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**MERCERS'**  
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Philanthropy

# How to apply Church & Communities Programme

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## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

We want to support churches, as well as other faith and secular community based organisations.

### **Stronger communities**

We are looking for projects/organisations that are:

- In the most disadvantaged areas and communities are coming together to address what is important to them; or
- Community responses to supporting adults who are refugees or homeless.

### **Better outcomes for families**

We are looking for projects/organisations that provide support for:

- Families facing poverty or other challenges; or
- Carers and their families.

### **Type and scale of funding**

- We expect that most awards will be between £10,000 and £100,000 in total;
- We will provide funding for up to three years;
- We will fund running, core and development costs; and
- In exceptional circumstances we may fund capital costs but only where there is a clear link with our funding priorities and an obvious lack of alternative local facilities.

### **Where we fund**

We will consider applications for funding in:

- London (within one or more of the 32 Boroughs)
- North East (County Durham, Tyne & Wear, Northumberland and Tees Valley)
- Norfolk
- Lincolnshire

We prefer to support organisations that are locally rooted and focused.

## HOW TO APPLY

If you feel that your work meets the programme guidelines, please complete an Expression of Interest using the link below. You will be taken to a webpage where you can either login or create a new account.

We aim to let you know whether we would like you to complete a full application form within six weeks of receiving your Expression of Interest: To complete the form click [here](#)

If you are invited to complete a full application you will have six months to submit your form. We aim to communicate and make decisions within five months of receiving a full application.

### How we make decisions

Your Expression of Interest (and full application, should you be invited to make one) will be considered by a member of our Philanthropy Team who may seek further information by email, phone or arrange to visit you.

### What we don't fund

- Expression of Interests from individuals;
- Projects designed solely for the advancement of a particular faith; and
- General appeals or financial support for costs that have already been incurred.

If you require any further information please [contact us](#).