

Ealing Deanery Mission Fund

History of the Fund Funded by

This is a historic pot of money set aside for Christian mission in the deanery managed by the charity Pathways. Since 2012 the income from this fund has been distributed through the Ealing Deanery Synod (EDS) in accordance with the criteria and application process below. Current income is in the region of £22,000 to £28,000 p.a.

Eligible Projects

- 1. The Fund' will be applied to the outreach and community work of Anglican churches in Ealing, including, but not restricted to:
 - Evangelism
 - Publicity
 - Children and youth work
 - Schools work
 - Relief of hardship, distress or need
 - Community Ministry
 (As defined by the Diocese of London = 1. Creating a structure of participation that helps churches to respond to an issue of local concern. 2. Enabling people to move beyond conventional thinking and stereotypes, especially in relation to those who are marginalised.

 Helping people to make links between social action and the Gospel).
- 2. The following will be excluded:
 - maintenance of buildings (except where this can be directly linked to an outreach project)
 - inwardly focused expenditure which is primarily for the benefit of the existing worshipping community.
- 3. Grants will normally be restricted to a maximum of £3,000 per project.
- 4. When deciding whether or not to award a grant, the following factors (amongst others) will be considered:
 - Preference may be given where different parishes are working together
 - Preference may be given to parishes who have not received a grant in the last 2 years of awards

- The proportion of the overall project costs that the grant will contribute; a project where the grant covers a relatively smaller proportion of the project costs will be viewed less favourably than projects where the grant amounts to a significant proportion.
- Consideration will be given to whether the project has potential access to other funds,
 either from the applicant church's own resources or from other external sources of funding.
 Support will usually be given to projects which might not otherwise go ahead without the
 grant, but strong consideration will be given to applications where the grant is being
 'match-funded' from elsewhere.
- 5. Only in exceptional circumstances would one *project* be allowed to apply for funding in two successive years.
- 6. These criteria may be amended by EDS with the written agreement of Pathways.

Application Process

EDS will handle all grant administration including seeking and assessing applications, deciding on grant recipients and carrying out all appropriate monitoring. As part of risk and fraud protection, EDS Standing Committee will assess supporting governance, financial and policy documents of all applicants. The procedure for applications is as follows:

- 1. The PCC of a parish or group of parishes in the Ealing Deanery applies, using the Application Form provided, to the Area Dean by 15th May, outlining the project, its Christian mission objectives, how it meets the criteria above and its cost summary.
- 2. Parishes will have the opportunity to discuss their applications with the Area Dean prior to submission.
- 3. The submissions will be reviewed by the Standing Committee to check that they are for a Christian mission project within the Ealing Deanery and meet the criteria above.
- 4. The Standing Committee will prepare a list of the submissions that should be considered for the *summer session* of the Deanery Synod which will appear on the Agenda.
- 5. Applicants will make a short presentation of their project to the Deanery Synod.
- 6. The Deanery Synod will be informed of the total amount available for distribution that year.
- 7. The Deanery Synod will be invited to accept or reject individual submissions.
- 8. The Deanery Synod will be requested to agree the amounts to be granted.
- 9. Grants will normally be paid within a month from synod approval.

Project Monitoring

Successful applicants will be required to report to EDS standing committee:

- 1. Within 3 months of the grant having been made that the funds have been spent or are being spent in accordance with the application.
- 2. By 30 April of the following year, to advise how the grant received in the 12 months to 31 March has been spent and to what effect. EDS standing committee will issue a summary report of such activity to Pathways by 29 May annually.