

How long are MDF projects expected to last?

Long-term projects may apply for guaranteed funds for 3 years, and up to 5 years in special cases. Funding can't be guaranteed for longer than the agreed period.

What about other funding sources?

The Mission Development Fund is limited so you should always try to find out about other sources of funding. In fact, preference may be given to projects where there is a possibility of matched or partnership funding. Tony Brown, the Parishes Funding Consultant, tel.01636 817245, may be able to help you. You will need to say on your application form what you have done to find other funding sources.

Who will decide which projects are funded?

The Bishop's Council will make the final decision. A small MDF Discernment Group, chaired by Peter Hill, the Diocesan Chief Executive will advise them. Mark Brown, the Canon Missioner will act as Executive Officer for this group, and will handle the practicalities of all applications.

What about monitoring and evaluation?

If your proposal is successful in gaining funding, the MDF Discernment Group will agree with you at the outset an appropriate monitoring process tailored to your project. It will be based on a combination of indicators ranging from church growth to the quality of service to the community.

Does it matter whether we pay our Parish Share or not?

Yes - if you are applying on behalf of a parish or benefice this will matter. If you have not recently paid your Parish Share it doesn't mean you won't be considered, but we will look carefully at the context before making a grant.



Youth work at Gamston



Gedling mission event



Partnership with the police in Newark

Who is the main point of contact for the Fund?

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Funding for mission

Your guide on how to apply for funds in support of local mission projects



What is the Mission Development Fund (MDF)?

God is always at work in the world. Mission is finding out what God is doing and joining in. It means offering the good news of Jesus Christ to people in many different ways: talking and listening, offering hospitality, helping young people search for meaning, caring for people in need, campaigning for justice, sometimes just bringing a bit of joy or fun into a bleak place. Always sustained by prayer and praise, we join in God's life changing work.

The Mission Development Fund is a new Diocesan initiative. Funds are being released from reserves and the sale of investments so that parishes and other groups can take on new mission projects and explore different ways of 'doing church'. The Mission Development Fund is to help you respond to what God is doing where you are.

What sort of project?

Most of the fund will be used to resource projects and posts rather than buildings. Your project may involve...



How will MDF projects be chosen?

Projects supported by the fund will reflect our Diocesan mission values as set out in 'Shaping the Future', our diocesan mission template. They will also model good practice, collaborative leadership and working together. All projects will be accountable to the Bishop's Council for their use of MDF funds.

How does my parish or group apply for the fund?

Using a simple application form, you must show how your project connects with the mission values set out in 'Shaping the Future'. You will need to:

- Show how you have **discerned God** in reaching the decision to go ahead with this project;
How the project **values people**, including people with disabilities, people from the black and minority ethnic communities and other people who may be marginalised or excluded;
How the project will help things to **change** for the better;
How the project will be of **service to the wider community**.
- Give a brief summary of your proposal. Say who will benefit, how long the project will take, and when you expect to start.
- Describe who else is involved. How will you work with other churches, people of other faiths - where appropriate - and the local community?
- Show that you have Deanery support for your project and that you have consulted the Deanery

leadership team, or the Standing Committee.

- Provide a simple statement of what the project will cost over the whole period, including the money requested from the MDF and any funds you expect to get from other sources.

What help can you get with putting your bid together?

You are encouraged to seek advice as soon as you are sure that you have a project that could work. Diocesan Advisers are on hand to help with your application, and training will be available too. This will help prevent any waste of time and energy on projects that do not meet the criteria. When you are ready please contact Mark Brown, the Canon Missioner (see back page) for an application pack and for whatever additional help you may need.

Will there be help available to manage projects?

If you need funding for a long-term project you will be expected to take part in a project management training session before the funds are released. Further advice on project management will be available from Diocesan Advisers if you need it.

The process of accessing funds

