

2024 Grants Impact Summary



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Our Impact

Benefact Trust's mission is to empower Christian organisations supporting communities of all faiths and none, to drive positive social change.

We gave over **£25 Million**



£2.3 Million in deprivation uplifts

Supporting deprived communities

Helping those most in need is at the heart of our grant-giving. The Trust therefore aims to ensure that its funds go to areas where they are needed most. In 2024, an additional £2.3m was awarded to local projects being delivered in deprived areas* in the UK and Ireland, resulting in larger grants. By value, nearly 40% of our funding for local projects went to the 20% most deprived areas.

*The Trust uses the Index of Multiple Deprivation scores for the UK and the Pobal HP Deprivation Index for Ireland to support its decision to award a deprivation uplift.

Building Improvements Grants

Nearly £3m was given to provide essential support to protect and enhance churches and Christian charity buildings, ensuring their continued use, safeguarding their heritage and improving accessibility to these vital community assets.

Carrubbers Christian Centre

This 1880s church building is widely used in the community, with 600 visiting weekly accessing several services, including 300 people for the Sunday morning service.

Benefact Trust is supporting Carrubbers CC with a grant of £38,000 to upgrade its building, provide more flexible space, repair the roof, improve energy efficiency and make the building fully accessible.

Crisis Response Grants

Nearly £750k was given in response to crises around the world including the Canadian wildfires and the humanitarian crises in the Middle East and Sudan.

Christian Aid & Médecins Sans Frontières

As a result of the conflict between Israel and Hamas, approximately 1.9m people have been displaced in Gaza, 46,000 have been killed and over 110,000 injured. The level of human suffering is catastrophic, with people feeling scared, starving and alone.

**Over
£400k**

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crisis in Gaza and
Lebanon

Community Impact Grants

Over £10.5m was given to support

Christian organisations addressing a wide variety of social issues including homelessness, poverty, human trafficking, mental health and many others. Applications estimate that over 5m people will benefit from Community Impact Grants awarded by Benefact Trust in 2024.

Grants benefiting
approximately

**5 Million
people**

Revitalise Trust

Revitalise Trust brings together churches and other local organisations to create 'Love Your Neighbour Hubs'. The Hubs provide holistic support (including crisis support, debt advice, employment training and wrap around community support), making them highly impactful centres of social transformation for the most vulnerable people in their communities.

With Benefact Trust support of £100,000, Revitalise Trust will establish 30 new Hubs reaching over 40,000 people across the UK.

Strategic Partnerships Grants

Nearly £2m was awarded in strategic partnerships to help churches achieve net zero, including £1.5m to the Church of England and £490k to the Scottish Episcopal Church, both for programmes that will help more churches to adopt appropriate net zero technology.

Church of England

Benefact Trust funding is supporting 60 churches to act as 'Demonstrator Churches' by achieving net zero. These churches will act as examples to inspire other churches to adopt net zero practices.

As part of this project, St Peter Mancroft, Norwich (one of the top 20% carbon emitters) has already installed 48 solar panels and will also install six Solax batteries, two air source heat pumps and a new dimmable LED lighting system.

Impact Stories

Benefact Trust is committed to creating lasting, positive social change by funding Christian organisations addressing critical challenges faced by communities across the UK and Ireland. Since 1972, the Trust has awarded grants exceeding £305m to support innovative projects empowering organisations and strengthening vital services that make a meaningful difference in people's lives.



Through the Roof

Making Churches more accessible

Through the Roof has developed the Roofbreaker Project, which aims to break down barriers faced by people living with a disability in Christian life. It provides opportunities for people living with a disability to use their skills and gifts to fully participate in church life, ensuring access and a sense of belonging. Volunteer Roofbreakers are recruited as disability champions to facilitate and promote an inclusive church.

At the start of the project, 9,000 people with disabilities were supported by a Roofbreaker, but with the £150,000 grant from Benefact Trust, this could increase to 30,000 within three years. Nearly 18,000 people have already been supported at the end of the first year. Through the Roof has nearly doubled its reach and empowered Roofbreakers and churches with its training and support.

77%

of disabled Roofbreakers 'feel more empowered'

Junction 42

Supporting prison populations



Over the past 10 years, Junction 42 has grown from supporting prisoners in five local prisons to working in 131 (out of 140 nationally). They provide creative engagement, faith-based projects and employability skills in and out of prisons to give offenders the best chance of turning their lives around. Junction 42 receives more requests for support than it can meet.

With Benefact Trust's support of a £90,000 grant, Junction 42 has directly impacted nearly 86,000 people, serving over 93% of the prisons in the UK. Even more are reached through radio and TV broadcasts. With the help of this grant, they have also started working in six more prisons, becoming a beacon of hope for the people they serve.

Service to

93%

of prisons in the UK



Quotes

"We often support people in their darkest of times and help them rebuild their confidence and self-esteem. We could not do this without your help."

– Healing for the Heart

"I can speak for everyone involved when I say how delighted we are at the generosity of the Benefact Trust & Trustees. This grant will be spent on the restoration work required to ensure longevity of St Leonards Church and it will help protect the heritage of the building for future generations."

– St Leonards Church