



## [Diocese of Manchester, Chester, Leeds & Blackburn 4 Community funding database](#)

Known as Open4Community, this service is updated in real time via our long-standing partnership with Idox. So, when a new grant is released, you'll be the first to know about it via this service.

Idox are 'the' funding database specialists in the UK who have been supporting Churches and other organisations with this real-time data and access to grants information for 40 years.

### **Some of the key features at your disposal by using the service are-**

- ✓ Grant information that is updated and maintained in real time by a dedicated team of specialist research professionals
- ✓ An easy and intuitive user interface, making identifying the right funding streams for your project exceptionally simple
- ✓ A curated view containing all the information you could need from the grant funders
- ✓ Creation of reports
- ✓ A weekly automated funding newsletter sent to your email address
- ✓ Easy to use and saveable search criteria to ensure you are identifying the correct grants for single or multiple projects at your church
- ✓ Email alerts keep you informed of any new grants for your projects; these are automatically sent to your inbox as soon as they are available
- ✓ Online training provided by our supportive Account Manager at Idox regularly, **plus** **Open4Community** offers user guides and video tutorials

You can register for the next **training session** on the service, and this will take place on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February at 7 p.m. via Teams**. Please [register here](#).

The service is not merely a funding database; it's a hub of fabulous information for you and your church. Paul Bailey, **the Diocesan Giving Advisor at Manchester**, has added some very helpful and informative training and other resources to the site for all four dioceses, and this alone is worth using the service. This includes **online training** on '**How to write a successful application for external funding**', and this is taking place **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February at 7 p.m. via Teams**. Please [register here](#).

Currently, there are **490 churches** benefiting from the Open4 Community service. The churches that have been kind enough to let us know about their successes have secured at least **£919,563**, and **£651,400 has been raised since July 2023! Currently, an average of £29,543 has been raised each month since May 2025!**

It is important to highlight that Open4Community is not only available to churches. Your local church school can also benefit from using the database, along with the community groups that use your church or church hall. To access the Open4Community service, simply follow the link below and register. You will then have continued access for all your funding needs and the support to ensure you are maximising your grant-funded income

<https://funding.idoxopen4community.co.uk/diomanchester>