

26-28 Work Programme – grant support for parishes from the National Church of England NZC Programme



Strategic Aims for Parish Church/Halls workstream

Support top 20% carbon emitting churches/church halls to:

- a) Understand their decarbonisation journey and embed into existing plans
- b) Develop and deliver decarbonisation projects

Support remaining 80% lower carbon emitting churches/church halls to:

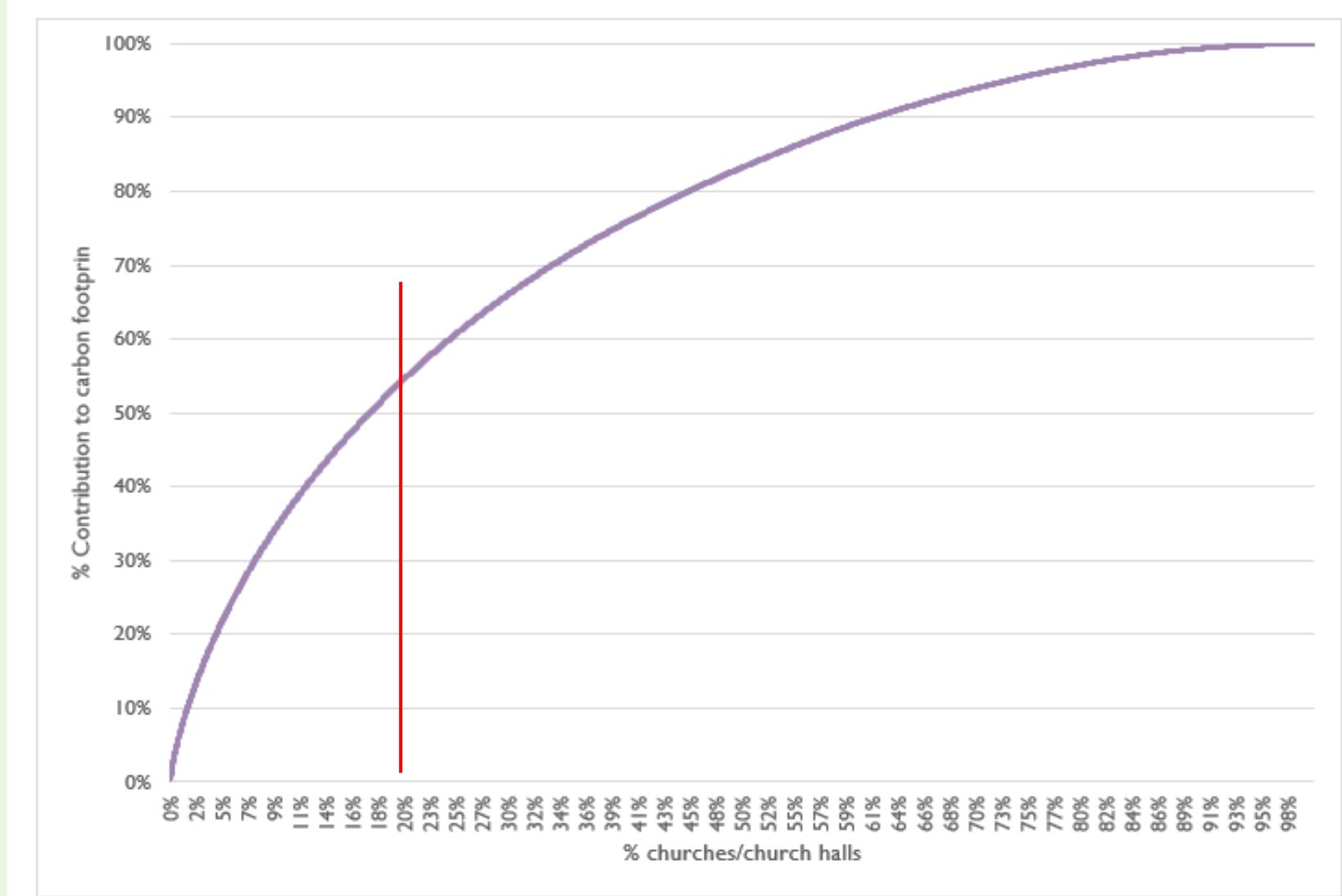
- a) Understand their decarbonisation journey and embed into existing plans
- b) Access partial support to develop/deliver decarbonisation projects

Avoid like-for-like oil/gas boiler replacements



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Why focus on
the top 20%?



Church Decarbonisation

Reducing emissions from a church means:

- Reducing energy usage
- Transitioning to electric heating
- Switching to a low carbon tariff

The decarbonisation journey and speed will be different for each church.



A good decarbonisation project delivers for...



Grants for Churches/Halls: 26-28

Portfolio of funding available:

- Grant Funds for all churches
- Targeted Funding for specific churches



Minimum requirement for all NZC grant streams:

Demonstrate commitment to progressing a NZC journey:

- Registered for EcoChurch
- Completed the most recent EFT
- Diocesan support, confirmed by a letter of support



Funding accessible by ALL churches:

Existing oil/gas boiler is at end of life/failed.

Electrified heating has failed or running costs are prohibitive

Decarbonising
Churches Grant
(menu of options)

Cash Grant: project development

£15k

Technical Advice Service

In Kind

Capital Grant

£45k

Up to £45k

Above £25k, grant will be varied by deprivation index

Small to Medium Projects

Listed in PP2NZC for Churches

Quick Wins:

G2GG

Capital Grant

Up to £10k – diocesan decision

£10k – match funding

Dioceses determine appropriate route for parish



Quick Wins - What is the plan for the rollout?

- Revised criteria release in February 2026
- Dioceses can draw down grant in April 2026
- Parishes apply to their local diocese. Dioceses have discretion on certain aspects of grant administration.



What is Give to Go Green (G2GG)?

You give.

We match.

Double your impact.

- G2GG is a 'match funding' grant for parish projects up to £20,000 that reduce Churches' Carbon emissions (eg draft proofing, heated pew cushions, insulation etc)
- For every £1 donated by an individual to your G2GG campaign, the National Church of England will donate an additional £1
- G2GG builds on the work done by the Giving Network in the CofE in Digital Giving. G2GG works with contactless and Online Giving through a Giving Platform called 'Give a Little' used by thousands of Churches



G2GG - Lessons Learnt from the pilots

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- Don't underestimate the potential of Community Fundraising
Parishes in low-income areas can be just as successful at community fundraising as those in high-income areas. Over 98% of Churches reached 100% of their fundraising target
- Speaking about fundraising increases giving now AND in the future.
On average churches that took part in the project this year increased giving 284% online and 79% on contactless six months after their fundraising campaign ended.
- Parish fundraising does not necessarily mean 'just congregations.'
Churches are at the centre of many communities, those local to a Church have willing generosity to support a Parishes church building and mission, they just need to be asked.



G2GG - What is the plan for the rollout?

- Applications will open at the end of Q2 in 2026
- There will be two grant assessments in 2026, moving to four in 2027 (starting in January) and 2028.
- For a parish to complete an application they will need a supporting document from their Diocesan Net Zero Team.
- In 2026 a diocese should expect to put forward 2-3 successful projects to the National Grants Panel
- More funding available in 2026/2027 where a diocese should expect to put forward 3-4 successful to the grants panel each year.
- More funding regionally may be unlocked

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What's most appropriate for you - Quick Wins or G2GG?

Quick wins

Best for Churches that have a more immediate need.

A simple way to support steps to decarbonising your church building in a short space of time

More suitable to parishes at the start of a decarbonisation journey, who are looking for inspiration to start thinking about a larger capital project.

Requires little work after the application process – better for churches with less volunteer resource or in vacancy



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G2GG

Could be an opportunity to inspire generosity through fundraising and engage the local community.

For kick starting larger projects (eg £20k+ capital building project). External funders are more likely to fund projects that have already attracted wider community funds.

Requires at least 2 volunteers to set up Digital Giving, plan and host fundraising events over 6 weeks (Training and support for both Digital Giving and fundraising will be provided from National Giving resource.)

NB. From application assessment to funds received G2GG is a 4-5 month process. Parishes with small congregations have been successful in G2GG but a passion for the project will need to be sustained through this time.



Targeted Funding: Decarbonising Churches Grant

- Menu of options – meet targeted churches/church halls where they are.
- Eligible Categories:

In top 20% of highest carbon emitting churches nationally

Gross emissions above the threshold in any year in 2025-28 based on EFT

Top 20% responsible for 55% of emissions from churches/church halls

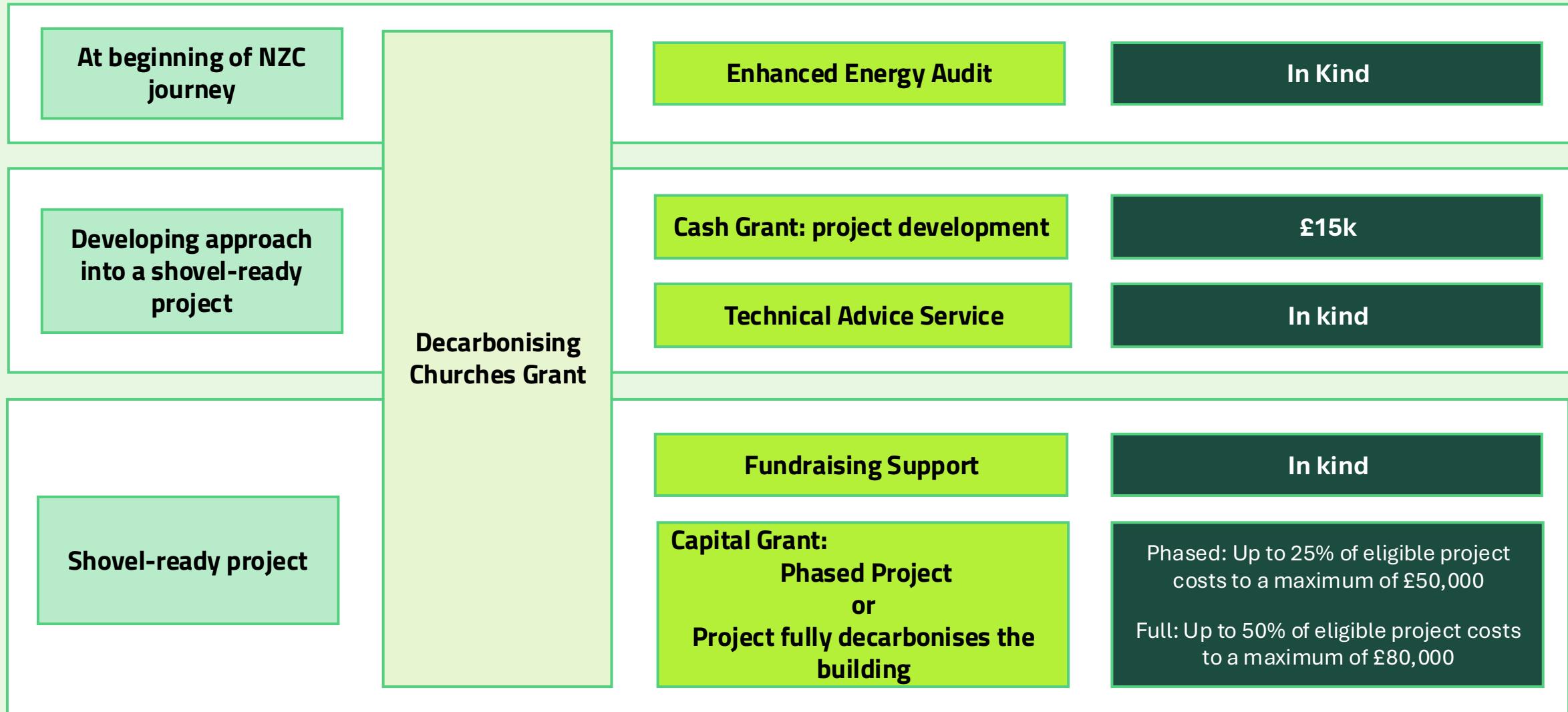
**Threshold > above 10-15 tonnes CO₂e
Final value to be confirmed**

**Previously awarded
or
invited to apply for
Church Demonstrator Grant**

Continue to support their decarbonisation journey



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Questions ???

