

District Grant Application Criteria

There should be:

- a clear description of the project and evidence of the need for this work (also, is this new work or continuation funding)
- an explanation of how the project relates to –
 - strategic mission plans* (Church / Circuit / District)
 - Our Calling* (Worship / Learning & Caring / Service / Evangelism)
 - specific aspects of the Connexional 'God for All' strategy*

(See The Connexional Strategy for Evangelism and Growth and Starting new Christian communities: A practical guide, available on the Methodist Church website)
- clearly identified outcomes
- a description of how the outcomes will be measured (quantitative and qualitative data collection)
- details of how the work will be monitored
- consideration of any safeguarding issues
- consideration of environmental issues, if applicable
- a commitment to linking with The Mother House if pioneering/innovative/risk-taking projects are being considered.
- a full financial breakdown of income and expenditure (including support from Church and Circuit)
- evidence of exploring other avenues of financial support
- reference to the timescale – is it only for a season / how will it be sustained in the longer term.

In relation to personnel there should be:

- a commitment to adhere to the Methodist Church Lay Employment guidelines, including following the Safer Recruitment Policy, Procedures and Guidance and liaising with the District Lay Employment Secretary to complete the Authorisation to Recruit form
- a named line manager who has undertaken the connexional Line Management Training (or who will commit to doing so within three to six months)

