



# Funding for Faith Groups

Where to look for funding for your community project.

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## Overview

### Faith-based organisations' eligibility for funding

Faith-based organisations can apply to run the same kinds of activities as any other charity or community group. They don't have to be registered charities, depending on the fund, but do need to have charitable or social aims.

The main thing faith groups need to be aware of is that many trusts and foundations that award grants cannot fund the practice of religion, or any activities that actively promote religion. Only a few trusts and foundations will fund this aim.

Generally, to apply for funding, faith groups need to have the following things in place before applying for funding:

- A committee or board with at least two unrelated members (or three if applying for more than £10,000)
- A governing document such as a constitution
- A bank account in the organisation's name
- Annual financial accounts

# Where to look for funding

## 'Religion' specific funding

There are several organisations dedicated to faith-based charities and groups to continue their work through grants. For example:

- Beaverbrook Foundation - <https://beaverbrookfoundation.org/grants/>
- Allchurches Trust (Christian) - <https://www.allchurches.co.uk/what-we-fund/>
- National Churches Trust – <https://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/our-grants>
- Near Neighbours (Inter-faith) - <https://www.near-neighbours.org.uk/small-grants>

Good places to look for potential religion-specific funders are:

- Funding For All's Religion Archive - [http://www.fundingforall.org.uk/fund\\_category/religion/](http://www.fundingforall.org.uk/fund_category/religion/)
- Church of England's where to get funding page - <https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/community-action/where-get-funding>
- CAF's breakdown of funding for faith-based organisations - <https://www.cafonline.org/charities/covid-19-faith-based-organisations-information-on-funding-and-resources?top=1414.40625>

## General funding

There are lots of great databases out there to look for specific funding for your organisation or project. Visit <https://beta.ncvo.org.uk/funding-income/how-find-grants/> to find out more.

Community Southwark highlights upcoming funding opportunities on [our website](#).

We have a monthly funding e-bulletin that you can subscribe to here: <https://www.communitysouthwark.org/newsletters>. You can view previous editions of the newsletter under <https://www.communitysouthwark.org/ebulletins>.

United St. Saviour's Charity have also produced a guide to Southwark-based funders which is available under <https://www.ustsc.org.uk/community-investments/resources/>.