



DIOCESE OF WINCHESTER

APPLICATION FOR AN AIDED BENEFICE GRANT

Names of parishes within the Benefice

Rural/Island Deanery

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If as a Benefice you do not anticipate being able to meet your Parish Share for one of the reasons below you are invited to apply for an Aided Benefice grant. Because such grants are funded from Parish Shares in effect this means seeking financial support from other Parishes.

Application relates to one year only.

Please categorise your Benefice in one or more of the following groups by striking out the appropriate "Yes / No" below. Please then complete the form overleaf:

A) Short term problems.

Do you anticipate being able to meet the challenges of paying the Parish Share in the longer term, but need short term support whilst you engage in a Stewardship programme to increase income?

Yes / No

B) Parishes requiring support.

Do you consider it essential to maintain the level of stipendiary ministry because of the size of the civil population but, the Usual Sunday Attendance figures and/or income levels of the parishioners are low. If the Benefice is in this category please try to determine if this is a short or long term issue. For example, a new church within the Benefice just establishing itself in a new community should be able to see a point after which support would no longer be needed.

Yes / No

C) Awaiting re-organisation of Ministry.

Is your Benefice awaiting pastoral reorganisation whereby the cost of ministry will be shared amongst more parishes, so that until this occurs your Benefice is incurring an unnecessarily high cost of Parochial Ministry.

Yes / No

With this in mind please now complete the information requested overleaf:

<p>Details of Last Stewardship Programme within all parishes in the Benefice</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Years they took place</i> • <i>Type of Programme</i> • <i>Was the Parish Resources Adviser involved?</i> • <i>Assessment of effectiveness</i> 	
<p>How much financial support are you seeking this year?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>If you see this as ongoing what steps are the PCC's taking jointly reduce the financial support needed in future years?</i> 	
<p>If category C, what are the dominant factors?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Size of civil population for each parish in the Benefice</i> • <i>Usual Sunday Attendance within each church in the Benefice</i> • <i>Is there a newly established Church in the Benefice</i> • <i>Low level of parishioners' income (YES / NO)</i> • <i>Other</i> 	

Your application will not be considered unless the annual returns of financial data (Return of Church Finance Form plus a copy of each parish accounts) and membership data (Return of Church Membership Form) have been sent to Church House, Winchester.

<p>Signature of Incumbent/Priest-in-Charge.....</p> <p>Agreed at Benefice Treasurers meeting held on</p> <p>Signature of behalf of the PCC Treasurers in the Benefice.....</p>
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Please return this form to:
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