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Mr Marc Willis Agent Pilning and Severn Beach Parish Council Willis & Co 30 The Causeway CHIPPENHAM Wiltshire SN15 3DB

Dear Mr Marc Willis

Northwick Tower Repairs

Thank you for submitting your project enquiry form for the above project. From the details submitted, you wish to apply for funding towards repairs and restoration works to the tower of a Grade II listed Church.

National Lottery Grants for Heritage £10,000 - £100,000

You may know already that in order for your project to be a priority for funding it would need to meet the priorities stated in our National Lottery Grants for Heritage $\pm 10,000 - \pm 100,000$ guidance.

Your project must relate to the varied heritage of the UK and achieve the outcome that:

• A wider range of people will be involved in heritage

The National Lottery Heritage Fund is unable to support projects that are solely undertaking capital works to historic buildings. All projects must also address the mandatory outcome that a wider range of people will be involved in heritage through greater <u>inclusion</u> and well planned active heritage learning and engagement <u>activities</u>. The activity program should have an appropriate budget to support it.

Unfortunately the project you have proposed does not address mandatory outcome, therefore I would not encourage you to apply for funding at this time. Additionally, I note that the project enquiry has not been submitted by the PCC. We would expect any application for funding to come from a representative on the PCC.

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If the PCC would like to explore engagement opportunities that engage new audiences in their area with the heritage of the Church or the village that it is located in then they will need to undertake consultation with potential audiences. These audiences should be in addition to the existing congregation. Consultation should establish what wider interest there is in a project and this should shape the activity plan. The PCC should then submit a new project enquiry.

It is important that the PCC maintain ownership of any project that may be funded by The National Lottery Heritage Fund as they will need to account for the funds and ensure the delivery of all aspects of any project both capital and activity.

Projects being submitted by places of worship should also make contact with the Listed Places of Worship VAT reclaim scheme to ascertain which costs if any they are eligible to reclaim the VAT from and this should be included in any application that is submitted.

All projects will also need to ensure they are fully considering solutions to ensure that all aspects of the project are meeting The National Lottery Heritage Funds requirements for <u>environmental sustainability</u>.

Finally, PCCs applying to the Fund should also discuss their project with their diocesan advisory committee as they will be able to provide advice and support about potential funding and undertaking the project.

Please note that while we are happy to assist and give guidance to applicants, we cannot make commitments on behalf of our Trustees. Applications are subject to a full assessment and only statements in writing which express the decision of the Trustees can be taken as a commitment by us.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Engagement Manager Direct Line: Email: