



THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH
BELL RINGERS
UK Registered Charity No. 270036

Central Council of Church Bell Ringers Bell Restoration Fund
Criteria for allocation of monies, priorities and administration

The following criteria for the allocation of grants have been agreed by the Trustees of the Central Council. It should be noted that no grant shall exceed £2,000.

Applications will be considered for the following:

1.1 Restoration, improvement or augmentation work to existing bell installations, or the provision of new bell installations, in any country in the world where the bells are, or are to be, hung for full circle ringing.

1.2 Costs of structural and other ancillary work integral to the bell installation will be considered when these are in addition to work on the bell installation.

2.0 Offers of grants will normally be made from the Fund only if:

2.1 Support for the project is to be given by the local ringing society, and

2.2 Support and approval for the project are given by the PCC or other appropriate authority, and

2.3 There is in place an existing band of ringers or the project plans include a firm commitment and plans to recruit and train a band, and

2.4 Consideration has been given to the need to include any form of sound control within the project specification.

Priorities

Priority will normally be given to applications as follows:

3.1 High priority will be given where there is an existing band of ringers and the bells are in imminent danger of becoming unringable.

3.2 For augmentations priority will be given to projects to restore or provide a ring of 5 or 6 bells.

3.3 Projects with a total cost of less than £5,000 will have low priority.

Administration

4.0 The Bell Restoration Fund Grants Panel (hereafter described as the Panel) will be responsible for administering the Fund on behalf of the Trustees of the Central Council. It will normally operate as follows:

4.1 Grants will be allocated after advertising in *The Ringing World*, and elsewhere if appropriate, for applications to be made. Offers will be made and will remain open for three years and then lapse. No payment of a grant will be made until the work has been carried out satisfactorily and the bill presented. The intention is for money in the Fund to be used rather than accumulated, but no offers of grants will be made if no suitable applications are received.

4.2 As far as possible a balance will be struck so that grants are spread geographically and socially, and in proportion to the types of applications received, spread of centres of ringing and any other relevant factors. Also a balance will be struck among grants in approximate proportion to the requests received, but with each batch of applications assessed on their own merits.

4.3 The Panel may consult as necessary before offering any grant, including inviting comment from other parties, such as the local society affiliated to the Central Council.

4.4 Appeals against decisions of the Panel will be determined by the Trustees of the Central Council. Such appeals must be made in writing to the Secretary of the Central Council (secretary@cccbr.org.uk) within 3 months of the initial decision being made and the Trustees will then consider the application afresh.

Further information

For further information, please contact the Fund Administrator by email: funds@cccbr.org.uk