



Cinnamon Recommended Project



Green Pastures

Green Pastures helps churches tackle homelessness in their community.

Activity

Your church will house those who are homeless in properties identified by your church (with assistance and training from Green Pastures) and purchased by Green Pastures. You then place the residents, provide pastoral care and maintain the property. You will receive Housing Benefit income and use that to pay the lease payment to us.



Time Frames It will take you one-two months to complete your partner application form and establish your team. Then two weeks for Green Pastures to review your application and two-three months from offer accepted on a property to property completion. Each resident will require three hours of support per week by one or two church volunteers.

Financial Costs/Contribution

There are no direct financial costs to your church. Green Pastures provide the capital to purchase a property. They also ensure that the Housing Benefit income your church receives will be sufficient to cover the lease payments and housing management.



Community Support

You will receive training so you can connect with local authorities to manage referrals, deal with Housing Benefit issues and liaise with other services your residents may need.



Project Support

Green Pastures will provide you with all the resources, training and expert advice to ensure your housing project is successful. You will also have access to grants, partnership events and ongoing support from Christian partners.

Church Involvement

Your church will support you through ongoing prayer and the provision of volunteers.



Human Resources

Between five and 10 people will run the project. One or two will give up to five hours each week to manage referrals and admin. Another will spend a couple of hours maintaining the property. Finally, you'll need two people per resident to provide pastoral care.

Physical Resources

You will need secure office space and a computer to safely store information about your residents.

"The support that I've had has been absolutely amazing. I'm overwhelmed with all the support and activities and the fact that I've been given this lovely home and lots of opportunities."
Dawn, Green Pastures Tenant.

Replications

Green Pastures have a number of replications across the country

"I love the great support that Green Pastures gives to its partners and the privilege to make such a positive impact in the life of someone who might not otherwise get a chance to change."
Church Partner, Plymouth.

To start a **Green Pastures** project in your church, visit www.greenpastures.com