provides donations only to organisations in Scotland with a preference for charities in the Perth area. However the Trust does welcome applications from elsewhere in Scotland from registered charities only. Applications must be in writing and you should contact Mrs Jean Gandhi, The Gannochy Trust, Kincarrathie House Drive, Pitcullen Crescent, Perth, PH2 7HX, telephone 01738 620653.

(11) Lloyds TSB Foundation for Scotland

The Foundation seeks to help those in need, especially the disabled and disadvantaged, in order that they can play a fuller role in society. Grants will not therefore be given for repair or maintenance work but may be given where a building is being improved so as to be of benefit to the wider community – eg by the installation of an access lift for disabled persons. Application forms are available from Lloyds TSB Foundation for Scotland, Riverside House, 502 Gorgie Road, Edinburgh, EH11 3AF; telephone 0870 902 1201 or downloaded from the website: www.ltsbfoundationforscotland.org.uk.

(12) National Churches Trust

This Trust may award a Cornerstone grant to churches, chapels and meeting houses which the Trust considers have a particularly important architectural, historical and/or social standing. A major donor to the Trust is the Pilgrim Trust. Apply to: info@nationalshurchestrust.org : Tel: 020 7600 6090.

(13) Renfield Street Trust

This trust gives grants to assist with work at Churches and Halls but not Manses. It has tended to be more willing to assist where an element of outreach is involved. Apply to The Secretary, 182 Bath Street, Glasgow, G2 4HG; telephone 0141 332 0476.

(14) Scottish Churches Architectural Heritage Trust

This trust gives grants towards the cost of repair and restoration of religious buildings in Scotland in use for public worship and which have a significant place in the country's history, are of high architectural quality or which are important as landmarks in their area. Apply to the Director, 15 North Bank Street, The Mound, Edinburgh, EH1 2LP; telephone 0131 225 8644.

(15) Miss M E Swinton Paterson's Charitable Trust

The Trust can give modest grants to support smaller congregations in urban or rural areas who require to fund essential maintenance or improvement works at their buildings. Apply to Callum S Kennedy, WS, Messrs Lindsays WS, Caledonian Exchange, 19a Canning Street, Edinburgh, EH3 8HE; Tel: 0131 229 1212.

- **PRESBYTERIES IN THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**

Some local Presbyteries hold funds from which grants can be made for fabric repair and improvement. Apply to the relevant Presbytery Clerk.

- **LANDFILL TAX CREDIT SCHEME**

A portion of the Landfill Tax levied by the Government on operators of landfill sites may be used to support the maintenance, repair or restoration of a building in use for religious worship so long as the building is open to the public, non-profit making and located within the vicinity of a landfill site. Congregations will require to register as an environmental body with ENTRUST, Head Office, 2nd Floor, Acre House, 2 Town Square, Sale, M33 7WZ, telephone 0161 972 0044 www.entrust.org.uk. In the Northeast of Scotland you can try the Broadcairn Community Fund by contacting Tim Curtis on tim@broadcairn.org.

- **LOTTERY FUNDING**

- (1) Big Lottery Fund

The Fund operates a number of funding programmes including “Investing in Communities”, “Awards for All”, “Investing in Ideas”, “Life Transactions”, “Supporting 21st Century Life”, “Dynamic Inclusive Communities” and “Breathing Spaces”. The focus tends to be on assisting projects which will make a real difference at a local level. The provision of modern facilities may qualify. Further information can be obtained from the BIG Advice Line on 0870 240 2391 or email: enquiries.scotland@biglotteryfund.org.uk. The Scotland office is situated at 1 Atlantic Quay, I Robertson Street, Glasgow, G2 8JB.

- (2) Heritage Lottery Fund

Administered by the Trustees of the National Heritage Memorial Fund, this is one of the “good causes” funds supported from the proceeds of the National Lottery. It gives grants towards urgent repairs at listed places of worship. The fund operates in conjunction with Historic Scotland – see below for more details. An application pack is available from the Manager, 28 Thistle Street, Edinburgh, EH2 1EN; telephone 0131 225 9450.

- **HISTORIC SCOTLAND**

As with the scheme run by the Heritage Lottery Fund, grants are given for urgent repairs at listed buildings. The same application form may be used to apply to either or both of Heritage Lottery Fund and Historic Scotland. Application packs are available from Historic Scotland, Longmore House, Salisbury Place, Edinburgh, EH1 1SH; telephone 0131 668 8801.

- **LISTED PLACES OF WORSHIP GRANT SCHEME**

Strictly speaking, this is not a grant so much as a refund by the Treasury of the amount of the VAT charged on repair and maintenance work on listed places of worship. Application forms and guidance notes are available from Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme, PO Box 609, Newport, South Wales, NP10 8QD or off the website: www.lpwscheme.org.uk. Telephone 0845 601 5945 (calls at local rate).

- **GREEN ENERGY INITIATIVES**

Financial assistance may be available towards the cost of initiatives to reduce energy use and carbon footprints. Further information can be obtained from:

- (1) Energy Saving Trust

An independent, non-profit making organisation, the Trust does not offer funding but its website contains useful information and links to other organisations. The Church and Society Council has worked with the Trust to ensure that its staff are reasonably familiar with the Church of Scotland. It is easily accessed through the website: www.energysavingtrust.org.uk. Otherwise, write to: Ocean Point 1, Third Floor, 94 Ocean Drive, Edinburgh, EH6 6JH.

(2) Communities and Renewable Energy Scheme (CARES)

Working on behalf of the Scottish Government, Community Energy Scotland is contracted to deliver the Scheme for the three-year period to May 2012 under which grants of up to £10,000 may be available for Feasibility Studies and up to £150,000 for projects involving the installation of renewable energy equipment and technology. For further information write to: 2b Fodderty Way, Dingwall Business Park, Dingwall, IV15 9XB; Telephone: 01349 860120 or access the website: www.communityenergyscotland.org.uk.

(3) Low Carbon Buildings Programme

Under Phase 2 of the Programme, grants may be available to not-for-profit organisations including registered charities (such as congregations) for up to 50% of the eligible costs of installing micro generation technology through approved suppliers/contractors. Further information is most easily accessed through the website: www.lowcarbonbuildingsphase2.org.uk.

(4) Climate Challenge Fund

Aimed at the community sector including community groups, schools and charitable organisations, preferably in partnership with others, the Fund may provide financial assistance towards the feasibility and subsequent development and installation of projects that directly reduce carbon emissions. Contact the website: www.keepsotlandbeautiful.org/ccf or write to Islay House, Livilands Lane, Stirling, FK8 2BG; Telephone 01786 471333.
