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RIPON & LEEDS DIOCESAN BOARD OF FINANCE
Application for a Grant from the Fresh Expressions Fund

PARISH _____

Description of Project (including what you want to do and how this is a 'Fresh Expression of Church'. How will the project be promoted? Who is managing the project? Please indicate how this is a fresh expression in relation to the criteria).

Total Estimated Cost of Project	£ _____	A
Total Income available (as per breakdown below)	£ _____	B
GRANT APPLIED FOR	£ _____	A - B

PLEASE ATTACH A COPY OF THE BUDGET FOR THE PROJECT (including where appropriate, revenue and capital costs)

BREAKDOWN OF INCOME AVAILABLE TOWARDS PROJECT (B)

Grants applied for: (please specify the grant making body)	£ _____
Grants already received; (please specify the grant making body)	£ _____
Specially raised	£ _____
Further amount committed to be raised	£ _____
Capital funds held by PCC (that are available towards costs)	£ _____

Total Estimated available (B) £ _____

Are your parish(es) Share payments up to date?

YES/NO

PLEASE ENTER BANK DETAILS OVERLEAF AND PASS THE FORM TO YOUR INCUMBENT AND AREA DEAN TO COMPLETE THE APPROPRIATE SECTIONS OVERLEAF

Incumbent's Remarks (*Has this been discussed by the PCC and a resolution passed*).

Signature Date

Area Dean's Reference (*please address the following in your comments a) Is this a 'Fresh Expression? [please refer to the criteria] b) Does it complement any deanery strategy? c) Have you considered the impact on neighbouring parishes?*)

Signature Date

The Area Dean is asked to forward this application to the Financial Secretary, Ripon & Leeds Diocesan Board of Finance, St Mary's Street, Leeds LS9 7DP.

Please complete your bank details for grant payment:
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Account Name:

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DIOCESE OF RIPON & LEEDS

Fresh Expressions of Church Fund 2006 – 2008

CRITERIA AND PROCESS FOR APPLICATIONS

The national definition of a fresh expression of church is:

A fresh expression is a form of church for our changing culture established primarily for the benefit of people who are not yet members of any church.

- **It will come into being through principles of listening, service, incarnational mission and making disciples.**
- **It will have the potential to become a mature expression of church shaped by the gospel and the enduring marks of the church and for its cultural context.**

The Fund offers support for Fresh Expressions of Church such as:

- (a) developing and strengthening Christian Community within identified age groups within or across existing ecclesiastical boundaries.
- (b) developing and strengthening Christian Community within groups facing particular challenges.
- (c) new initiatives in developing Christian Community among people currently outside the life of the church.
- (d) building a mission network in the context of employment, leisure, amenity group or consumer grouping.
- (e) initiatives in Christian communication, such as drama, art, music, sport, recreation and IT which are specific projects with the potential to form a fresh expression of church.

Criteria for Application

- 1 All proposed mission initiatives must operate within the Diocese of Ripon & Leeds, under the oversight of the Bishop. This oversight may be shared with the relevant authority of ecumenical partners and other charitable organisations by negotiation.
- 2 Initiatives which demonstrate locality and ecumenical partnership are encouraged.
- 3 All proposed mission activity seeking support must be new work for the parish, locality, deanery or wider network.
- 4 The initiatives must not replicate work already being undertaken in the community or communities in which the proposed activity is to take place.
- 5 All proposed projects must be able to demonstrate matched financial commitment on the part of the churches or Christian organisation concerned; initiatives cannot be wholly funded by a grant from the Fund, but a grant could precede matched funding in order to provide seedcorn finance.

- 6 Parochial initiatives must have the support of the PCC; locality and deanery initiatives should have the support of the Deanery Synod and the relevant Archdeacon. Wider initiatives will need the support of the Council for Mission and the Bishop.
- 7 The grant from the Fund is to be seen as seed funding for longer-term initiatives which will develop other funding streams. Therefore, grants will normally be for one year only.
- 8 Projects will be expected to provide a progress report to the FE Fund Panel, after six months.
- 9 Grants from the Fund will not be available for building projects.

Scale and Duration of Grants

- 1 In 2008 the sum of £30,000 will be available for small grants of between £500 and £3,000.

Application and Decision Process

- 1 Application Form and Criteria for applications are available from the Financial Secretary, at the Diocesan Office.
- 2 Completed forms, with supporting documentation, to be returned to the Financial Secretary three weeks prior to a Panel Meeting.

The meeting dates for 2008 are: 30 April, 1 July and 27 October.
- 3 There is no appeal against the decision; but applications may be re-submitted in another year.
- 4 The Panel consists of the Bishop of Knaresborough, the Urban and Rural Officers, the Archdeacons of Richmond and Leeds and the Financial Secretary.

James Bell
Bishop of Knaresborough
November 2006