



Places of Worship Renewal Fund

Summary

The Places of Worship Renewal Fund (PWRF) offers grants of £10,000 to £1,000,000 for urgent repairs and essential improvements to listed places of worship in England. Priority is given to projects in areas of greatest need that keep buildings safe, open, and delivering community benefit.

The fund offers three grant levels:

£10,000 to £50,000,
£50,001 to £350,000, and
£350,001 to £1,000,000.

Funding is competitive, and all applications are assessed against the fund's priorities, criteria, and objectives, with full guidance available on the fund's website.

Eligibility

The fund is open to any listed place of worship in England, regardless of faith or denomination, provided it is an active place of worship.

To be eligible, projects must be based in England and involve a building that is listed at Grade I, Grade II* or Grade II.

The building must also be an active place of worship. This means it is used for worship at least six times each year, or it is owned by a charity that specifically cares for historic places of worship, such as the Historic Churches Trust or Friends of Friendless Churches, and is open to the public at least six times each year.

Objectives

The Places of Worship Renewal Fund aims to:

- Support the repair and protection of historic places of worship in the areas of greatest need, ensuring essential repairs are carried out so buildings can remain in active use.
- Help places of worship continue to thrive as welcoming spaces for their local communities, alongside their role as places of worship.
- Improve the long-term sustainability of historic buildings by addressing repair needs early and helping to reduce the cost of future maintenance.
- Focus funding on the most deprived areas of England, where the need for investment in historic places of worship is greatest.

Dates

The deadline for submitting EOIs for the first round of grants closed on Sunday 14 June, 2026.

A second round will follow soon after in September 2026.





How to apply

Applications to the fund begin with an Expression of Interest (EOI). If your EOI is successful, you will be invited to submit a full application.

To apply, complete the online EOI form.

Before submitting your EOI, review the Places of Worship Renewal Fund requirements on Historic England's website. As part of the form, you will be asked to briefly explain how your project meets these requirements.

Your EOI should include enough information for Historic England to assess your project. If it is still at an early stage and you cannot provide enough detail, you may wish to apply in a future funding round.



Need help applying?

Applying for funding can feel time consuming, but you do not have to do it alone. At Good Fundraising, we can help you develop a strong application, demonstrate how your project meets the fund's requirements, and give you the best possible chance of success.

Whether you need support with your Expression of Interest (EOI), your full application, or advice on your project, our experienced team is here to help.

Get in touch today to find out how we can support your application.

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