

Strategic Development Funding supports major change projects which lead to a significant difference in dioceses' mission and financial strength. It is only available to dioceses and the projects should fit with their strategic plans. If wish to know more about the application process please contact your diocese's SDU delivery lead.

The funding is already supporting many **transformational work programmes**.

There is a two-stage application process. The Church Commissioners have released the money which is used for Strategic Development Funding. The Archbishops' Council is responsible for deciding the principles for its use. The Council has created the Strategic Investment Board to decide on grant applications among other things.

1. The short first stage assesses the proposal and the extent to which it is consistent with the diocese's wider strategy. The opportunities to apply for Strategic Development Funding in 2020-22 below.
2. If a diocese is invited forward, they prepare a detailed project plan. The Strategic Investment Board then makes the final decision on the grant.

Tranche	First Stage Applications due	Dioceses notified of outcome	Project Plans for successful applicants can be submitted by	Dioceses notified of outcome / awarded funding
Eleven	1 November 2020	End December 2020	19 March 2021	End April 2021
			14 May 2021	End June 2021
Twelve	10 September 2021	Late October 2021	25 March 2022	Early May 2022
			13 May 2022	End June 2022

We want to learn from projects as they develop and we have therefore introduced monitoring and evaluation processes. This will help to ensure that we capture and share learning with dioceses and the Church more widely.

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