



## Email

Dear All,

Overnight a press release was posted on the DCMS website and the new Places of Worship Renewal Fund (PWRF) opened for the first round of EOI.

We are currently going through all the information and highlighting things which need further clarification, but I did promise to notify you all when we next received any information about the fund. The text below is from an email I received earlier today. Our next newsletter is due out on the 1st of June and will contain a summary and advice. The HRBA are now trying to rearrange the delayed Zoom briefing on the new Fund.

In the meantime, all current information including quite a comprehensive FAQ section can be found on Historic England's website (link below)

We are delighted that the long-awaited Places of Worship Renewal Fund is open for business from today. Thank you for your patience and resilience over the last few months, and please read on! [The announcement is on the DCMS website.](#)

We encourage you to look closely at the information on this [webpage, hosted by Historic England](#), which as you know, is administering the scheme. Please share it with your parishes, too. As trailed, this shows that the new Fund will focus on:

- Urgent fabric repairs
- In-year spend for four years, £23m per year
- Listed places of worship in England

We would also like to draw your attention to the following points:

- The first deadline for an Expression of Interest is 14 June 2026. Full details of the information needed, according to the size of grant requested, are on the Historic England website.
- There will be future opportunities to apply, and the next one will be September 2026.
- The Government wants the funding to reach where there is the greatest need for investment and the most community benefit.

Best wishes

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