

HERITAGE LOTTERY FUND -[HLF]

Any Select Vestry considering applying for a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund should note that the application form requires certification by the Diocese in relation to the regular use and projected future of the building.

There is a claw-back clause in the Agreement with the HLF whereby, if a parish fails to meet the criteria of the Fund for 10 years following the allocation of a grant, the Select Vestry could become liable for the repayment of the grant received. Thus any Select Vestry considering such an application should, at the outset, indicate its intention to the Diocesan Council. The Diocesan Council has a two-fold role in this process:

- To endorse the application being made to the HLF – such endorsement will not be made without careful consideration and thus adequate notice and information must be given;
- To recommend to the Representative Church Body that, in the event of a grant being allocated, the Agreement with the Trustees of the National Heritage Memorial Fund should be signed.

This procedure is in place to monitor applications and to safeguard parishes.