

Guidance Notes of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild Central Branch Bell Repair Fund

1. The object of the Fund is to provide financial assistance to Churches in the Central Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild for the purpose of maintaining and/or improving their bell installations that are hung for full circle ringing.
2. Grants will be considered for work costing a maximum of £500 including VAT. Grant requests for any major projects in excess of this figure should be directed to the Lincoln Diocesan Guild of Bellringers Bell Repair Fund.
3. The amount paid towards each grant request will be up to a maximum of 12.5% of the cost of the work including VAT, at the discretion of the Branch Committee. This amount will be reviewed annually by the Committee in line with funds available within the Bell Repair Fund.
4. Qualifying work will comprise of minor works such as: replacement ropes, repairs to pulleys, replacement bushes and clapper work, minor frame repairs. The committee may also consider ancillary works that improve belfry safety such as stair lighting. Works to clocks or chiming mechanisms will not be considered.
5. Where any work is pre-planned, we would ask that three quotations are provided along with the appropriate approval as stated under 6 below.
6. Applications for grants shall be submitted via email or letter to the Central Branch Secretary who will put the application on the agenda for discussion at the next convenient committee meeting of the Branch. The Branch shall have the power, after considering an application, to approve or reject a request for a grant from the Fund. Grants will not be considered for any work which has not received prior approval from the Diocesan authorities or, where no Diocesan approval is required, from the Grants Committee. Where work has not been pre-planned, applications should be received within three months of the completion of the work.
7. Any grant payments will be made to the PCC of the church concerned