

**BID FOR FUNDING FROM AREA COMMITTEE BUDGET
PRO FORMA**

1. **Project title:** Improving the community facilities in the main hall at Mount Zion Church, Earby
2. **Bid submitted by:** Revd Julie Bryan,
3. **On behalf of (please include contact details):** West Craven Baptist Church
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 - a) **Does your organisation have a constitution?** Yes
 - b) **Does it have a board of governors/directors or a committee that oversees its work?** Yes
 - c) **Does your organisation have its own bank account?** Yes
 - d) **How many signatures are required to authorise a payment from your bank account?** two
5. **Is your organisation VAT-registered?*** No
6. **Amount requested:** £ 1200
7. **Total amount of project:** £2500
8. **Is there match funding for the project from elsewhere?**
If so, please give details:
The remainder of the funding will come from church funds
9. **Brief details of project:**
Mount Zion is currently used by several community groups including our own Parent and Toddler group, Community Cafe (which is a Warm Space supported by Lancashire County Council), a group of parents who home educate their children, Earby Guerilla Gardeners, and for one off community events in partnership with Earby Events Group, such as the recent Christmas Tree Festival. In addition, it is used for some of Pendle Council's West Craven Committee meetings.

As a Christian organisation, we want to continue to engage with, and offer hospitality to individuals and groups in the local community. We would like to develop Mount Zion as a Community Asset to benefit the people of Earby and its surroundings. Due to significant housing developments, Earby has a growing population and so we expect there to be a greater need for community spaces in the town.
10. **Main outcomes to be achieved:**

The main hall of the building is no longer used for regular weekly church services, however, it needs to be adaptable for occasional use, such as funerals and at Christmas.

We would therefore like to make the hall a more versatile and appealing space for community groups to use. This will be achieved by purchasing more comfortable seating, extra storage (for church and community use), and fresh decoration.

As well as enhancing existing activities, the proposed improvements would increase the number of potential uses of the space for other groups or projects. It would enable many more possibilities for people of all ages to meet, such as an after school or homework club, a lunch club, counselling and support groups, and committee meetings.

11. When will project be implemented?

Start Date: 19th February 2024

Expected Completion Date: 30th September 2024

12. Who will undertake the project works?

Once funding is secure, we will obtain three quotes for any contract work, such as decoration or laying of carpet. Trustees will select contractors and authorise spending that gives the best value for money.

The purchase of seating and storage will be done by church volunteers or the minister.

13. Are there long-term revenue consequences and how will these be funded?

No

****Please note that grants inclusive of VAT will only be awarded where the organisation is not VAT-registered and is unable to reclaim VAT***