

# SMTF The Society for the Maintenance of the Faith

## GRANTS POLICY

1. A grant will only be awarded if the Council is satisfied that making it will fulfil the Society's charitable Object, which is 'to promote and maintain Catholic teaching and practice within the Church of England'.
2. Grants may be awarded for the building or restoration of churches, for necessary repairs, for new or improved facilities, or for the purchase or restoration of items that will enhance catholic worship or devotion.
3. The Council is empowered to make grants for other purposes if, in its opinion, such grants will be 'clearly conducive to the promotion of the general Object of the Society'.
4. Grants to parishes will generally be of not more than £5,000.
5. Applications for a grant should
  - give a clear indication of the purpose, cost and scope of the project;
  - explain why it is believed that a grant will fulfil the Society's charitable Object;
  - indicate what permissions are needed and whether they have been obtained;
  - indicate what other sources of funding have been or will be approached, and with what results;
  - in the case of PCCs and other corporate bodies, be submitted with a copy of the latest audited accounts.
6. Subject to point (1) above, in making grants to parishes the Council may give preference to parishes in benefices of which it is the patron.
7. Grants will not be made in order to subsidize recurring expenditure.

Adopted by the Council on 5 May 2022.