**The United Reformed Church**

**Money for local churches from central funds**

Mission Council has asked that a note be sent to all local churches to remind them of resources available from URC central funds for mission projects and building projects. Here are some basic details.

This money is there to be used! So if one of the funds here look as if they might help your work in Christ’s name, please do explore them further.

**Vision 2020 Mission Grants**

As part of the URC’s Vision 2020 strategy, there are grants available for local mission projects linked to one or more of the ten Vision 2020 statements.

Special project grants are for a one-off project, eg a local week of mission, and are for up to £1,000. Development grants can be used for longer term programmes, with a maximum grant of £2,000 for each of three years.

More details are available in the Mission section of the URC website or by contacting worldchurch@urc.org.uk.

**Legacy Fund Grants**

General legacies bequeathed to the URC provide grants to promote mission into the future. The Fund’s primary purpose is to fund imaginative and innovative projects which may struggle to secure financial support from elsewhere.

Grants are normally subject to a maximum of £50,000 spread over up to three years. Applications must be supported by the local church’s Synod.

More details are available in the Finance Information section of the URC website or by contacting the Chief Finance Officer at Church House.

**Church Buildings Fund**

The Church Buildings Fund can provide either grants or loans for building projects.

Grants, often of around £20,000, are provided through a process organised by the Synod Treasurers. Loans are administered by the Assembly’s Finance Committee and can be for up to £75,000 for building works or £25,000 for professional fees. Loans are at low rates of interest and can be repaid over up to seven years. Applications for either grants or loans must be supported by the local church’s Synod.

More details are available in the Finance Information section of the URC website or by contacting your Synod Treasurer.

**Orchard House Fund**

The Orchard House Fund can provide small grants, not normally more than £5,000, to church members in need. While money is limited, if you want to discuss a possible grant to someone who cannot be supported in other more local ways please contact the Chief Finance Officer at Church House for a confidential discussion.

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