

Quick Wins Grant Eligibility and Application Guidance

Quick Wins is aimed at funding simple, low-cost changes that will reduce energy use and carbon emissions. Grants will be funded up to £3,000 (and in exceptional circumstances up to £10,000). Grants will be awarded for applications that will lower the carbon footprint of a church's buildings that are low cost, simple and give rapid results. Because funds are limited, costs and benefits will be carefully assessed and prioritised against the CofE Practical Path to Net Zero Carbon for Churches.

Measures could include:

- Pipe insulation, draught-proofing
- Insulating curtains
- Heated cushions
- Rugs
- Replacing old lighting with LEDs
- Replacing hot water tanks with under-sink boilers
- Thermostatic radiator valves or digital controls
- Motion sensors and timing systems

A full list can be found at: <https://winchester.anglican.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/Your-guide-to-projects-eligible-for-Quick-Wins-grant-A4-doc-1.pdf>

Quick Wins projects should reduce the buildings carbon footprint as measured by the Energy Footprint Tool.

Recommended For Applications

The below recommendations are not required for an application to Quick Wins. However, if the grant is over subscribed they will be part of the grading process for applications.

Parishes should:

- Have received an Energy Audit or have a NZC action plan approved by PCC of which this project is a part.
- Registered for the Eco Church award scheme.
- Have completed the Energy Footprint Tool (EFT).
- Have sought expert advice on the proposed project and it's permissions.

Parishes who have not carried out the above can apply and will be considered, however applications are less likely to succeed.

How To Apply

To make a Quick Wins application, click here and fill out the form:

<https://forms.office.com/e/vzycUVsZAt>

For a PDF of the form with all the questions to help gather information before filling out the online form, click here: <https://winchester.anglican.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/Quick-Wins-Grant-Application-Form-June-2025.pdf>

Applications close on Friday 11th July. The grant panel will meet on Tuesday 29th July and decisions will be issued by Friday 1st August.

Grant Awards

Grants will be awarded by the Diocese from monies provided by the Archbishops Council through the Church of England Net Zero Programme.

To draw down grants, parishes must sign a grant agreement and invoice Winchester Diocesan Board of Finance. Grants may be drawn down in advance of works, but projects must be completed within 12 months otherwise the grant may need to be re-paid.

Further rounds of funding will be available throughout 2025.

Any Questions

If you have any questions, please contact Sam Scott (Diocesan Environment Officer): sam.scott@winchester.anglican.org.