



Expression of Interest Application Form For Local Mission Partners

London Missional Housing Bond

Diocese of London, Eden Network, Centre for Theology and Community,
Mission Housing

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Before completing this Application Form, please read the accompanying Briefing Note, which provides full background information.

This Form asks for initial information which will allow the Board to assess this proposal in terms of five key tests:

- **Partnership** - Is the partner organisation eligible for support from the Bond and to what extent could an effective working partnership be established with the Local Partner?
- **Affordability** – Are there suitable properties in the suggested neighbourhood which are affordable?
- **Missional benefit** – What is the nature and extent of the missional benefit that a house would bring to the organisation and its mission?
- **Financial** – Is there a clear and sustainable financial basis for the payment of rent, which would suit the tenant, Local Mission Partner and the Housing Bond Board?
- **Ready to go** – To what extent is the proposal ‘ready to go’?

Your Organisation

Full name of organisation applying to be a Local Mission Partner	
Key Contact <i>Please provide name, phone number and email address</i>	

Section 1 – Partner organisation

1.1 – What is the nature of your organisation?

We would normally expect the Local Mission Partner to be a local Christian church, but are prepared to consider other kinds of Christian organisation if there is a good reason to do so

1.2 – In what way is your organisation closely connected with one of the London Missional Housing Bond Partners?

Churches may only submit an Expression of Interest if they are closely connected with one of the London Missional Housing Bond Partners - either:

- an Anglican church within the Diocese of London, OR*
- a church which is closely connected with an Eden Team in London, OR*
- a church in east London working closely with the Centre for Theology and Community*

1.3 – Please provide a recent statement of your church’s beliefs and overall mission (e.g. Mission Action Plan or Annual Report, etc)

Please attach this separately

1.4– Where is your church located, and which area does your local missional work primarily benefit?

The Housing Bond funds can only be used to benefit Greater London (defined as the 32 London Boroughs).

1.5– Please confirm that the area where you undertake mission falls within one of London’s most deprived areas and please provide evidence of this

We wish to target our investment to benefit the most deprived communities of London, defined as areas falling within the 10% most deprived in England, according to the Index of Multiple Deprivation 2010. If you do not know this information, you can use the Church Urban Fund’s ‘Look Up Tool’ which provides IMD data for each CofE Parish and is searchable by postcode. Or you can find out how each area is defined using the interactive IMD map at www.ukdataexplorer.com/imd/

1.6– Please confirm that your PCC / Trustees / Governing Body are (in principle and subject to further discussion) supportive of the proposal to become a Local Mission Partner and of undertaking the responsibility of signing a ‘Local Mission Partner Agreement’

Information on the Local Mission Partner Agreement is included in the accompanying Briefing Note. It is important that your church’s Trustees are aware of this proposal and its implications and are supportive of it – as a minimum please note the date of the meeting or discussion when this support was given. This is not binding upon your organisation, but it may save wasted time later!

1.7– Please confirm that your church has the financial capacity to be able to underwrite the property.

Information on this is provided in the accompanying Briefing Note. In practice, this means that the church could, in a worst case scenario, pay the rent for the Missional House for up to 12 months.

Section 2 – Affordability of properties

2.1 – What kind of property are you looking for the Housing Bond to purchase as a Missional House?

Please give your preferred location, number of bedrooms, kind of residential property

2.2 – How much do these kinds of properties currently cost to buy?

Please check prices with local agents or online and provide your estimate of what price range these properties fall into

2.3– How much would it cost today to rent this kind of property at the local market rent?

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2.4– If we provided your preferred property (above) at a social rent, what is the financial saving each year compared to the market rent?

Assume that a ‘social rent’ for one year is 3.5% of the purchase price of the property. This just helps us understand what financial benefit there is in providing a Missional House in your chosen area.

Section 3 – Missional benefit

3.1 – Who would live in the Missional House and what sort of missional work would they be doing?

If you have named individuals in mind, please say so and answer the question with them in mind. If you don’t have named individuals in mind that is fine, but please say how you intend to find tenants for the House and what sort of people they might be and what sorts of missional activities you have in mind.

Please note that in a Missional House, we would expect:

- **All tenants** would be active members of the local church and would be intentionally involved in the church’s local mission to its local community
- **At least one tenant** is a ‘missional church worker’, defined as someone undertaking at least 10 hours per week on average of local missional work with the local church and who is on a low income. (In a House with 3 or more bedrooms, we would expect at least two tenants to be ‘missional church workers’.)

3.2– Why would a Missional House be helpful for these tenants?

Please explain why these tenants would need the provision of a lower-rent House to live in (evidence of financial need).

3.3– What difference/added value would a Missional House bring to your organisation and its mission?

The sorts of benefits arising from a Missional House might include one or more of the following:

- *missional workers are enabled to **live in the local area** when they were previously unable to afford it*
- *the local church makes a **financial saving** through lower employment costs for a missional worker*
- *there is an **increase in missional work** because tenants are able to give more time to mission due to lower housing costs*

3.4 – If these tenants moved on, how easy would it be for you to find new missional workers to fill the house?

We are interested in a long term partnership ideally, so your church would need to be confident of finding relevant workers in future years too.

Section 4 – Financial

4.1– Who would pay the rent and where would the money come from?

Would you expect the tenant to be earning a salary and to pay the rent? Or would the church be providing the money to pay the rent? If the church is paying, where is the funding coming from to pay the rent? We do not expect you to have firm arrangements in place at this stage, but we are looking for confidence that there is a clear plan to cover the rent!

Section 5 – Ready to go?

5.1– When will the funding and tenants be in place to allow a Missional House to be occupied?
Please say when you think you would be able to confirm named tenants for a Missional House and also the funding/income stream to pay the rent (if not already).

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Application Form Submission

I confirm that I have the authority to submit this Form on behalf of the organisation applying to become a Local Mission Partner

Full Name	
Position in the organisation	
Date	

Please submit the Application Form following the instructions overleaf.

As requested in Q 1.3, **please attach separately one document** which provides a recent statement of your organisation’s beliefs and overall mission. (Please do not attach any other documents, they will not be read or considered!)

Important Notes including How to Submit this Application Form

1. We will only accept Expressions of Interest submitted on this **Application Form** and where the Form has been fully completed and dated. Forms which do not provide sufficient information will not be considered.
2. **Please do not provide any further information** or other attachments, except the one document requested in Q1.3. This is to save you and us time!
3. A fully completed Expression of Interest should be **submitted by email** to the London Missional Housing Bond Board's Secretary - the Development Director at the Centre for Theology and Community - using development@theology-centre.org The Expression of Interest must be received by **31st December 2014**.
4. All eligible Expressions of Interest will then be **assessed and considered by the Board**. All applicants will receive a written response informing them of the outcome of the process. We will endeavour to keep applicants informed of the progress of the process. At present, we hope to shortlist the most appropriate proposals by **28th February 2015**.
5. We will do our best to answer **any questions** that applicants may have – in the first instance, questions should be directed to the Board Secretary at development@theology-centre.org Please provide a name and phone number too.
6. Please note that you complete this Form and enter into this process entirely at your own risk and cost, we are not responsible for any **costs** you may incur as a result.