



What financial support is available for parishes from the Net Zero Carbon Programme 26 -28

Caring for God's creation is an expression of our Christian faith and mission, and a core aspect of loving God and our neighbours.

We understand that churches are facing a number of funding priorities and much of the practical burden falls on volunteers, clergy and churchwardens to care for church buildings. We thank you for the time and care you bring to this work. With this in mind, the following is intended to highlight the support available to you.

Find out what support your church or hall could apply for over the next three years as we work towards creating warmer, more welcoming churches fit for the future. Grant streams will be going live at various points throughout 2026.

Conditions of application

Your Church of England building should show a genuine commitment to progressing its decarbonisation journey – which means reducing energy use and electrifying heating. This should include being registered for EcoChurch and have completed an EFT (Energy Footprint Tool). Projects must show good value for money and reasonable carbon savings for the cost of the project. You will also need Diocesan support and there will be more information on how to show this further into the application process.

The following support is available for all churches to apply for

The funds are open year-round, with annual funding rounds to manage applications. There will be multiple in-year funding rounds, so you can apply when your project is ready.

Your buildings situation	What you can apply for	Type of support	Other notes	Name of fund
You've identified small to medium scale works in churches that will make a difference to your carbon output.	Diocesan dependent (£3,000 - £10,000 maximum)	Cash grant	Applications will be managed through your local diocese, for more information please contact your local Net Zero Carbon Officer or Church Buildings Support Officer.	Diocesan Quick Wins grant
You've identified small to medium scale works in churches that will make a difference to your carbon output.	Match-funding of up to £10,000	Match-funding. Access to Give to Go Green fundraising tools and technical advice.	Churches will run short fundraising campaigns through the digital platform Give A Little to raise money for local carbon reducing projects. Available for application from April 2026.	Give to Go Green
Heating emergency (oil/gas). Your boiler has failed or is failing, and you urgently need a low-carbon replacement.	Grant to cover extra cost of a low-carbon system compared to a fossil-fuel one	Access to technical advice service to support decision making. Cash grant to support project development costs. Capital grant of up to £45,000 , will	Supports urgent transition to low-carbon technology when a parish is not able to support this transition with their own resources	Decarbonising Churches grant fund

		be varied by deprivation index above £25,000 .		
Your electric heating has failed or is unaffordable, with evidence of prior professional advice before installation.	Grant to resolve heating failure and to find solution.	Up to £15,000 for project development and up to £45,000 for replacement, will be varied by deprivation index above £25,000 .	Evidence of prior professional advice required.	Decarbonising Churches grant fund

Additional funding support for high use buildings

The following funding is available if your building is classified as a high carbon emitter. Well-used community hubs or missionally active spaces whose regular worship, events, and outreach mean higher-than-average energy use; typically, >10 tonnes CO₂/year gross use, based on the EFT. Or, you have received or been invited to apply for the Church Demonstrator Grant.

This is flexible funding designed to meet parishes where they are and to support them at each stage of their journey. Parishes can apply for funding in stages, up to a maximum amount within the overall funding period (for example, £5,000 at a time, up to £15,000 in total).

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Just starting out: you're at the beginning of your NZC journey and want to understand your building's energy use.	Enhanced energy audit and help developing an action plan.	In-kind (one audit)	Decarbonising Churches grant fund
Planning a project: you've got an idea and need help get to the start point	Grant for technical/design fees, plus advice from the technical panel.	Up to £15,000 in-kind advice	Decarbonising Churches grant fund



<p>Ready to deliver: you have a ready-to-launch project to reduce emissions and need support to fundraise and deliver</p>	<p>Access to professional fundraising support.</p> <p>Capital grants Demonstrator Project: a project that can reach net zero in one step Phased Project: a project that will have various steps to reach net zero</p>	<p>In-kind (fundraising support)</p> <p>Capital grants Demonstrator Project: up to 50% of eligible costs up to £80,000 Phased Project: up to 25% of eligible costs up to £50,000</p>	<p>Decarbonising Churches grant fund</p>
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Notes

- Grants are unlikely to cover the full cost of most projects – consider fundraising or combining funding.
- Grants are nationally available and reviewed regularly to ensure fair distribution across dioceses.
- Maximums in the table above are per building, within the funding period 26 – 28. You can apply for maximum amounts within the time period.