

Presbytery of Perth

Spreadsheet of possible funding sources for congregational projects

What this spreadsheet is – and what it is not.

This spreadsheet is a resource to be used in the early stages of planning a church fundraising campaign. It is based upon the Directory of Social Change's *Directory of Grant Making Trusts*, which lists thousands of funders that support charitable projects of all kinds.

The spreadsheet is not a list to be worked through from top to bottom; rather, you are invited to search through it to find the most promising funding sources as part of the development of your fundraising strategy.

We have identified funders that are willing, in principle, to support churches in undertaking various kinds of projects. Please be aware, however, that funders will only support projects that align exactly with their charitable objectives, which may not necessarily be what you are seeking funding for.

To help you to identify the most promising sources of funding we have categorized the kinds of project supported using the following key words:

- Construction (church)
- Construction (secular)
- Historic building restoration
- Facilities improvement
- Accessibility
- Community engagement
- Mission

How to use this directory

1. Define your project and work out which one (or more) of the seven key words best describes it.
2. Look through the *Types of project supported* column and identify the funders that are willing to support the kind of project you propose.
 - Bear in mind that some funders will support numerous kinds of project while others are much more focused.
3. Once you have identified possible funders, check the *Criteria/priorities*, *Application process*, *Minimum grant*, *Maximum grant* and *Notes* columns to select those that might be a good match for your project.
 - You will almost certainly need to apply to more than one funder so include this in your planning process.
4. Before beginning an application, consult the funder's website, if they have one. Review it in detail and comply with all requirements and recommendations.
 - Do not apply if your project does not match the funder's criteria and priorities. Such applications will not be funded and are a waste of time and effort!

We hope you find this spreadsheet useful. It should save you time and effort in seeking funding, but please be aware that this is just a snapshot based on a single edition of the *Directory of Grant Making Trusts*. It is not intended to be comprehensive but should be a good jumping off point as you develop your fundraising strategy.

....and good luck!