

Quick Wins guidance

Quick Wins for Net Zero improvements grants July 2024

*"Then the Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it."
- Genesis 2:15*

The **Quick Wins (QW)** grant scheme is intended to provide small grants to allow Churches to rapidly address adaptations that represent the 'low hanging fruit' in reducing Green House Gas (GHG) emission in their churches. The plan is that QW grants are easy and quick to apply for, and rapidly assessed and deployed (hence "Quick Wins"). This will allow churches to quickly make alterations to lower their emissions and energy bills and keep their churches safe, usable and welcoming.

The Vision

To enable churches to make swift, low cost alterations that will have a positive impact on their GHG emissions that also allow them to improve, protect and grow mission in safe, usable and welcoming churches.

Purpose

The Diocese of Truro offers grant funding for minor alterations aligned to the mission above. Eligible works are listed below:

What can the money be spent on?

1. The building itself:

- A1. Repair to the roof and rainwater goods (e.g. gutters, downpipes)
- A2. Fix any broken windowpanes* & make sure opening windows shut tightly
- A3. Insulate around heating pipes
- A4. Draught-proof the gaps* or put up a door-curtain*
- A5. Rugs/floor-coverings (with breathable backings) & cushions on/around the pews/chairs
- B1. Where there is an uninsulated, easy-to access roof void, insulating the loft*
- B2. Installing a glazed door within your porch or a draught-lobby*
- B3. Creating one or more smaller (separately heatable) spaces for smaller events
- B4. Fabric wall-hangings or panels, with an air gap behind

Heating and lighting:

- A7. Matching heating settings better to usage*
- A10. Replace lightbulbs with LEDs, where simple replacement is possible
- A11. Replace floodlights with new LED units
- A12. Install a HIVE- or NEST-type heating controller, to better control heating
- A13. If current appliances fail, replace with A+++ appliances
- B5. Learn how the building heats/cool and the link to comfort, by using data loggers
- B6. Improve heating zones and controls
- B7. Install TRVs on radiators in meeting rooms & offices
- B8a. Under-pew electric heaters*
- B8b. Infra-red radiant panel heaters*
- B9. Magnetic sediment “sludge” filter to extend the life of the system
- B10. Thermal and/or motion sensors on lighting
- B11. Install energy-saving device such as Savawatt on fridges or other commercial appliances
- B12. Installing a smart meter, to better measure energy use

2. Temporary heating solutions, which enable a church/church hall to avoid undertaking a like-for-like oil- or gas-heating replacement when their heating breaks down:

- T1. Heated chair cushions*
- T2. Boiler hire
- T3. Electric heater hire or purchase*

(It is expected temporary solutions will last for one year maximum whilst the church makes plans, seeks advice, applies for faculty, & fundraises. At the end of the temporary period, once a permanent heating solution has been installed, the diocese has the right to ask for items which have been purchased to become the property of the diocese, to be lent to other churches.)

3. Electrical upgrades to enable direct electric heating, heat pumps, or solar panels

- E1. Upgrades to the electrical system, to enable a church or church hall to move away from oil or gas heating, or to substantially reduce their use of existing oil or gas heating.

4. Other

O1. Heated chair cushions, which either replace or significantly reduce the use of oil and gas fired space heating*

O2. Solar PV, where a church can demonstrate it has completed all other measures to transition to net zero carbon, and so this is the next step

OX. Works not listed above but which have been confirmed as being eligible, under the change control process below. These works will be added to the central list. Please contact Carbon Cut Support Officer in first instance.

* If interiors are of historic, architectural, or artistic interest, professional & DAC advice must be sought before these steps are taken. If they could disturb bats, advice must be sought.

What will not be eligible for funding

- Routine maintenance
- Routine cleaning
- Conservation reports. These may qualify for the grants administered by [ChurchCare](#)
- Routine inspection (Quinquennial Inspections, periodic inspection of electrical installations, appliance testing, gas safety checks, etc)
- Any work covered by insurance

What grants are available?

The grant is intended for relatively small amounts that due to their size can be reviewed and credited quickly. It is expected that the average credit will be £2 500 or lower.

Key criteria

The project must:

1. Not have already been started
2. Follow the standard Faculty and DAC process*

The applicant church must be:

1. Willing to share learning from their project with others.
2. Committed to submitting a completion report and visit.

Who can apply?

Parochial Church Councils (PCCs) are expected to be the applicant in most cases, with confirmation of support from their vicar (or Rural Dean if without a vicar).

Please note that MMF contributions, PCC accounts and any previous grants awarded will be considered as part of the process. A demonstration of commitment to paying MMF is expected.

Additionally, an up to date Energy Footprint Tool (EFT) is expected to have been submitted, and applicants who have done so will be prioritised.

Please speak to one of the team before starting an application. Please email or call in the first instance: ben.wood@truro.anglican.org or 01872 301 410.

Project planning

Applicants need to be able to explain what the overall goal of the project is and what the objectives are.

The **goal** is the end result. This will vary depending on the nature of the project, for example it might be 'to replace a section of guttering that has failed' or 'to install a mobile kitchen unit and servery in the back of church'.

The **objective** is a statement that describes the plan in manageable steps.

Example objectives below:

1. Instruct church architect to advise what is required
2. Make faculty application/receive faculty permission
3. Explore and apply for full/partial funding
4. Instruct specialists to carry out works

Making an impact

Applicants must be able to clearly express what the expected outcomes of the project are for their building, congregation and/or community.

- The benefits of the project will be that churches can demonstrate reduced GHG emissions because of the works and therefore be more sustainable.
- The project will help foster robust and flourishing congregations and release resources, energy and potential for mission and outreach.

Timetable

Considered monthly by the Buildings for Mission Panel.

Completing the form

This can be done either electronically or as a paper application.

Please answer the questions fully, making sure to provide the correct information where it has been specified exactly what is required.

Please include as much information as possible, making sure the eligibility criteria (above) is met.

Support

If you have any questions about applying please contact the Cut Carbon Support Officer for support with the project and any specific questions that may arise.

*Nb. This process does not in any way remove the requirement for the Applicant Church/ PCC to obtain faculty or approval under list B, as necessary, or any other necessary permission before the work goes ahead. The offer of a grant does not imply support for the proposal for the purposes of faculty.

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