We give grants for the commissioning of conservation reports, including environmental surveys and other technical investigations (e.g. paint analysis). Let us help you with your application.

Rickerby & Shekede
We give grants of up to £5,000 for conservation reports on historic interiors in Anglican parish churches in England. Conservation reports are an essential first step in projects involving the repair and conservation of artworks and historic furnishings in churches. They are also a key document to support faculty and grant applications. More information on conservation reports can be found here.

In addition to conservation reports, we also fund other types of surveys or analyses that may be needed to work out why your object needs conservation, including:

- Building performance surveys
- Environmental surveys
- Technical analyses such as paint or pigment analysis, and salt analysis

These grants are offered in partnership with the Pilgrim Trust. Our grants are awarded around 4-8 weeks after application.

Pilgrim Trust

Deadline: Applications are accepted all year round

Decision: Two weeks after application

Our eligibility criteria
We fund conservation reports, analyses and surveys for objects that are of historical, artistic, architectural, or archaeological significance.

If you would like to discuss the eligibility of your project, contact us by email or at 020 7898 1872.

We do not fund
- Reports for objects where there is no perceived need of conservation
- Routine maintenance reports

Our assessment criteria
- Significance
- Perceived conservation need and urgency
- The appropriateness of the report proposal
- We have a strong preference for the use of conservators accredited by ICON, the Institute of Conservation. To find an accredited conservator, please use the Conservation Register: https://www.conservationregister.com
Success rate
Between January and September 2023, 47 out of 52 applications were successful.

The average grant was £826, with grants ranging from £200 to £3,000.

Applications are accepted throughout the year.

For more details of previous awards, please see our Grants Awarded page and our Annual reports page.

Conditions of award
- You must not have started the work before we notify you of our decision
- You must claim the grant within 6 months of the award

How to apply
Please send the following information to John Webster, Conservation Grants Administrator,
john.webster@churchofengland.org

- Images of the object
- Statements of significance and needs (include the object's significance)
- Any advice from your DAC and any other advice received
- A written estimate on the cost of the report / survey

Claiming your grant
You must claim the grant within 6 months of award

To claim your award, email john.webster@churchofengland.org with the following

- A copy of your contractor's invoice
- A copy of the conservation report / survey report

Also of interest

Advice and guidance
Read more about conservation to your historic interiors

Manage your conservation project
Find out where to hire a conservator

Source URL: https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/churchcare/churchcare-grants/grants-conservation-reports