

**The Aldhelm Mission Fund** supports new mission initiatives in parishes, schools and the wider community in the Diocese of Salisbury. The Fund is intended specifically to encourage and resource creative thinking and risk-taking about new work and projects and to provide at least some of the resources needed to try different ways of mission in the spirit of St Aldhelm as part of the diocesan Mission Strategy. It is a designated fund of the Salisbury Diocesan Board of Finance and is administered under the authority of the Bishop's Council by the Aldhelm Mission Fund Group. The Fund is supported by grants from the Church Commissioners through the Archbishops' Council's Mission Development Funding.

## Scope of the Fund

- Money may be used to fund or part-fund mission-related projects, including posts that involve new initiatives. The emphasis will be on new, rather than ongoing activities, and in particular, work that connects the Church to the wider community for the purpose of proclaiming the gospel.
- The money will be primarily for initiating projects. The Aldhelm Mission Fund Group will want to be sure that the projects have built into them strategies to sustain them into the longer term, or appropriate exit strategies for the project.
- The Fund will not support building projects, administrative or parochial youth worker posts.
- Funding will not be provided for more than three years on any specific project.
- Funding will not be provided for projects that have already begun.

## Criteria

- Applications must be sponsored by a parish or deanery within the Diocese of Salisbury.
- The work must be new, either in a new area, new work or a new phase of work for the applying parish or deanery.
- There must be a focus on outreach and service to the wider community.
- There must be a vision and an indication of how the work will be sustained.
- There must be some measurable outcomes for the project.
- There must be evidence of working with partners e.g. ecumenical and community and, wherever possible, funds from other sources will have been sought.
- There must be a project group to oversee the project.

## Process

- Any one individual or group of people within the Diocese of Salisbury may make application to the Fund. However, applications must be sponsored by the local parish and normally be supported by the deanery.
- Initial enquiries about a proposed project should be made to the appropriate Archdeacon or Area Bishop. It is advisable to have preliminary conversations at an early stage before making a formal application. Enquiries about the application process and general information about the Fund should be made to the Secretary to the Aldhelm Mission Fund Group. Contact details are given below.
- Applications should be made electronically using the attached form. *It might seem detailed, but the aim is to help you consider all aspects of your proposed project and ensure that the Aldhelm Mission Fund Group has all the information it needs to make a decision on funding.* When an application has been received, a member of the Group will visit the sponsor to ensure that there is sufficient information on which to base a decision on funding.
- Normally funds will be granted annually and a report will be required each year to the Group. The Group may nominate one of its number as a liaison person with each project.

**Closing dates for applications in 2010 are: 19 February, 4 June, 17 September**

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