

## Lottery Funding

**In 2000 the Methodist Conference agreed that the decision to make an application for lottery funding should be made by local Managing Trustees.**

This leaflet provides a brief introduction to some of the funding programmes which may be the most relevant to Methodist projects providing services and facilities to their communities.

### **Is your scheme / project eligible?**

It is widely known that the Lottery does not support the 'promotion of religion'. **Do not let this put you off applying to the Lottery.** As long as your project meets an identified need in your community and it concentrates on what your building is used for, other than religious activities, then your application will be as valid as that of any other organisation.

The Lottery recognises that faith organisations play a vital role within the voluntary & community sector. Therefore the Big Lottery Fund's guidance notes for each programme now include a section on their legal requirements, terms and conditions for church-based faith organisations.

### **Big Lottery Fund (BIG)**

**Every year BIG gives out millions of pounds from the Lottery to good causes. Their money goes to community groups and to projects that improve health, education and the environment.**



**There are a number of BIG programmes which may be relevant to Methodist Churches in England, Wales and Scotland**

#### **Reaching Communities – England**

The Big Lottery Fund wants to support projects that respond to needs identified by communities and actively involve them. They want to fund projects that help those most in need including those people or groups who are hard to reach. They will give support to those projects they think best meet their communities' needs.

The Reaching Communities programme has two strands:

- ⇒ Reaching Communities – provides grants from £10,000 to £500,000 for revenue projects and/or up to £50,000 for small capital projects
- ⇒ Reaching Communities buildings – funding of between £100,000 and £500,000 for large capital projects.

There are two stages in the application process for the revenue and smaller capital projects strand and three stages in the application process for large building projects.

The large capital grants are targeted at buildings or sites based in the most deprived 'Lower Super Output Areas' in England, while also taking into account rural needs. It is therefore essential that you check whether or not you are eligible to apply for this funding by using the eligibility checker on the Big Lottery Fund website at [http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog\\_reaching\\_communities](http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_reaching_communities) under the Funding for Buildings tab.

#### **People & Places – Wales**

This programme will fund capital and revenue projects that encourage co-ordinated action by people who want to make their communities better places to live.

The Big Lottery Fund has extended the People and Places programme so it will now remain open until spring 2012. It will then be reviewed and replaced with a new programme later in 2012.

Projects should focus on:

- ⇒ revitalising communities
- ⇒ improving community relationships, or
- ⇒ enhancing local environments, community services and buildings.

There are two stages in the application process – an initial Outline Proposal form and a main Application Form.

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### **Investing in Communities – Scotland**

There are three investment strands which make up the Investing in Communities programme:

- ⇒ Growing Community Assets aims to help communities have more control and influence over their own future through ownership of assets.
- ⇒ Life Transitions aims to support projects which help people at key times of change, helping them to make their lives better for the future
- ⇒ Supporting 21<sup>st</sup> Century Life aims to support projects which build stronger families and stronger communities.

The Big Lottery Fund wants their Investing in Communities funding to have a real impact on need and have therefore identified specific priorities and outcomes for their funding. All the information is very clearly laid out in the Guidance Notes which are available to download from the website at

[http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog\\_investing-in-communities](http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_investing-in-communities).

Before you apply the Big Lottery Fund strongly advises you to contact them on 0300 123 7110 or by email at [enquiries.scotland@biglotteryfund.org.uk](mailto:enquiries.scotland@biglotteryfund.org.uk) to discuss your idea. They will tell you if they think your project fits with their investment area outcomes.



### **Awards for All England / Awards for All Wales**

The Awards for All programme aims to help improve local communities and the lives of people most in need.

If you are planning a project in England and you need between £300 and £10,000 then Awards for All England may be able to help you. Awards for All Wales offers grants of between £500 and £5,000. Sometimes quite small sums of money can have a big impact.

The application form is short and simple and you will find out if you are successful within six to eight weeks.

**For further details go to the website at [www.awardsforall.org.uk](http://www.awardsforall.org.uk), telephone 0845 4 10 20 30 or email [general.enquiries@awardsfordall.org.uk](mailto:general.enquiries@awardsfordall.org.uk).**

### **Awards for All Scotland**

Awards for All Scotland gives groups a quick and easy way to apply for Lottery grants of between £500 and £10,000.

Projects should improve opportunities for people to take part in arts, sport or community activities.

**For further details go to the website at [www.awardsforall.org.uk/index-scotland.html](http://www.awardsforall.org.uk/index-scotland.html) or telephone 0300 123 7110.**





## Heritage Lottery Fund

The Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) enables communities to celebrate, look after and learn more about their heritage.

### Repair Grants for Places of Worship

This programme is designed to help conserve and sustain heritage at risk, through urgent repairs to places of worship. The UK-wide scheme is delivered through four programmes in England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales.

#### England

The Repair Grants for Places of Worship scheme in England is run in partnership with English Heritage. English Heritage administers the scheme on behalf of both organisations.

The scheme is for urgent repairs to the fabric of the building only and is open to all listed places of worship which are in regular use as public places of worship.

The maximum grant is £250,000 and the application material and guidance are available from the English Heritage website at <http://www.english-heritage.org.uk> or by calling 0870 333 1181.

#### Scotland

Grants of up to £250,000 are available to apply for towards urgent repairs that are needed to keep places of worship structurally stable and watertight. The scheme is open to all public places of worship in Scotland that are listed or considered to be of outstanding merit.

Applications are assessed by both HLF and Historic Scotland. The pre-application enquiry and full grant application are made through an online system which is accessed via the HLF website at <http://www.hlf.org.uk>.

#### Wales

The Repair Grants for Places of Worship scheme in Wales is open to all listed public places of worship and funds work such as repairing roofs, towers, spires, high-level masonry or the system for getting rid of rainwater, or repairs to the historic parts of the building that are at risk of being damaged beyond repair. The pre-application and full grant application are made through the online system on the HLF website at [www.hlf.org.uk](http://www.hlf.org.uk).

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