# Sources of funding for work to meeting houses

There is a large number of funds available for work to Quaker meeting houses. Most are not Quaker-specific funds. This list has been complied with the help of Friends recently involved in fundraising. It was made to help area and local meetings seek out sources of money for work to meeting houses. It is not exhaustive. Local research may identify additional funders who can be approached.

All funds have limitations on what activities they will support. Understanding whether your scheme is eligible for that particular fund will save you a lot of time. Typical eligibility limitations include:

* sustainability improvements e.g. insulation and boiler renewal
* accessibility improvements e.g. ramps or hearing loops
* geographical e.g. limited to a certain area
* nature of the works e.g. roof repairs
* places of worship of any denomination
* Quaker meeting houses
* community development facilities e.g. providing multiuse rooms and toilets
* heritage restoration.

Depending on the project, a meeting could work in partnership/sharing premises with another charity e.g. affordable housing, youth, or mental health services. This may help to use or develop part of the building. These charities may find it easier to access funding and are also likely to have some fundraising capacity.

 If you are considering sharing or making alternative use of the meeting house then there may be other sources related to that use. For example if you are thinking about affordable housing within the building then Quaker Housing Trust (QHT) offers grants, and can give support and access to cheap loans. Faith in Affordable Housing has advice on its website and runs conferences. Local authorities may have Section 106 money available. Section 106 money is payment made by commercial housing developers as a contribution towards local affordable housing.

The [Britain Yearly Meeting (BYM) website has a page for centrally administered Quaker funds](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5CTrain1.DELL257%5CDownloads%5CBritain%20Yearly%20Meeting%20%28BYM%29%20website%20has%20a%20page%20for%20centrally%20administered%20Quaker%20funds). There are also local Quaker funds that are not listed on that page. BYM does not provide a research and application grant writing service to local or area meetings. However Friends thinking of fundraising could consider recent appeals for meeting house projects in the Friend and seek advice from those Friends with recent experience.

## Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme

[Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme](http://www.lpwscheme.org.uk/index-2.html) allows VAT to be reclaimed for work and professional fees on **listed** meeting houses. Properties in England, Wales and Scotland are eligible.

Local authorities often have lists of community funds/grants available to apply for. Some also hold community funding events, so search local government websites and get onto mailing lists

## Heritage Funding Directory

The [Heritage Funding Directory](http://www.heritagefundingdirectoryuk.org/) is a very comprehensive guide to potential sources of support for those planning to undertake projects in heritage buildings.

## National Churches Trust

[National Churches Trust](http://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/our-grants) makes grants for urgent structural repair works. It also funds new facilities, such as kitchens and toilets, which enable a building to be more widely used by the community. Community grants are usually £5,000 to £20,000. Applications may be made for listed and unlisted (except for maintenance grants) churches, chapels and meeting houses of any age. The buildings must be open for regular public worship i.e. more than six services a year. They must also be located within England, Wales, Northern Ireland, Scotland, the Isle of Man or the Channel Islands. The Trust has previously provided grants to twelve Quaker meeting houses. This includes community grants to Almeley Wootton and Bath.

## Garfield Weston Foundation

The [Garfield Weston Foundation](http://www.garfieldweston.org/) provides funds towards simple but practical and effective projects. The projects enable religious buildings to be used for a wider range of charitable purposes by local communities. Capital grants include funds towards the installation of basic amenities such as toilets, kitchen facilities and disabled access. Grants can also be made for restoration works to historic church buildings, such as roof repairs.

## The Bernard Sunley Charitable Foundation

[Bernard Sunley Charitable Foundation](http://www.bernardsunley.org/index.html) has very broad eligibility criteria. It makes grants to charities that benefit the community.

[The Georgian Group](https://georgiangroup.org.uk/pages/frontpage)

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[Landfill Communities Fund](http://www.entrust.org.uk/landfill-community-fund/)

[Landfill Communities Fund](http://www.entrust.org.uk/landfill-community-fund/) is a potential source of funding for sustainability initiatives and improvements. Eligibility depends on location.

[Tudor Trust](https://tudortrust.org.uk/)

[Tudor Trust](https://tudortrust.org.uk/) supports voluntary and community groups in the UK. It has broad criteria for what and who it funds.

## Welsh Churches Act Trust

The Welsh Churches Act Trust was established from the proceeds and assets of the disestablishment of the Church in Wales. The funds are administered by the local council in which t building stands. Places of worship capital projects are eligible. It gives grants of up to £5,000.

## James Pantyfedwen

[James Pantyfedwen](http://www.jamespantyfedwen.cymru) is an organisation that makes grants available to places of worship in Wales for upgrade schemes. There is no indication of scale of grants made on the website, but previous grants have contributed to new kitchens, new underfloor heating and major rearrangement of the interior to encourage community use.

## Allchurches Trust

[Allchurches Trust](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5CTrain1.DELL257%5CDesktop%5CAllchurches%20Trust) makes small grants of between £1000 and £5000. Quaker meetings need to be a member of Churches Together in England (CTE), Action of Churches Together in Scotland (ACTS), Churches Together in Wales (Cytun), or the Irish Council of Churches. The Trustees only support churches who are not members of these networks in exceptional circumstances.

## Other funders

The following funders were found in various lists of organisations who had benefited from grants. The list illustrates the broad range of grant-making bodies that may be able to fund a project at a meeting house.

* The Church Commissioners Arts Council England
* CB and HH Taylor 1984 Trust
* Duchy of Lancaster Benevolent Fund
* Eleanor Rathbone Charitable Trust
* Francis Coales Charitable Foundation
* Grimley Charity
* Harrison’s Charity
* Historic England
* J Paul Getty Jr General Charitable Trust
* Michael Guest Charitable Foundation
* Monumental Brass Society
* Northamptonshire Historic Churches Trust
* Sandwich St Mary’s Community Trust
* The Spiller Charitable Trust
* Suez Communities Trust Ltd
* Suffolk Historic Churches Trust
* The Hawthorne Charitable Trust
* The Ian Addison Charitable Foundation
* The Loppylugs and Barbara Morrison Charitable Trust
* The LPH Charitable Trust
* The Paul Bassham Charitable Trust
* The Pettit Trust
* The PF Charitable Trust
* The Ratcliff Foundation
* The Swire Charitable Trust
* The W.E.D. Charitable Trust

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