

The Leicester Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers Restoration Fund

Notes to applicants for grants from the Restoration Fund:

Applications should be submitted by the Rector, Vicar, Priest-in-Charge, PCC Secretary or Tower Captain

Grants are only available for the purpose of maintaining and improving bell installations. This includes:

- (a) taking out an existing ring of bells, supplying and installing a new frame and fittings, recasting the bells and installing the same.
- (b) taking out, overhauling and re-clapping existing bells, supplying and installing a new or additional frame and fittings and re-installing bells.
- (c) Taking out existing bells, recasting, or overhauling and re-clapping same and re-installing, overhauling existing frame and fittings.
- (d) augmentation, and bringing existing bells, frame and fittings into an adequate state of repair.
- (e) other major repairs or additions to bells, frame and fittings.
- (f) the provision of bells, frames and fittings, and erection of the same.
- (g) the acquisition of bells for subsequent redeployment and recasting.

Please note that

- (a) The cost of replacing stays, sliders and ropes shall not be deemed to be included in above
- (b) The Fund is unable to provide grants towards the cost of building work. If work is required to the fabric of the church, for example strengthening the tower, in addition to the bell installation, separate quotes should be obtained, and this form should only be completed in respect of the cost of the work relating to the bells and the bell installation.
- (c) Other than in exceptional circumstances, grants are only available where the total cost of the work, including VAT, exceeds £500.

If you would like the Guild to consider making a grant of more than £300 or 15% of the cost of the work, whichever is the greater, your application will be considered at an annual meeting of the trustees. Such applications should reach the Hon. Treasurer of the Guild by 31 July. Applicants will be advised of the decision in the October following.

Other applications can be submitted at any time, and a response will be provided as quickly as possible. Please allow six weeks for a reply, although in most cases we should be able to reply sooner.

The grant allocated will only be paid on completion of the work, or on production of an invoice for interim payment, provided that the amount of the invoice is not less than the total amount of the grant allocated, and provided that any faculty required has been granted.

Any grant allocated and not taken up by 30 June in the year following allocation of the grant will automatically be carried over to the following 12 month period, provided that a satisfactory explanation of the delay is produced.

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