

Stained glass funders: strongest matches first

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1. Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust

- Will fund stained glass: “Repairs to historic stained glass or ornamental glass windows” [Eligibility-For-WHCT-Grants-Jun-22.pdf](#)
- How to apply: [Apply For A Grant - Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust](#)

2. Dorset Historic Churches Trust

- Will only consider “Essential repairs to the building's fabric including window frames but not glass” [20241031 D2 Grant conditions V5.1.docx](#)
- Apply via a DHCT local rep: [Dorset Historic Churches Trust](#)

Both these funders may prioritise churches that support their annual fundraiser Ride+Stride. You can take part in Ride+Stride by opening your church to welcome Ride+Striders, advertising and promoting the event, sponsoring a team or taking part.

3. Church care grants

(underlying funders are Pilgrim Trust and Radcliffe Trust)

- Will give grants “up to £10,000 for the conservation of [stained glass, painted glass, and plain glazing of historical or artistic significance](#) in Anglican parish churches in England.”
- Deadline 23rd February 2026 for decision 10th April 2026
- More information:
[Grants for historic church interiors and churchyard structures | The Church of England](#)

4. William and Jane Morris Fund

William and Jane Morris Church Conservation Grants: “We make awards of £500-£5,000 to churches, chapels and other places of worship in the United Kingdom for the conservation of decorative features and monuments.”

- Deadlines 31st March and 31st August
- More information:
<https://www.sal.org.uk/what-we-do/grants/our-grant-programmes/>

5. Benefact Trust (was AllChurches Trust)

- Will fund stained glass: “Conservation or restoration of historic features”
- Rolling deadline
- Will expect you to have 30% pledged or raised, so apply once you have other funds secured.
[Building Improvement Grants | UK Building Grants for Churches](#)

6. Worshipful Company of Glaziers

- Uncertain of deadline – check funder website or email.
- Short application form to be submitted via email
- More information:

[Grants for conserving stained glass | Worshipful Company of Glaziers and Painters of Glass](#)

7. Jill and Norman Francklin Trust

This is not their main remit for funding, but in memory of Jill Francklin, they will provide grants for the restoration of architecturally significant churches anywhere in UK. This is in particular reference to Jill's work as an architectural historian.

Funding is limited and all applications will be considered at each December / January.

Please note:

- We only fund repairs and restoration
- We only fund churches in the United Kingdom
- Churches need to be listed Grade 1 or exceptionally Grade 2*

<https://jnfranklintrust.org.uk/index.php/church-applications/>

8. The Leche Trust

Heritage conservation grants are typically under £5,000, but occasionally larger.

“We prefer to give grants to smaller projects, or specific elements of projects, where our contribution can have a greater impact. The trustees will consider applications relating to historic objects, works of art and architectural decorations and fittings of artistic merit, which date prior to 1837.”

<https://www.lechetrust.org/what-we-fund/heritage-conservation-grants>

9. Friends of Friendless Churches

They state that repairs and restoration is not eligible.

[Art Grants - Friends of Friendless Churches - Creating Beautiful Works of Art for Churches](#)

10. National Churches Trust

Their grants programme, stipulates they do NOT fund stained glass unless urgent repairs to window surrounds or lead comes, and the building is not watertight.

https://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/sites/default/files/2025-03/SUPPORT_Medium_grant_guidance_Feb25.pdf

FYI used to fund, but changed criteria

The Idlewild Trust <https://www.idlewildtrust.org.uk/our-programmes>