

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:

- Insulation and draught-proofing
- Installing a secondary door
- Creating one or more smaller (separately heatable) spaces for smaller events
- Rugs
- Replacing old lighting with LEDs and/or installing motion sensors
- Heating controls (including zoning)
- Heated chair cushions
- Under pew electric heaters
- Infra-red radiant panels
- Work that enables a move towards direct electric heating approaches
- Works that enable a church or church hall to avoid undertaking a like-for-like oil or gas-heating replacement (such as boiler or electric heater hire)
- Work that helps address ingress of damp
- Solar PV systems
- Thermostatic radiator valves or digital controls

A full list can be found at: <https://winchesterdiocese.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/Quick-Wins-Eligible-Works-2026.pdf>

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

Required For Applications

For an application to be eligible for Quick Wins, the requirements outlined below must now be fulfilled:

- 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 not likely to succeed.

How To Apply

To make a Quick Wins application, click [here](#) and fill out the form.

For a PDF of the form with all the questions to help gather information before filling out the online form, click here: <https://winchesterdiocese.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/Quick-Wins-Grant-Application-Form-2026.pdf>

Applications close on Monday 15 June 2026. The grant panel will convene shortly afterwards, and outcomes will be communicated by Friday 3 July 2026.

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.

Any Questions

If you have any questions, please contact [Lucy Howlett](#), Project Coordinator for Net Zero Carbon