

The Edith M Ellis 1985 Charitable Trust

St James CofE Church - Parish of Rounds Green

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1.1 Please summarise what you are seeking from us

St James CofE - Parish of Round Green, are seeking £3000 support for the salary of our Youth and Community Regeneration Coordinator. This money will help us continue to work in our community providing a range of activities and initiatives that help our young people and community live better together and supporting residents to play their role in caring for our community bringing mutual understanding and respect for each other.

1.2 Tell us more about your project, the impact it will have on those it aims to help, and why you consider the proposed approach to be innovative

For the past 22 years our Youth and Community Coordinator has worked with the local community to tackle the issues of deprivation affecting the community. Since lockdown the young people in the area have shown increased level of antisocial behaviour and increased levels of violence, knife crime and drug related activities. Our Youth and Community coordinator works closely with the local primary school, Lion Farm Action Centre (a local charity), West Midlands Police and PCSOs, Sandwell councillors, Sandwell Antisocial behaviour team, Sandwell youth services, Sandwell Concierge Service and many other partners to target and put in place a programme of initiatives that support the young people to move away from crime and antisocial behaviour.

A range of activities are provided to the young people to help them to modify their behaviour.

We currently run a membership youth club for the young people most at risk. The membership though free, works closely with parents and guardians of our young people to aid them in their parenting of the young people. The youth club provides a range of activities selected by the young people these include cooking/baking, pool, music, ball sports, hockey and table tennis. The youth club also creates space for our youth coordinator and our volunteer youth workers to get alongside and talk about the issues that the young people face.

The Youth and Community Coordinator has also worked in the local Primary school for the past 22 years providing collective worship, support to the curriculum especially RE and humanities, and has attended numerous offsite residentials and education trips. He currently serves as Chair of Governors for the school. The longevity of this work ensures that we have a good relationship with the parents of our young people. Some of the previous young people we have supported are now the parents of some of the young people we now working with.

The purpose of this programme is to identify the issues of regeneration and help the community and individual community members to break the cycle of deprivation found within outer and inner city housing estates.

Whilst the concept of focussing on young people and their families is not innovative, the long term nature of this work is. 22 years of working within our community has built trust and a lasting relationship where our residents and families seek the support they need directly or be signposted to the support they need. Our project has seen much success through having a known and trusted worker that can take the time to work alongside and be a catalyst for change in the our community. It is this valuable work that we are seeking continuation funding for.

1.3 Which grant-giving categories does your project fulfil?

B - Peace-building and conflict resolution

1.3b Peace-building and conflict resolution

The church moved onto the new estate in 1965 so that it was in this new community. We bring a message based on Jesus's command to love God and love our neighbour as ourselves, we are a place of peace, justice, and hope for all. Seeking to hold hands with our community, to overcome the issues they face together.

1.4 Which country is the project based in?

United Kingdom (GB)

1.5 Will the project continue after initial funding has ended?

Yes

1.5b Please give details of how you plan to continue after initial funding has ended

For 22 years we have fulfilled our funding commitment to this work.

In recent time due to increased usage of our church hall, the increased income has enabled the church to meet part of the salary required. We are fortunate to have received long term support from Grantham Yorke Trust as well as our local primary school. However, there is always a small shortfall each year that requires ongoing applications to charitable grants and trusts

1.6 How will the project be monitored and evaluated?

Each year the PCC hold an AGM at which an annual report for this work is presented.

Each PCC meeting has an agenda item for the Youth and Regeneration Coordinator to report on the current state of the programme and any issues or areas that need discussion.

The project is managed weekly by St James Church vicar to ensure that the work continues to meet the objectives of the project.

2.1 Expenditure

EXPENDITURE ITEM	AMOUNT	NOTES
Salary costs including employer NI and Pension	£28,000	
	£0	
TOTALS	£28,000	

2.2 Income

INCOME SOURCE	TARGET AMOUNT	AMOUNT RAISED	NOTES
St James CofE Church	£12,000	£0	22 St James contributed £8800 the PCC at May meeting approved the increase to £12000 per year
St James CofE School	£4,000	£0	Annual support for this work
Grantham Yorke Trust	£7,000	£0	2nd Year of 3 year commitment
Birmingham Diocese Grants	£2,000	£0	Request to Arch deacon each year
TOTALS	£25,000	£0	

2.3 What is the total amount (in £ sterling) your organisation is requesting from The Edith M Ellis Trust?

£3,000

2.4 Has your organisation made an application to The Edith M Ellis Trust before?

No

2.5 Please state your organisation's annual turnover (in £ sterling)

£67,000

2.6 Do you wish to upload your audited accounts or financial statement?

Yes

2.6b Upload File

<https://theedithmellischaritabletrust.org/assets/uploads/2022/05/St-James-Accounts-21-1.pdf>

2.7 Please tell us where payment should be made if your application is successful

PCC of St James Church

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3.1 Your name

Jill Macdonald

3.2 Your contact telephone number

07554012184

3.3 Your position within the organisation

Priest in Charge

3.4 Your email address

jillmac1949@gmail.com

3.5 Organisation name

St James CofE Church - Parish of Rounds Green

3.6 Please state the status of your organisation

Uk Charity - Exempt Status

3.7 Please summarise what your organisation does

We are a local Parish church serving the community of Rounds Green, including the Lion Farm Estate where we are located. We provides Church Service throughout the week. We provide activities for the communtiy including Indoor Carpet Bowls, Places of Welcome, Youth Club and food through our links with FareShare. The Church hall acts as a community hub hosting LFAC After School Club, Karate, Slimming World and community meetings and events as required.

3.8 UK correspondence address for organisation

St James Church

Shelsley Avenue

Lion Farm Estate

Oldbury

West Midaland

B691BG

3.9 UK telephone number

075540121184

3.10 UK charity number (if applicable)

Exempt Status

3.11 Year established

1905

3.12 Website (if applicable)

<http://www.stjamesroundsgreen.com>

3.13 Social media accounts (if applicable)

Facebook - St James Church - Rounds Green

4.1 How did you hear about The Edith M Ellis Trust?

Internet

theedithmellischaritabletrust.org

Local CVS (Council for Voluntary Services)