

## Small Grants Fund Information for Churches



The East Midland Baptist Trust Company has set up a fund to support churches in the maintenance of their church buildings.

Features of the grants and criteria for awards:

- The purpose of the grant is maintenance, renewal and development of the buildings of churches in membership with the EMBA.
- The maximum size of any grant will normally be £5,000 and should be at least matched by the giving of the church.
- A church cannot apply more than once in 5 years.
- The amount offered will normally be no more than 50% of the actual costs.
- The request for a grant must be authorised by the church meeting or the deacons of the local church.
- An application form should be completed and returned to the Regional Minister.
- Invoices or formal estimates will be required to support the application.
- Where a church building is listed grants will only be awarded where appropriate consent has been obtained.
- Grants will need to be repaid, if within 10 years, the church closes or leaves the Association.
- A grant may be awarded to a church alongside a loan from other funds available within the EMBA or EMBTC or elsewhere.
- The church is in good standing with the Association.
- The church is contributing appropriately to Home Mission.
- The church has a clear mission focus and is seeking to share the Good News of Christ with their community.

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