

Transformation Fund

Tier I Information Leaflet

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Tier 1 up to £500



**Do you have a new idea or project that might help to transform lives?
Are you developing the mission and ministry in your church?
Would a small grant of up to £500 help you to achieve your goal?
If the answer is 'Yes' then read on...**

The Diocese of Lincoln Transformation Fund provides grants to help church groups launch new missional initiatives or significantly develop existing projects that will help transform lives across Greater Lincolnshire.

The Diocese of Lincoln is called by God to worship, discipleship and service. Our vision is to be a healthy, vibrant and sustainable Church transforming lives in Greater Lincolnshire.

Tier 1

Grant applications can be made up to the sum of £500 by completing the application form available on the Diocese of Lincoln website and sent electronically to the Transformation Fund Officer.

A Tier 1 grant is designed to help churches quickly progress their ideas. Applications can be made at any time and a decision on the success of the application will be quickly made by the applications panel, within 3 weeks.

Principles

- Tier 1 of the Transformation Fund is available to any church, parish, benefice, mission community, deanery, Parish Partnership, Local Mission Partnership, Deanery Partnership or church-affiliated group within the Diocese of Lincoln
- Up to £500 is available as a one-off payment
- Your proposal should help you express more effectively God's mission in the community you serve, leading to growth

in numbers, discipleship and/or service

- The Transformation Fund uses the Anglican Communion's Five Marks of Mission as a description of God's mission in God's world.
- If you have a growth or missional action plans we will expect your application to link with this. If you don't yet have a growth plan contact the Transformation Fund Officer for more information.

What we expect from you

- Applications must state specifically how the grant will be used and identify the intended impact
- Work should aim to be started within one month of the funding being granted
- You must complete the evaluation report form
- You cannot apply for a grant retrospectively
- Grants cannot be used for individuals or be for repeat funding.

What you can expect from us

- All of the application forms easily accessible via the website
- Support, if required, to complete the application form
- A quick response to any application made
- Money transferred to your church account quickly, if successful
- All enquiries to: Transformation.Fund@lincoln.anglican.org

What might you use the Transformation Fund for?

Without wishing to be prescriptive a grant may help a parish, benefice, local mission partnership, deanery or church-affiliated group to:

- support missional action planning and training
- run a children's club during the school holidays
- begin an Outdoor Church
- resource a new nurture or explorer's course
- produce high-quality publicity, displays or signs for people who visit the church
- develop prayer or worship resources
- buy a piece of equipment that you will go on using as a resource for mission.
- start-up costs for an Anna Chaplaincy hub.

Things to consider

As you plan your project you may wish to find out if there are other places in the diocese where a similar project has been developed, so as to help you learn from their experience and maybe use some of their systems, policies and procedures.

Ensure you think through issues such as insurance, risk assessments, policies and Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) requirements prior to starting any project or new initiative.

It is better to ask for help early on if you are not sure what to do or how to go about developing the new project.

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Contacts:

College of St Hugh Team for advice on missional projects across the generations and contexts of Greater Lincolnshire: collegofsthugh@lincoln.anglican.org

Church Buildings Team for advice on being an open, welcoming church: churchbuildings.team@lincoln.anglican.org

Children Youth & Families: for advice on working with younger people : Micki.carey-slater@lincoln.anglican.org

For all other enquiries:
transformation.fund@lincoln.anglican.org

Transformation Fund Process

As a PPC spend time in prayer and reflection and listen to the ideas that God may be leading you towards as a church.

Decide to apply for a grant to enable you to start or develop a new initiative or project, enabling you to achieve growth and develop the mission and ministry in your area.

Download the application forms and information from the Diocese of Lincoln website.

Seek advice for your project from the diocese wide team as appropriate e.g. Mission Enablers, Children Youth and Families Enablers, Board of Education, Estates Churches Advisor, Archdeacon, Mission and Discipleship Officer

Complete the application form and send it to:
transformation.fund@lincoln.anglican.org

Your application form will be acknowledged and then discussed by the Transformation Fund Tier 1 panel. The decision will be communicated to you as soon as possible. If successful, the grant will be paid into the relevant bank account.

After the agreed period of time a full evaluation of the project or initiative is completed.

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