



NOTTINGHAMSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

CONDITIONS OF GRANT ASSISTANCE

1. Grants towards the cost of restoring buildings of architectural or historic interest are made in order to stimulate an owner to maintain a property in good and suitable repair. The Trust will consider applications for all buildings which are, or have been, used for public Christian worship provided that: a) they were substantially completed before AD 1914, or, in some circumstances, after AD 1914 but which are older than 30 years from the present day, and b) they have not been, or are not intended for conversion to non-ecclesiastical use. Grants are not usually available for portions of buildings that have been added since AD 1914 unless they are of historic or architectural merit in their own right. Churches built after 1914 will be considered on architectural merit.
2. Grant normally covers only a proportion of the total cost of repairs, and the owner is expected to make a substantial contribution. Grant will be paid only after completion of the works, which have been inspected and approved by an officer of the Trust. All relevant bills, and any certificates requested, must be submitted to the Trust before authorization of payment may be made. The Trust reserves the right to refuse payment where the completed works are deemed inappropriate or incorrect.
3. Grants will normally not be made for works of modernization, alteration, improvement, or demolition (excepting where demolition is a prerequisite of rebuilding where structural instability is present). The intention of grant-aid is to assist in the sympathetic repair of historic churches and chapels or the historic memorials and fittings therein.
4. Recipients must not sell or dispose of their interest in the building within five years of the date of the offer of grant. If this condition is not complied with, all or part of the grant may be repaid to the Trust, solely at the discretion of the Trustees.
5. A grant is made on condition that all repairs considered necessary by the Trust will be carried out - otherwise there would be a risk that expenditure on one part of the building might largely be wasted as a result of decay elsewhere. This condition shall apply even if grant-aid from the Trust does not cover those additional works deemed to be necessary.
6. A grant cannot be made for repairs carried out before the application has been made. Nor can a grant be made in respect of works begun before the outcome of the application is known, excepting where prior permission to begin has been explicitly given by the Trust (eg. where the works are urgent).

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7. Applicants must indicate their acceptance of a grant offer not later than one month after the date of the offer.
8. The Trust expects that normally, and except for the simplest of schemes, competent professional advice will be sought by the applicant.
9. Unless accompanied by a specification and relevant drawings, the Trust will be unable to consider the application. The Trustees would also prefer to have photographs showing the intended work.
10. The eligibility of a building does not in any event confirm that, if applied for, a grant will be made. Grant-aid is made entirely at the discretion of the Trustees of the Nottinghamshire Historic Churches Trust and their decision on the matter is final
11. The Trust would normally wish to have a photograph of the completed works for record purposes, within one month of payment of the grant. The Trustees reserve the right to use photographs, drawings, and descriptive material of grant-aided works in any publicity which they choose to produce; normally the Trust will request that a small card be displayed on the church or chapel notice-board indicating that repair works have been grant-aided (this will be provided free of charge).
12. It is a strict and inflexible condition that all statutory approvals have been obtained for the works under consideration; this includes, where applicable: a Faculty, or approval of the appropriate body for non-Anglican places of worship, Listed Building Consent, Planning Permission, or Building Regulation Approval. The necessary permissions should be obtained BEFORE work commences, and preferably before application is made to the Trust. The Trustees cannot support illegal works and if permission has not been obtained then grant payments will not be made.
13. The offer of a grant is valid for TWO years from the date of acceptance by the applicants. Renewal may be possible after this period provided that the applicants state reasons, in writing, to the Trustees why the grant has not been taken-up and why the grant is still required.