

Manchester and Stockport District Advance Fund

Application for Grant Support – Form 0910 v1

Circuit	Church:	Project Title:				
Contact name & address	Who are the Beneficiaries of this work/project? Tick as appropriate <i>(i.e. who are the target groups we hope to reach)</i>					
	Children (under 13s)	<input type="checkbox"/>	People with physical health issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lone parents	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Young people	<input type="checkbox"/>	People with disabilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ex offenders	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Specifically for Women	<input type="checkbox"/>	People with mental health issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	People with basic skills needs	<input type="checkbox"/>
Contact Tel No.	Specifically for Men	<input type="checkbox"/>	People with alcohol/drug addiction	<input type="checkbox"/>	People with gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender needs	<input type="checkbox"/>
Email:	Elderly	<input type="checkbox"/>	People facing financial hardship	<input type="checkbox"/>	Homeless people/rough	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Unemployed	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gypsies & Travellers	<input type="checkbox"/>	Refugees/Asylum seekers	<input type="checkbox"/>
Website (if applicable):	Black & Minority Ethnic (BME) Populations	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (please specify)			<input type="checkbox"/>

Description of Project (brief outline of the work, locations, stating key assumptions, dependencies, and risks/issues to the work)

When does the project start?	How long will the project run?	Who are our partners in this project? (e.g. ecumenical, community, government, inter-faith)
What benefits do you anticipate seeing as a result of the project? (please list here expected outcomes, considering the beneficiaries identified above)		

Please attach the following to the application:

- Circuit Mission Statement
- Mapping Our Stories – 5 Year Plan
- Detailed budget for the Project
- Circuit/Church budget for this year and all years requiring grants

We are authorised by the Circuit Meeting/Circuit General Purposes Committee/.....Committee held on to submit this application on behalf of the Circuit.

Circuit Steward/Treasurer	_____	Date	_____
Superintendent Minister	_____	Date	_____

THE METHODIST CHURCH
MANCHESTER & STOCKPORT DISTRICT
DISTRICT ADVANCE FUND – GUIDANCE NOTES

The 2002 Conference established mandatory District Advance Funds (DAF) with monies drawn from Circuit Advance Funds, supplemented from the Connexional Advance and Priority Fund. This District has set up a DAF Committee to receive and consider requests from Circuits for grants from the Fund, following on from work previously undertaken by the District Projects Fund Committee (DPF). The membership of the DAF Committee is given in the Synod Directory.

The Committee will report its activity to the Synod and the District Policy Committee.

Purpose of the Fund

Initially, the Committee will follow similar principles to those used by the DPF, i.e.

- to sustain ministry in areas where local resources are fully stretched
- to encourage new initiatives in or between circuits
- to respond to particular opportunities for mission in partnership with others

The committee will also consider the emerging Connexional Grants Policy, which sees emphasis on:

- engaging the unchurched
- exploring types of "emerging church" (i.e. new ways of being a church)
- mission with young adults and 25-40 age group.

Selection Criteria

Each application will be considered on its merits but preference will be given to those projects that:

- demonstrate potential for attracting longer term funding from other sources
- have measurable objectives
- are part of a larger vision and/or business plan
- have an ecumenical dimension.

Grants from the Fund are limited to £20,000 per case per year and should be for no more than three years. Where the application is for a number of years, the Committee would normally expect to see the grant request reducing over that period.

Applications Procedure

Application forms are available from the Committee convenor, Bryan Peak, 22 Ashworth Park, Knutsford, Cheshire, WA16 9DE; telephone – 01565 651086; email – bryan.peak@btinternet.com.

Applications should have Circuit support, even when an individual church is undertaking the project. The Circuit should therefore submit the application.

Timetable for applications:

- Applications should be submitted with the required attachments to the convenor by **28th February** for projects commencing the following September. These applications will be considered by the Committee in March.
- The Committee will also meet in October to consider interim applications where, for instance, a project is to commence in January. Such applications should be submitted by **31st August**.