



The Leaders of Worship and Preachers Trust

LPMA Grant Criteria

LWPT is the successor to LPMA and awards grants that it holds as restricted funds towards the objectives of LPMA. The criteria for these grants are as follows:

- to provide financial assistance to Local Preachers in need
- to provide accommodation, treatment and/or care to Local Preachers in need

Grants can be awarded directly to individuals or indeed to charities and organisations that fulfil the above criteria. Not only will grants be provided to Local Preachers, as defined by the Methodist Church, but also to their dependents (which means children for whom they are financially responsible, and in the case of deceased Local Preachers, their widowers, widows or dependents).

The Trustees of LWPT, who are also the Trustees of LPMA, will consider grants for core, capital or project costs. Due to the reducing and unpredictable nature of the funding sources for these grants, the Trustees are unable to consider multi year awards. In order for the Trustees to determine that they are meeting the aim of LPMA, they require applicants to supply certain pieces of information and it is unfortunate that should any of these pieces of information not be supplied then the Trustees will deem that they have not been able to carry out due diligence and will not consider the application.

Applications will be considered on an annual basis and the dates for receiving applications will be well advertised on the LWPT website. However, for individuals in dire need, of course allowances will be made and they or their representatives are encouraged to contact LWPT's Office Manager, Wendy Morris, for a confidential conversation.

All applicants are asked to complete the relevant application form which is available on the LWPT website. This will need to be submitted along with a full budget including income, expenditure and any other funding sources that may be involved. In the instance of an organisation applying, they will need to identify how many recipients meet the criteria for LPMA funding (ie Methodist Local Preachers their dependent, widows/ers), how they will benefit from the award, how these recipients will be identified and how the award will be monitored.

In 2019, applications will be considered in July and therefore the closing dates for receipt of applications is 1 June 2019. Receipt of all applications will be monitored and a member of LWPT staff will be in touch within one month of receipt if any further information is required. The application will be considered at a grant meeting by Trustees of LWPT (who are the Trustees of LPMA), supported by LWPT staff, and should expert advice be needed this will be sort to ensure that the Trustees have the best available information to make their decision. Following the meeting, all applications will be advised of the outcome accordingly.