

# SCBA Grants & Loans



All applications to SCBA for grants or loans should be accompanied by a note explaining:

- How this will enhance the individual's ministry; or serve their church or the association.
- That it is supported by their church, or by the church meeting in the case of an award to a church.
- That a report will be presented to SCBA after completion showing that the expectations have been met.

## Mission focus

Loan applications which clearly demonstrate the connection between loan applications and the applicant church's opportunities in mission will be viewed most favourably.

## Major loans

What is available?

Normally amounts between £25,000 and £40,000

Who can apply?

Any church or other body in membership of the Association.

How is it repaid?

Normally the loan is repaid over a period of 10 years, in half-yearly payments.

Is it interest free?

Yes.

What is the application process?

- Application forms are obtained from the Association Treasurer by emailing [treasurer@scba.org.uk](mailto:treasurer@scba.org.uk).
- The forms are completed and returned to the office with a copy of the church's last set of audited or independently examined accounts and a letter of application. The accounts will be reviewed by one of the Association HM auditors. The letter of application will outline the mission focus/added mission value of the proposed project in the life of the church.
- A visit may be arranged with an Association Team comprising a Regional Minister and a member of the Staff, Finance and Admin Strategy Group (SFA). This would be similar to that undertaken when considering a HM grant. A written report will be produced. When a BU Loan Fund or Baptist Building Fund report is available this will be sufficient.
- The application will normally be considered at (SFA) meeting immediately following the completion of the application process.
- The SFA have discretion as to the level of scrutiny that any given application should receive.



# Educational Grants

## Sabbatical/Study Grants

What is available?

Grants of up to £400 are available.

Who can apply?

Individuals in remunerated positions of ministry within the Association.



## Support Grants

What is available?

Grants are available, the value of which is dependent on the purpose.

What are these grants for?

They are for the purchase of books for theological study or to support participation in other educational opportunities relating to Christian service or ministry, e.g. BMS World Mission Action Teams.

Who may apply?

Any person who is in membership or regular attendance of an SCBA church.

What is the application process?

- The submission of a letter of application explaining what is to be undertaken; why it is to be undertaken and what other sources of funding have been explored and realised, should be sent to the Association Treasurer by emailing [treasurer@scba.org.uk](mailto:treasurer@scba.org.uk).
- A letter of support from the individual's home church or employer, as appropriate.
- Application will be considered by the SFA. However, if it is related to a mission project, it will be considered in the first instance by the Mission Development Group for a recommendation.

# Confidential Fund

Who is the fund for?

The fund is there to help when times of special need arise among those in remunerated positions of ministry within the Association.

How is the fund operated?

This fund is overseen by the Regional Ministry Team Leader who can be approached directly regarding the fund. Alternatively, an approach may also be made through any member of the Regional Ministry Team.

# Home Mission Grants

Grants to churches from the Home Mission Fund, previously managed by BUGB are now managed by SCBA. Apply to the SCBA administrator for more information.

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