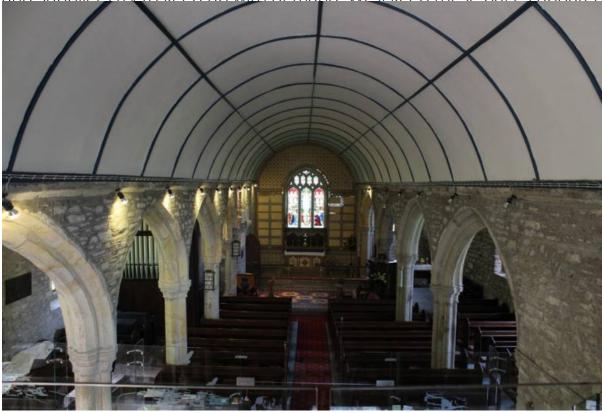- [Government grants](#)

- [Other funding options](#)

Funding for broadband installations is hotly contested, and new government schemes are frequently being launched as technology develops,

and suppliers try to keep up with demand. We'll keep these pages updated with the available grants and funding options. If you find any we

Government grants

1. Gigabit Broadband Voucher Scheme

This scheme helps small businesses and local communities by contributing toward the setup cost of a **gigabit-capable** full-fibre broadband connection. The grant covers between £500 and £2,500 of the supplier's incurred installation costs, per small business, and can also contribute £500 toward residential setup costs. To qualify for the grant, the resulting speeds must be at least double what was available before, and capable of delivering 1 Gbps (i.e. 1,000 Mbps) download speeds. This grant is likeliest to apply to **wireless community broadband** projects. If you're not sure whether your installation is eligible, ask your supplier.

- **Find out more**

As of May 2019 there is a specific Rural Communities fund for group projects in hard-to-reach areas, offering £3,500 for each small business (or SME) and up to £1,500 per residential premises.

- **Find out more**

2. Better Broadband Voucher Scheme

If your current broadband speeds are less than 2 Mbps (download), the Better Broadband Voucher Scheme may be able to contribute up to £350 toward the setup of a new broadband service with Standard speeds of at least 10 Mbps. This scheme is open to residential addresses and businesses, so church buildings may be eligible under the second criteria; as long as they are not expected to benefit from a Superfast broadband infrastructure roll-out within the next twelve months. This grant is likeliest to apply to **mobile-signal broadband** projects or new **fixed-line phone and broadband installations**. If you're not sure whether your installation is eligible, ask your supplier.

- **Find out more**

Other funding options

Most of our grants are focused on the conservation of our historic buildings, rather than the introduction of new technologies; however, it might be worth exploring whether the National Lottery Heritage Fund could help. If you're thinking of bringing connectivity to your church building, and hoping to raise funds locally, you might find our fundraising guidance helpful. Alternatively, if you're in an area with poor broadband or mobile coverage, there might be a supplier-led solution to funding in the form of pursuing a wireless community broadband project or NET CS's rural mobile coverage initiative. Parish Resources also publishes a list of charitable grants, which you can view by clicking the link below:

- **National List of Charitable Grants for Churches**

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