



## Go For It – *at a glance*

**Go For It** is about funding change in church and community. The Fund aims to encourage creative ways of working which develop the life and mission of the local church and are transformative for both communities and congregations. The focus is very much on 'the local' and any application must be able to demonstrate clearly its association with at least one Church of Scotland congregation. Part of a successful application to **Go For It** will be the demonstration of a commitment to good partnership working.

There are five criteria for funding and successful applicants will meet at least two of these:

- meeting identified needs in the community
- nurturing Christian faith within and beyond the church
- tackling poverty and/or social injustice
- developing new ecclesial/Christian communities
- creating work which is genuinely innovative and shares good practice with others

### Go For It Grants – the 6 types:

**Research** - Research Grants are awarded to help you find out more about some aspect of your project, e.g. finding out more about the context for your work, who might benefit and possible methods of working.  
**Maximum award is £1,500.**

**Pilot** - Pilot Grants are awarded to enable you to test out the viability of an idea by putting it into practice for a short period of time. **Maximum award is £5,000.**

**Step** - Step Grants could follow after a successful Pilot Grant. They are awarded in situations where the nature of the work suggests that grants awarded year by year offer the most appropriate form of funding. **Maximum award is £5,000 per annum.**

**Main and Continuation** – Main Grants are awarded for core funding of projects.  
**Maximum award is £45,000** (over a three year period), with the possibility of Continuation Funding for a further two years.  
**Maximum award is £20,000**

**Training** - Training Grants are awarded to develop the skills and knowledge of people within projects which are funded by a **Go For It** Main Grant. **Maximum award is £1,500.**

**Help** – Help Grants may be awarded once during the life of the project in situations where circumstances which could not reasonably have been foreseen create a significant opportunity or crisis for a project supported by a **Go For It** Main Grant.  
**Maximum award is £2,000**

**Deadlines:** the closing dates for submitting a **Main Grants** application are:

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2013 (for November 2013 GFI Grants Committee Meeting)**

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2014 (for April 2014 GFI Grants Committee Meeting)**

There are **NO** deadlines for the other small grants. These will be administered on a rolling programme. We aim to turn round each small grant application within **4-6 weeks**.

Full information and application forms are available by email: [goforit@cofscotland.org.uk](mailto:goforit@cofscotland.org.uk) online: <http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/serve/goforit> or by calling the **Go For It** Team, within the Church of Scotland's Ministries Council, on: 0131 225 5722.