

## GUIDELINES FOR APPLICANTS

Grants are awarded for work to bells, frames and fittings. Work to towers (except when linked to a bell project) is excluded.

Applications may be made for restoration work costing up to £75,000. Projects costing in excess of that figure may be considered on their merits. (added 12/18)

Applications for work costing in excess of £25,000, net of recoverable VAT must be accompanied by at least two quotations from bell hangers (added 3/21).

There is an expectation that projects costing less than £25,000 net will be accompanied by two quotations from bell hangers unless the value of the project is under £10,000 in which case one quotation is sufficient. Applicants unable to secure a second quote should contact the Guild Bell Restoration Officer before submitting the application.

The cost of professional fees (eg architect) is not grant eligible.

Other major grants, legacies and donations will be taken into account.

The Guild Bell Restoration Officer must be satisfied that the proposed work is necessary and will be the best solution.

The proposed work must be supported by the PCC. A Church Warden or Chairman of the PCC must sign the application form.

A Faculty or Rule B permissions, if necessary for the proposed work should have been, or will be, obtained.

Where the applicant proposes that their restoration project is carried out by a person(s) or firm of engineers or builders (the contractor(s)) who are not bell hangers and that project does not require either a Faculty or Rule B permissions, the grant form must be accompanied by a letter from the Incumbent or Chair of the PCC stating that the PCC is satisfied that the proposed contractor(s) is/are competent to carry out the work which is the subject of the grant application. For the avoidance of doubt, neither the BRO nor TDGR accept any responsibility for work which is not carried out by a recognised bell hanger and the latter are responsible for their work. (added 4.3.19)

Grants may be released upon written confirmation to the BRO that the work has been completed to the satisfaction of the Incumbent and PCC.

Provision should be made for future regular maintenance.

Grant awards remain valid for two years and are subject to a satisfactory final inspection.

There is an expectation that on completion of the work the bells will be made available to occasional visiting ringers.

Initial enquiries should be made to the Bell Restoration Officer.

Applications are considered by the Standing Committee which usually meets in January, June and November. Grants are paid directly to the PCC on satisfactory completion of the project.