

The Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina

2020 Diocesan Ministry Grant Application

Grant Explanation and Purpose: Monetary grants are awarded within the Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina for initiatives that will enhance the mission and ministry of the Diocese, with special consideration given for awarding grants to missions and worship groups. Through this grant program, the Diocese identifies innovative and worthwhile ministries in a church where a relatively modest amount of grant money can make a significant difference. Grant requests can be submitted for, but are not limited to, new or continued initiatives that will enhance parish life.

Grant Application Dates 2019: The deadline for the 2020 Grant Cycle is **May 1 at 5 pm** for June distribution.

PLEASE NOTE: Applications **must be submitted by email or received in the mail by the application deadline.** Paper applications must be received at the Diocesan Office by noon on the application deadline.

Eligibility Criteria: Grants through this program are made to churches within the Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina, not individuals or other Diocesan entities. Eligibility for a grant under this program requires that a church must be in good standing in the Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina. Good standing, as defined in Canon 6, requires a church to send a delegate to the Convention, submit a parochial report, and make a financial contribution to the program of the Diocese.

Primary Considerations: When evaluating applications, careful consideration is given by the Ministry Grants Committee to the following factors. Please address at least one or two of the following factors in about 500-750 words.

- *The potential impact of the proposed initiative to the mission or worship group.*
- *The evidence of the need for proposed grant.*
- *The degree to which the grant will enhance the mission or worship group.*
- *The number of people who will benefit from the grant.*
- *The extent of volunteer involvement and broad support for the mission or worship group.*
- *The support for a grant from priest-in-charge/vicar, where applicable, and vestry.*

Program Exclusions: This grant program (The Diocesan Grant Program) does not fund: Endowment Funds, Fundraising Campaigns, Building Campaigns, Debt Retirement, or Capital Requests.

Application Submission: All applications must either be submitted by email or mailed using the attached PDF form, which describes in detail the needed information. **Please invest your time in content and mission vision, rather than presentation.** Do not provide extraneous materials that have not been requested in the grant application.

In-Person Presentation: All applicants will have the option to give a 15-20 minute presentation to the Ministry Grants Committee on **Thursday, May 7 at St. Thomas Episcopal Church**. The exact time will be arranged with the presenter after the application is received.

Conditions for Receiving a Grant Award: Grant announcements are made shortly after the Ministry Grants Committee meets. An award letter or email is sent to churches who are awarded a grant. The letter will include the amount awarded along with the expected date of when the funds will be released. A written report on the project will be due at a semi-annual meeting of representatives from all missions and worship groups.

Application Frequency: At this time there is no restriction on the frequency with which an eligible mission/worship group may submit grant applications. Ordinarily mission or worship groups cannot ask for more than \$40,000 over a 3-year period. This application form will be reviewed annually.

Thank you for your interest in the Diocesan Grant Program. If you have any questions or need assistance filling out the grant application, please contact Andrea McKellar at amckellar@episcopalchurchsc.org. You can also call the Diocesan Office at 843-259-2016.

2020 Diocesan Grant Committee

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Applications must be typewritten and submitted in the format outlined below.

I. CHURCH INFORMATION:

Church Name: _____

Church Address: _____

Clergy Name _____ Clergy Email _____

Sr. Warden Name _____ Sr. Warden Email _____

Contact Person (if different than above) _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

Anticipated Start Date _____ Funds Usage(2 or 3 Words) _____

Completion Date _____ Amount Requested \$ _____

Would you like to give an in-person presentation? Y / N

Presenter name _____ Presenter Contact info _____

II. A. What is the specific purpose for which this grant is requested? Please address at least one or two of the primary considerations on page 1 in about 500-750 words.

B. Vision Statement: *The Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina, as a member of the worldwide Anglican Communion, is centered in Christ's love, proclaiming good news of God's grace, rooted in our communities, a light to all, and called to sacrifice and serve.*

How does your grant request live into the Vision Statement of the diocese?

III. Approval of Local Mission Leadership:

I approve submission of this grant request. Priest/Vicar(if applicable) and Warden please sign.

Signature of Warden _____ Date: _____

Signature of Priest/Vicar _____ Date: _____

E-Mail or Mail Completed Grant Proposal To:

Application, Finance Report (balance sheet and income statement) for the past two years, and current year budget and year to date financial report must be received in the Diocesan Office by email or mail, no later than at 12:00pm of Grant Deadline Date. *Electronic applications are preferred.*

EMAIL TO: PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN ELECTRONIC APPLICATION, FINANCE REPORT FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS, AND CURRENT YEAR BUDGET TO: Andrea McKellar at amckellar@episcopalchurchsc.org

Also, completed application can be mailed to:

MAIL TO: The Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina
C/O Grant Committee
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