

The City Bridge Trust

Investing In Londoners: Application for a grant



About your organisation

Name of your organisation: Havering Road Methodist Church	
If your organisation is part of a larger organisation, what is its name? Methodist Church UK	
In which London Borough is your organisation based? Havering	
Contact person: Mrs Kirsteen Howe	Position: Local Co-ordinator/Church Council
Website: http://www.haveringroadmethodistchurch.yolasite.com	
Legal status of organisation: Exempt or excepted charity	Charity, Charitable Incorporated Company or company number: HMRC X65308
When was your organisation established? 01/01/1957	

Grant Request

Under which of City Bridge Trust's programmes are you applying? Making London More Inclusive
Which of the programme outcome(s) does your application aim to achieve? Community buildings that are more accessible and as a result
Please describe the purpose of your funding request in one sentence. Contribute to a Building Project designed to unify a disjointed site; increase capacity for community use, bring facilities in line with accessibility legislation; improve carbon-footprint.
When will the funding be required? 01/09/2015
How much funding are you requesting? Year 1: £70,000 Year 2: £0 Year 3: £0 Total: £70,000

Aims of your organisation:

We are a local Methodist Church committed to worship, service and ministry within, and for, our community. Our Purpose Statement (below) makes it clear that we believe service flows from worship and the two are linked in everyday life. As a church we aim to be seen as relevant and of benefit and value to the local area by everyone, whether they choose to worship with us or not.

"Our Purpose is to: Discover God Together; Find forgiveness in Jesus; Grow in the Gifts of the Spirit; Share God's Love and Welcome You."

Main activities of your organisation:

From our faith and worship flows many avenues of service:

Mums and Toddlers; Adult study, prayer and fellowship groups; After school club; Lunch Club open to all; Full compliment of Girls Uniformed Groups from age 5-18, Beavers for boys aged 6-8, Saturday coffee drop in for all, badminton. We have a good relationship with the local primary school (after school club attendees from here), taking assemblies in hte infants at Harvest, Christmas, Easter and end of year.

Our site is also used on a regular basis by an independent pre-school, a dancing school for ages 5-18, and a 50+ sports group.

In addition the site is used for local elections, occasional civic meetings (for example census information point), weekend Night Shelter from Jan - March. We are registered with the Local Authority as an emergency site for the council to use in case of flood or other emergency situation where people may need evacuating from an area.

Number of staff

Full-time:	Part-time:	Management committee members:	Active volunteers:
0	2	23	20

Property occupied by your organisation

Is the main property owned, leased or rented by your organisation?	If leased/rented, how long is the outstanding agreement?
Owned	

Summary of grant request

The Big Build is designed to provide a site fit for the next 50 years and more; making a single entrance to serve all areas of the building; extending and rebuilding rooms to the rear; creating a large central meeting area to include a refreshment point that can be accessed from all sections of the building; greatly improving the visual frontage to give the message 'you are welcome, this is your church and space'. The Big Build will bring all facilities in to line with current accessibility legislation and strengthen our responsibilities in the area of Safeguarding.

To achieve this we need to provide level access throughout; redesign the site so that free flow is possible between all areas (at present if the hall is in use the kitchen and side rooms are not accessible as all access goes through the hall); provide fully compliant facilities for disabled users.

The first and last points are the grounds on which we are applying for this grant under the 'Making London more inclusive' - community buildings that are more accessible and as a result are more widely used by disabled people. Pre school have offered places to disabled children in the past but this will be more viable with the site redeveloped. Likewise disability groups could hire the site in future, which at present is not an option. Our own less mobile church members would also benefit as the current ramps and lips at entrances are not easy to deal with.

Planning Permission was granted in October 2011, for three years. We have recently secured this by completing a small element of The Big Build so we can move ahead with confidence to the main phase. The nature of the project means doing the work in further stages is not desirable or easy as a key part of the plans are to unite the site and give free flow between all areas.

The church was planted as the new estate was being built with a view that any community needs a worship presence within it and a worshipping people to serve it. Church renovation and community space go side by side. We are at capacity for the site as it stands, yet with good design we could offer so much more. We often have to decline an enquiry for community users, most recently ante-natal classes run by National Childbirth Trust and training space for local NHS trust groups. Had 'The Big Build' been in place we could have responded positively to both of these requests. With a site that has proper level access and facilities for the disabled all requests could be considered. Our pre school have successfully cared for a number of special needs children but this would undoubtedly increase if facilities were improved. It is in this area of facilities for the disabled and good level access to the whole site that we fit the criteria for a grant. The disabled facility will also be a wet room, which would help the pre school cater for disabled children, improve the facilities for Night Shelter when they are with us and support our role as a place of safety in emergency. We are also concerned to make the site friendly for the visually impaired as we have a number of members with varying degrees of visual impairment. It is difficult to be specific about the numbers and groups who will benefit but there is more demand than we can now respond to, and with the local authorities closing or selling off community centres the need for community space can only rise.

If you need any planning or other statutory consents for the project to proceed, what stage have the applications reached?

Do you have a Vulnerable Adults policy? **Yes**

What Quality Marks does your organisation currently hold?

Outputs and outcomes

What are the main activities or outputs you want to deliver? Please include no more than 5. By activities or outputs we mean the services, products or facilities you plan to deliver. If you plan to deliver work over more than one year you should include activities over the full grant period requested. Try to be specific.

Level access throughout to improve accessibility for all and increase the range and scope of community groups who could make use of our site.

Eg Blood donation site; local NHS trust training venue; CAB or counselling space, groups with members with disability of some kind.

Unite the site so all areas can be accessed independantly and so used to full potential and efficiency

Improve and update our facilies for all (particularly with reference to accessible toilets) and bring everything up to current standards.

Reduce our Carbon Footprint.

Solar panels will power a major part of the new heating and current heating will be updated and improved for greater efficiency.

What main differences or outcomes do you hope the activities you have described above will achieve? Please include no more than 5. By differences or outcomes we mean the changes, benefits, learning or other effects that result from the work your project would deliver. These might be for individuals, families, communities or the environment.

We would have a site that could be considered by all community groups seeking a safe and reliable space to meet.

Pre-school could meet every day and still we could offer greater community use whilst also expanding current church activities. Lunch Club could become weekly rather than monthly; new after school clubs could take place; we could accommodate many of the community users we have had to turn away.

The Accessible wet room will enhance our support of disabled children within pre-school, the Night Shelter users and any occasion when our site is required for emergency help by the Council. No doubt once it is in place we will find other needs can also be accommodated.

Fuel efficiency throughout will be greatly improved, cutting costs and improving our green credentials. We would like to be an example to the neighbourhood and encourage others to see that green energy is possible in the every day.

Do you plan to continue the activity beyond the period for which you are requesting funding? If so, how do you intend to sustain it? If not, what is your exit strategy?

Capital costs required. We will continue to fund our work and service via congregation donations and letting income as we do now.

Who will benefit?

About your beneficiaries

How many people will benefit directly from the grant per year?

500

In which Greater London borough(s) or areas of London will your beneficiaries live?

Havering (100%)

What age group(s) will benefit?

All ages

What gender will beneficiaries be?

All

What will the ethnic grouping(s) of the beneficiaries be?

A range of ethnic groups

If Other ethnic group, please give details:

What proportion of the beneficiaries will be disabled people?

1-10%

Funding required for the project

What is the total cost of the proposed activity/project?

Expenditure heading			Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Total
Building works	375,000	0	0	0	0	
professional fees	58,000	0	0	0	0	
Risk allowance	44,000	0	0	0	0	
	0	0	0	0	0	
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	0	0	0	0	0	
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TOTAL:			477,000	0	0	0
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What income has already been raised?

Source			Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Total
Methodist funds - local, circuit and national	101,000	0	0	0	0	
Joseph Rank Trust	30,000	0	0	0	0	
Norwood and Newton Trust	20,000	0	0	0	0	
	0	0	0	0	0	

TOTAL:			151,000	0	0	0
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What other funders are currently considering the proposal?

Source			Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Total
Veolia North Thames Trust	100,000	0	0	0	0	
Chapel Aid Loan	100,000	0	0	0	0	
All churches Trust	20,000	0	0	0	0	
	0	0	0	0	0	

TOTAL:			220,000	0	0	0
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How much is requested from the Trust?

Expenditure heading			Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Total
Wet room facilities	25,000	0	0	0	0	
Accessibility and level access element	15,000	0	0	0	0	

Car park and external pathways suitable for disabled	15,000	0	0	0
Solar panels	15,000	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0
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	0	0	0	0

TOTAL:	70,000	0	0	0
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Finance details

Please complete using your most recent audited or independently examined accounts.

Financial year ended:	Month: August	Year: 2015
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Income received from:	£
Voluntary income	18,292
Activities for generating funds	3,977
Investment income	142
Income from charitable activities	18,339
Other sources	12,240
Total Income:	52,990

Expenditure:	£
Charitable activities	18,677
Governance costs	14,883
Cost of generating funds	0
Other	44,372
Total Expenditure:	77,932
Net (deficit)/surplus:	(24,942)
Other Recognised Gains/(Losses):	0
Net Movement in Funds:	0

Asset position at year end	£
Fixed assets	1,300,000
Investments	0
Net current assets	33,721
Long-term liabilities	0
*Total Assets (A):	1,333,721

Reserves at year end	£
Endowment funds	0
Restricted funds	1,323,774
Unrestricted funds	9,447
*Total Reserves (B):	1,333,721

* Please note that total Assets (A) and Total Reserves (B) should be the same.

Statutory funding

For your most recent financial year, what % of your income was from statutory sources? 0%
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Organisational changes

Describe any significant changes to your structure, financial position or core activities since the date of your most recent accounts: None
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Previous funding received

Please list the funding received by your organisation from the following statutory sources during the last THREE years.

	2012 £	2013 £	2014 £
City of London (except City Bridge Trust)	0	0	0
London Local Authorities	0	0	0
London Councils	0	0	0
Health Authorities	0	0	0
Central Government departments	0	0	0
Other statutory bodies	0	0	0

Previous grants received

Please list the grants received by your organisation from charitable trusts and foundations (other than City Bridge Trust) during the last THREE years. List source, years and annual amounts. Please include the 5 largest only.

Name of Funder	2012 £	2013 £	2014 £
0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0

Declaration

I confirm that, to the best of my knowledge, all the information I have provided in this application form is correct. I fully understand that City Bridge Trust has zero tolerance towards fraud and will seek to prosecute and recover funds in every instance.

Please confirm: Yes Full Name: **Kirsteen Melissa Howe**

Role within **Church Council Member - managing trustee**
Organisation: