

DIOCESE OF DERBY LOCAL MISSION FUND

GUIDELINES

A. PREAMBLE

1. The following guidelines, approved by Bishop's Council and Diocesan Synod, is produced by the Renewing Ministry Project Implementation Group and provides recommendations to the Diocesan Pastoral Committee for the use of the Church Commissioners Parish Mission Funding from 2006 onwards.

2. The Parish Mission Fund is provided by the Archbishops' Council and the Diocesan Pastoral Committee is responsible for the disbursement of the fund, reporting to the Bishop's Council and the Renewing Ministry Implementation Group. A list of grants will be published each year as part of the Diocesan Pastoral Committee's Annual Report.

B. USE OF GRANT

MISSION SUPPORT PROPOSAL

There are three possible areas for support:

i) MMAs with distinctive mission opportunities

The Diocesan Pastoral Committee *Mission Areas* Report (2002) provides agreed recommendations and guidelines for those applying for financial support to aid local mission. The panel will be guided by a set of criteria that have been drawn from this report, and those applying for support for this category should take into consideration these criteria. The Panel will also be looking for those projects that fall in line with recommendations of *Mission- Shaped Church*.

ii) MMAs that are unable to meet the floor cost

Initially, and maybe in the longer term, It is expected that there will be a few MMAs that will be unable to raise sufficient funds to reach the floor cost for their stipendiary ministry, currently estimated to be £19,000 in 2008. Such MMAs are likely to be in areas of social deprivation and may wish to apply for grants to enable them to finance mission and ministry in those areas. Successful applicants in this category will find that the Share account with the Board of Finance will be credited directly with the amount of the grant.

C. PROCESS FOR APPLICATION AND DISBURSEMENT

- i. The Diocesan Pastoral Committee in consultation with the Bishop's Council has set up a Local Mission Fund Panel. This panel is chaired by the Archdeacon of Chesterfield with 2 representatives from each Archdeaconry, one representing the concerns of mission, another the concerns of social responsibility. There is

the possibility of co-option. The Mission and Ministry Development Adviser and a member of the Board of Finance will be in attendance. It is the Mission and Ministry Development Adviser's responsibility to consult with the Mission Adviser and the Church and Society Officer.

- ii. The Panel has authority to make grants and will be guided by the criteria listed in Appendix 1. These criteria are based on those drawn up in the 2002 *Mission Areas* Report.
- iii. The Panel will decide whether MMAs are to be awarded a full grant, a part grant, a reducing grant (if over more than one year), or to provide match-funding.
- iv. Before awarding grants, the Panel will correspond with the DBF to check financial records of the MMA, ensuring, for example, that share payments are being met as a priority.
- v. Grants are conditional on receipt of Parish Mission Funds from the Church Commissioners and on the release of such funds by the Board of Finance.
- vi. MMAs that wish to apply for a grant should use the Application form which is available from the Archdeacon of Chesterfield's office and submit their application by the publicised deadlines.
- vii. Grants will be for a maximum of three years with the possibility of renewal. In allocating grants, the Panel will bear in mind situations where the particular grant may need to continue beyond three years.

APPENDIX 1

CRITERIA

In assessing each application, the Panel will consider the following criteria, based on those drawn up in the Diocesan Pastoral Committee Report *Mission Areas* (2002):

Evidence of good collaboration	
Laity working well together with commitment to grow and be visionary	
Availability of local leadership established by audit of local talents and needs	
Evidence of mission and ministry being done in a non-church context	
Evidence of consultation and co-operation with community groups	
Size and sociological nature of the MMA	
Quality and effectiveness of work being done in area of evangelism, youth work, community work etc.	
Evidence of large increases of population due to new housing developments	
Present staffing provision	
Ministry in the local area offered from within local church resources	
Assessment of need for ordained ministry, reader ministry or specialist (eg. youth, elderly)	
Evidence of ecumenical consultation and assessment of whether other local churches are offering ministry for which funds are being requested	
Satisfactory Job Description for projects employing staff	
Evidence of funding being used to support ministry and mission in line with recommendations of <i>Mission-Shaped Church</i>	
Evidence that the MMA is meeting its financial commitments to others, especially through share payments.	