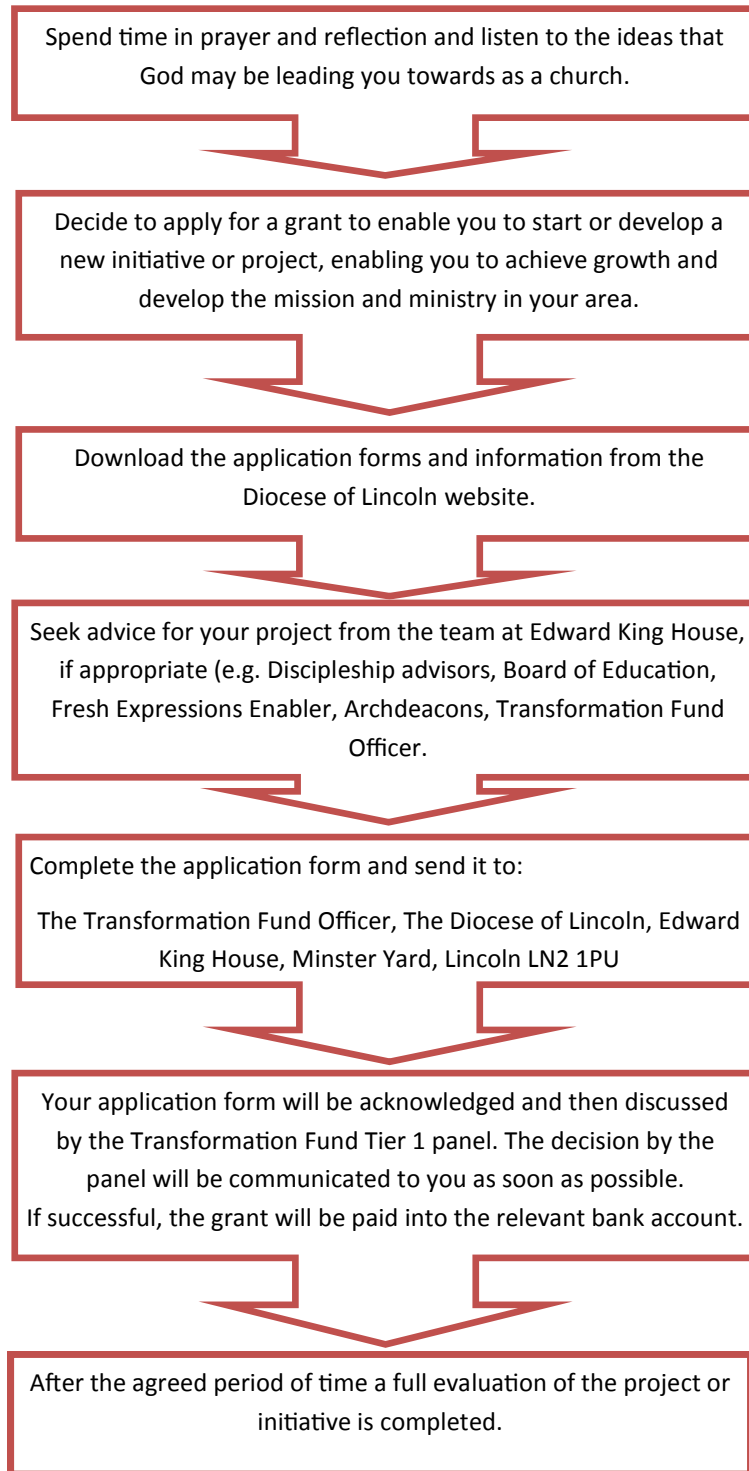




## ***Transformation Fund - Tier 1 information leaflet***



**Do you have a new idea or project that might help to transform lives? Are you developing the mission and ministry in your church? Would a small grant of up to £500 help you to achieve your goal?**

The Diocese of Lincoln Transformation Fund has set aside £100,000 for 2016 to provide grants to help churches launch new missional initiatives or significantly develop existing projects that will help transform lives across Greater Lincolnshire.

**Mission:** The Diocese of Lincoln is called by God to faithful worship, confident discipleship and joyful service.

**Vision:** To be a healthy, vibrant and sustainable Church transforming lives in Greater Lincolnshire.



Transformation Fund Tier 1 grant applications can be made up to the sum of £500 by completing the application form (available on the Diocese of Lincoln website) and by sending it to the Transformation Fund Officer.

The Transformation Fund Tier 1 is designed to help churches quickly progress their ideas. Applications can be made at any time and a decision on the success of the application will be quickly made by the applications panel.

### **Principles**

- Tier 1 of the Transformation Fund is available to any church, parish, benefice, mission community, deanery or church-affiliated group within the Diocese of Lincoln
- An applicant can only receive a grant once a year
- Up to £500 is available as a one-off payment
- Your proposal should help you express more effectively God's mission in the community you serve, leading to growth in numbers, growth in discipleship and/or growth in service
- If you have completed the Developing Discipleship Programme (DDP) or have a growth plan we will expect your application to link with this. If you don't yet have a growth plan we will be looking for you to engage with the DDP process as part of the agreement to receive funding. Contact the DDP Co-ordinator for more information.

### **What we expect from you**

- Applications must state specifically how the grant will be used and identify the intended impact
- Work should aim to be started within one month of the funding being granted
- You must complete the evaluation report form
- You cannot apply for a grant retrospectively
- Grants cannot be used for individuals.

### **What you can expect from us**

- All of the application forms easily accessible via the website
- Support, if required, to complete the application form
- A quick response to any application made
- Money transferred to your account quickly, if successful

### **What might you use the Transformation Fund for?**

Without wishing to be prescriptive a grant may help a parish, benefice, mission community, deanery or church-affiliated group to:

- go through the DDP
- run a children's club during the school holidays
- begin a family 'Sunday school'
- buy equipment to begin a toddler group
- run a nurture or explorer's course
- produce high-quality publicity, displays or signs for people who visit the church
- develop prayer or worship resources
- buy a piece of equipment that you will go on using as a resource for mission.

### **Things to consider**

As you plan your project you may wish to find out if there are other places in the diocese where a similar project has been developed, so as to help you learn from their experience and maybe use some of their systems, policies and procedures.

Ensure you think through issues such as insurance, risk assessments, policies and Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) requirements prior to starting any project or new initiative.

It is better to ask for help early on if you are not sure what to do or how to go about developing the new project.