Few funders pay the entire grant up front. So without careful planning, you might suffer cash flow problems during the building work.

We can help you plan ahead.

**Download the toolkit**

- [Chapter thirteen: Managing project cash flow](#) (996.4 KB)

**Write your forecast**
A cash flow is the total amount of money that goes in and out of your project, and how much money you have in the bank at any one time.

A forecast is a tool to help you organise your cash flow. It tells you when money might be tight and gives you time to plan for it.

Go over your business plan and include the money you are getting from funders and from your campaign:

- Your reserves
- Grant A: 50% paid at the start of the project
- Grant B: released against paid invoices
- Listed places of worship grant scheme

As the project goes on, check your forecast to see if your estimates are still good or if you need to make adjustments.

Helpful hints

- ChurchBuild: How to use the budget template (118.89 KB)
- Parish Resources: Managing your cash flow (186.76 KB)
- ChurchBuild: Budget template (137.5 KB)
- Parish Resources: VAT recovery schemes (127.46 KB)

Next steps

To make your vision become a reality you need to start thinking about:

- Getting to know the RIBA stages
- Starting the building work
- Preparing for a brave new world
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