

# **Money for Mission**

## **Small Grants Fund**

Thames North Synod – United Reformed Church

### **Eligibility Criteria:**

To be eligible for consideration, a project must:

1. Seek to enhance or extend the Church's witness and outreach in the local community through an expression of one of the Five Marks of Mission:
  - To proclaim the good news of the Kingdom of God
  - To teach, baptise and nurture new believers
  - To respond to human need by loving service
  - To seek to transform unjust structures of society
  - To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation; to sustain and renew the life of the earth.
2. Be a new project or a new initiative within an existing project. (In special circumstances, this criterion may be waived.)
3. Require no more than £3000 from the Money for Mission fund.
4. Be sponsored by, or have as an active partner, a United Reformed Church in membership of Thames North Synod.
5. Agree to provide a progress report 12 months after any grant from the Money for Mission fund is received.
6. Agree to repay any funds that remain unspent 12 months after they are received from the fund (subject to negotiation).

In addition, where appropriate and feasible, projects should:

- make use of local research
- be devised in cooperation with other local churches and relevant agencies.

### **Application Process:**

- 1) Complete the Money for Mission Application Form, including a full project description which contains the following information:
  - name of the project
  - nature of the project in relation to the 5 Marks of Mission
  - description of the project (e.g. why the project is needed, what are the activities the grant will support, when will it take place, where, who will benefit, how will you know this.)
  - project budget

- links with other local churches or agencies (if appropriate).
- 2) Contact Mrs Sandhya Pinn, Synod Administrator on 020 7799 5000 or [synodadministrator@urcthamesnorth.org.uk](mailto:synodadministrator@urcthamesnorth.org.uk) if you have any questions, or would like to discuss your proposal before completing the application.
  - 3) Send or email the completed application to:  
Mrs Sandhya Pinn, Synod Administrator  
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32-24 Great Peter Street  
London, SW1P 2DB  
email: [synodadmin@urcthamesnorth.org.uk](mailto:synodadmin@urcthamesnorth.org.uk)

### **Decision process**

Proposals for up to £1000 will be considered as they come in and a decision will be made by Synod officers and staff within 2-3 weeks of receipt of the application (providing all the necessary information has been provided.)

Proposals for amounts of between £1000 - £3000 can be made on the Small Grants application form but will need to be presented to a meeting of the Mission Initiatives Group for a decision. MIG normally meets every 2 months.

All applicants will receive written confirmation of the decision on their application, with instructions of how to obtain the payment if the grant has been made.