

Church of Scotland
MISSION AND DISCIPLESHIP COUNCIL

SPECIAL TRUSTS

The remit of the Mission and Discipleship Council is to support local churches in their work with people of all ages and all sections of the community. It has been charged with a broad remit that includes education and nurture, mission and evangelism, worship and doctrine, church art and architecture, and the Church of Scotland's publishing concerns.

The Council has limited Special Trusts available which have been set apart for individuals, local congregations and other groups to access if it can be demonstrated that the money will be used in one of the following ways:

- a) An individual member of a congregation who is taking on a new challenge, learning a new skill or undertaking a course of study that will add value to their ministry in the local church or community.
- b) A local church engaging in innovative work that connects with key areas such as:
 - Developing learning congregations – especially with children and young people
 - Enhancing the worship experience of a local congregation
- c) A local church situated in a priority area – urban or rural – that is engaging in a new form of outreach to its local community.
- d) The financing of an organisation or project which seeks to support to develop an area of the life and witness of local congregations.
- e) Grants will only be awarded for home mission in Scotland and the rest of the UK. If the request is for funding for work abroad, then contact should be made with the World Mission Council (worldmission@cofscotland.org.uk).

Most Special Trusts are general in nature but some are restricted to particular parts of Scotland, or for specific areas of work such as the provision of Bibles or services for skiers. It should be noted that because of the limited nature of the Trusts it is most unlikely that grants of over £500 will be made for any purpose.

As a condition of grants being issued, updates should be given from the recipient to the Mission and Discipleship Council – these will also be forwarded annually to the Council of Assembly.

Applications for funding which clearly fit within the above criteria should be made on a Special Trusts Application Form and returned to Mrs Lynn Hall, Acting Administration Manager, Mission and Discipleship Council, Church of Scotland, 121 George Street, Edinburgh, EH2 4YN, (lhall@churchofscotland.org.uk).

Applications are considered throughout the year.