

Funding

MISSION INITIATIVES

INFORMATION

1. FMI funds are to be used for mission. The Church's understanding of mission is wide and inclusive as set out in the "five marks of mission" adopted by the 1998 Lambeth Conference:-
 - To proclaim the good news of the Kingdom
 - To teach, baptise and nurture new believers
 - To respond to human need by loving service
 - To seek to transform the unjust structures of society
 - To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and to sustain and renew the life of the earth
2. Projects which can be funded will be many and various, large and small, and will include:- Church plants (which will look to be self-propagating, self-financing, and self-governing); the development of missionary key-workers, as well as limited projects such as holiday clubs. All projects will be judged on their merits rather than being fitted into categories.
3. Grants and loans will be available and may be used to provide materials, personnel, equipment or to cover any other costs associated with an initiative.
4. Financial assistance will be available to parishes, deaneries and other organisations connected with the Church, such as church schools.
5. Parishes or other organisations applying for funding will be expected to have made their own financial contribution to the initiative, and to have explored the possibility of other matched funding. It is anticipated that FMI funds may be especially useful in unlocking such outside funding for projects.
6. Every initiative must identify clear, measurable "outcomes", and show how these will be monitored. A report should be sent to the FMI Committee at the end of the initiative, or after a year, so that lessons can be learned and shared.
7. If formal permissions are required (e.g. faculty, or the licensing of an individual) the parish will be expected to have sought such permission. Funds will not be released until such permissions are in place.
8. The application form should be completed and submitted with any other information considered appropriate. The form must be counter-signed by the Area Dean to signify that the initiative is being undertaken within the context of the deanery mission plan.
9. Decisions will be made by a small Funding Committee which will meet every quarter. The Committee will include an Area Dean and a Lay Chair as well as representatives of the Board of Mission and Church in Society.

**To try and to succeed is OK.
To try and to fail is OK.
Not to try is not OK.**