

Funding of Sustainable Improvements for Church Buildings



Scottish Episcopal Church Net Zero Team

Net Zero Portal Funding Guidance



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Funding Resources



The **Net Zero Portal** funding page includes:

- **26** funds for Building projects
- **14** funds for Biodiversity projects
- **9** funds for Active Travel
- **3** funds for Rectories
- **2** funds for Zero Waste projects



Possible projects include; recycling centres, rewilding, tree planting, gardening, cycling support and community initiatives

St Andrews, Dunkeld & Dunblane Local Funds



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Building Grants Fund...now including Net Zero funds

- Fund for general building projects and those focused on reducing carbon.
- Grants up to 50% of total cost of works.
- Building must be wholly church owned
- Diocese must support applications.
- Buildings Grant Group allocate both large and small grants
- Net Zero team must review all applications
- Consult with Net Zero team if works are related to reducing carbon



Building Loans Fund

- Loans available for reducing carbon in any church building.
- Loans available for five years maximum.
- Fixed interest rate of 5%
- Short-term bridging loans will be considered
- This can help get projects started while awaiting receipt of external grants
- Diocesan funding may also be available.

Funding for Building Projects



The Wolfson^{*}
Foundation



Garfield Weston
FOUNDATION

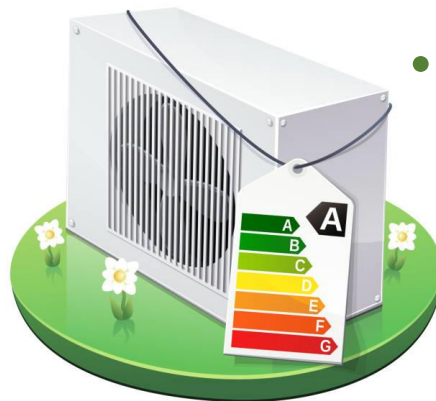


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Examples of Improvements

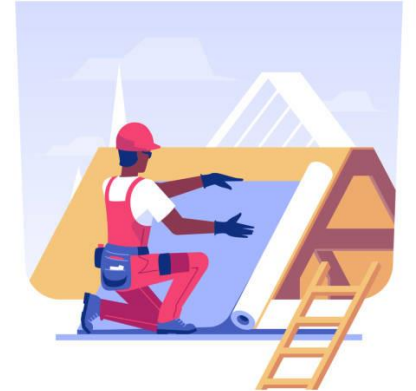
Renewable Energy Measures

- Heat pumps
- Solar panels
- Infrared Heaters
- Conversion of heat sources (gas to electric)
- Turbines



Energy Efficiency Measures

- Insulation
- Double-glazing or new windows/doors
- Boiler cladding
- Draught-proofing
- Secondary entrances



Funding Tips

1. Do your research!
2. Make applications personal and community-focused
3. Know the funding guidance inside-out
4. Ask for help from the Net Zero team
5. Learn from feedback and persevere

Application Support



- Application processes can take months before funding is awarded
- Keep tradespeople informed during this process
- Funding options and deadlines can change – keep an eye on the Net Zero Portal funding page for up-to-date information
- Consider the long-term financial benefits of your project



How the Net Zero team can help:

- Support applications for provincial funding
- Consult on applications for external funding
- Research funds and design projects

Upcoming Events

Benefact Trust - SEC Webinar

3 October 13:00-14:00

Applying for National Churches Trust Grants

9 October 12:00-13:00

National Lottery Heritage Fund - SEC Webinar

24 October 13:00-14:00

Building Sustainable Futures for Scottish Churches: Meet the Funders at Paisley Abbey

1 November 8:00-17:00

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