



Mission Housing

Criteria for Selection:

Mission Housing exists to assist key Christian workers to carry out God's mission and ministry in areas of need and opportunity in London through the provision of a range of housing solutions and services.'

We seek to assist Christians who are intentional about living in London and regard choosing to live within the M25 as a strategic choice to further the Kingdom of God, through mission in their neighbourhood or by using their specialist networks. All of our beneficiaries must be supported/ sponsored by their local church/mission/ministry as playing a key role in mission or other Kingdom orientated work.

We are distinguishable from other housing associations in that we operate currently with private capital and grants, rather than public funding. We do however operate under the standard Model (H) 2011 Charitable Rules of the National Housing Federation, which gives wide parameters in the provision of housing.

Our direct beneficiaries must meet a number of criteria before we can assist them with their housing needs:

1. Potential beneficiaries have to be in necessitous circumstances by reason of their housing need.
2. Potential beneficiaries and their supporting church/mission/ministry must be able to demonstrate their allegiance to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, as revealed in the Bible, and their commitment to deepening their discipleship of Jesus.
3. This commitment to the Gospel is to be shown through a continuing relationship with their church/mission/ministry and with the officers and committee members of **Mission Housing** during the application process, and once in receipt of our assistance.
4. Potential beneficiaries must be able to show that their church/mission/ministry actively support their application for housing, in order that they can better fulfil their ministry.
5. Potential beneficiaries must also be able to demonstrate their commitment to mission with the people/groups that they live amongst. This mission should include the sharing of the good news of Jesus which could be expressed through practical, artistic, musical and spiritual expressions of God's love, thus extending the Kingdom of God.
6. Their area of ministry or base must be in London; which for the purposes of these criteria means within the M25.
7. Should a beneficiary be part of a network that is based outside the M25, the beneficiary would be required to confirm that their ministry is within the M25.
8. Potential beneficiaries must also be able to show that the stewardship of their finances can support the level of rent/mortgage required, and should **Mission Housing** be in a position to assist, this will be seen as part of their discipleship in Jesus.



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Change of circumstances: Should there be a material change in any of the circumstances, we expect beneficiary(ies) to be in contact with both ourselves and their church/mission/ministry. Once the change in circumstances has been fully explored, we retain the right to alter or withdraw our support.

It should also be noted that although we would want to assist approved beneficiaries as much as we can, subject to resources, we may not be able to assist if, for example, the beneficiaries need/wish to move to a larger home. Also, should the beneficiary(ies) move away from London, we will be unable to assist with their housing needs.

We will encourage shared ownership beneficiaries to staircase upwards when they are able to so, thus enabling them to own more of their property and for the capital to be re-distributed to assist others in need.

NB. Community Houses: where the association purchases property designated as a Community or Mission House, in partnership with a church or mission agency for occupation by a variety of different individuals, these selection criteria will apply to the lead person. **Mission Housing** and the church/mission agency will work out by local arrangement how the other occupiers are to be selected.