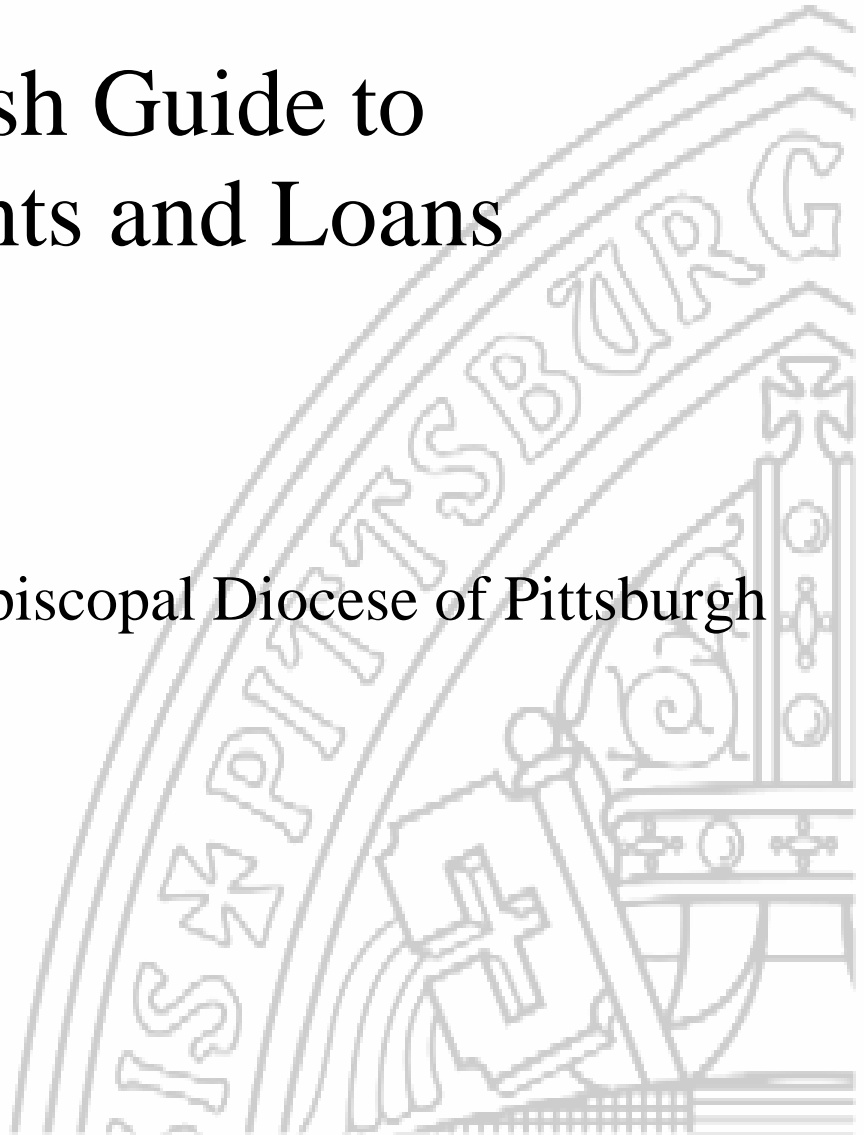


Parish Guide to Grants and Loans

The Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh



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Dear Partners in Mission,

One of the most exciting things about life in the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh is the fact that parishes are reaching out in mission in a multitude of innovative, strategic ways. Usually, these mission activities require money. I am happy that this booklet, highlighting sources of grants and loans, is now available to you. May these resources undergird your work of advancing Christ's kingdom.

Faithfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary".

Mary Maggard Hays
Canon Missioner

Partnership Grants

Description

Partnership grants are matching grants available to a parish that has entered into a partnership relationship with a resource congregation in cooperation with the Diocese. These grants normally are three years in duration, with decreasing annual amounts. They may be extended if significant progress has been made towards the parish's mission goals.

Guidelines

- Redeveloping Parish is willing to allow Resource Parish to call new rector
- Rector of Redeveloping Parish serves on staff of Resource Parish, although primary job description is to lead Redeveloping Parish
- Partnership agreement is negotiated between Resource Parish and Redeveloping Parish and the Diocese with the help of the Canon Missioner
- Annual report of ministry required for continued grant

How to apply

To request an application, contact the Canon Missioner's Office at 412.281.6131 x150 or catalano@pgh.anglican.org

New Church Grants

Description

New Church funds provide substantial multi-year support to enable the founding of new congregations. Our vision is to plant 10 new congregations or parish-like institutions by 2011.

Guidelines

Church Plants can apply for monies from the New Church Grant fund to be used for start up costs such as:

- Intensive Church Planters Training (or other authorized educational opportunity): up to \$100
- Coaching: up to \$1,800 (\$50 per month for three years)
- Prayer card and monthly prayer letter: up to \$1,200
- Start-up marketing and outreach ministries costs: up to \$3,500

These funds will be distributed at the point of need. The planter needs to submit a request in writing to the Congregational Developer for Church Planting. It is not expected that these start-up funds will be paid back.

The New Church Grant requests need to be approved for recommendation to the Diocesan Council by the Church Planting Mission Group. Diocesan Council makes final approval.

How to Apply

Request an application from the Congregational Developer for Church Plants, Mrs. Jenni Bartling at bartling@pgh.anglican.org

New Initiative Grants

Description

New Initiative Grants are designed to help a parish begin a new ministry or mission, often by hiring a new staff person. Many youth ministers are supported by New Initiative grants. These grants of \$5,000 to \$8,000 per year are normally given for 3 years in decreasing annual amounts.

Guidelines

- Must be a new program or staff position
- Parish must contribute to program/position
- Annual report of ministry required for continued grant

How to Apply

To request an application, contact the Canon Missioner's Office at 412.281.6131 x150 or catalano@pgh.anglican.org

Urban Outpost Grants

Description

Urban Outpost funds are to sustain strategic work in impoverished communities. Attendance at worship must be increasing and involvement of parishioners in outreach efforts must be deepening for this funding to be approved in successive years.

Guidelines

An *urban outpost* is a strategic missionary congregation located in an impoverished urban area, which demonstrates:

- Increasing attendance at worship (and/or other strategic criteria as determined by Council)
- Increasing participation of its members in the congregation's ministry and mission

An annual report of ministry is required for continued grant.

How to Apply

To request an application, contact the Canon Missioner's Office at 412.281.6131 x150 or catalano@pgh.anglican.org

Network Support Grants

Description

Network Support funds are set aside by the diocese for programs that benefit networks among congregations.

Guidelines

- Must be in line with diocesan vision
- Should meet the needs of more than one congregation

How to Apply

To request an application, contact the Assistant Bishop's Office at 412.281.6131x137 or pollard@pgh.anglican.org

Diocesan Growth and Maintenance Fund

Description

Moneys from the Diocesan Growth and Maintenance Fund are available to assist in the establishment of new churches, to revitalize existing church work, and to alleviate emergencies which substantially impair the operations of the parish in the Diocese or elsewhere. The principal of the Fund may be loaned; the income from the Fund may be either loaned or granted. The Diocesan Growth Fund Committee consists of two members of the Board of Trustees, two members of the Diocesan Council and two members elected by convention, serving three-year terms. The committee reviews all applications and makes recommendations to the Board of Trustees for approval.

Guidelines

- Must be participating in Growth Fund annual assessments
- Must complete Growth Fund application including financial statements and documenting how the proposed capital improvements will contribute to the mission of the parish and diocese

How to Apply

To request an application, contact the Finance Office at (412) 281-6131 x140 or cummings@pgh.anglican.org or visit our website at www.pgh.anglican.org

Prayer Book Society Fund

Description

The Prayer Book Society, through the Board of Trustees, awards grants to parishes for the purchase of Prayer Books, Hymnals and Bibles.

The request must include:

- What types of books you wish to purchase
- How many and the total cost

How to apply:

To apply for a grant, write a letter to the Board of Trustees, c/o Mr. Jack Downie, 535 Smithfield Street, Suite 900, Pittsburgh PA, 15222 or email it to downie@pgh.anglican.org

After receipt, requests are reviewed and voted upon at the subsequent Board meeting.

Episcopal Church Women Grants

Description

These grants focus on “hands-on ministries” that directly assist children and adults in matters of health, housing, education, counseling, etc. The ECW does not fund salaries or assist with the purchase of equipment or repairs to physical plants. While the grants are small in amount, it is hoped that ECW support will enable existing ministries to continue and new ministries to be initiated. Grants go primarily to work within this Diocese, but national and international requests are given consideration as well.

Guidelines

Grants are approved at ECW general membership meetings in May and November, with deadlines for applications on March 1st and September 15th, respectively. Whenever possible grants are to be distributed across all eight districts in the diocese.

How to Apply

Applications can be obtained from Darla Johnson, ECW Finance Chair, at 412.793.2191

Memorial Membership Fund

Description

The Memorial Membership Fund was established in 1927 for trail scholarships for missionaries. In the years, the scope of the Fund has broadened to include nurses, seminarians, and students of other church and humanitarian fields.

This Memorial Membership Fund is funded through gifts given in memory of a loved one or even and is remembered in prayer at the fall ECW Women's Ingathering.

Gifts of \$5.00 or more, for each loved one or event, are prayed for that fall. Gifts of \$150.00 or more, for each loved one or event, are placed on a permanent memorial list that is perpetual.

Guidelines

Each applicant must:

- Be an Episcopalian in good standing (active) in a parish in the Pittsburgh Diocese
- Completed one year of college or the equivalent
- Pursuing either church or humanitarian related fields
- Submit an application, completed in full, a letter stating goals and needs and a reference letter from the parish priest

Applications must be received prior to November 1 and May 1. "Love Gifts" will be considered and granted in June and December. The MMF Committee will only consider one request per year. Only two requests may be granted for any applicant.

How to apply

To request an application, you may contact Cindy Thomas, ECW Diocesan President, at 412.257.3029. *To send a Memorial Gift for a loved one or event contact Mrs. Thomas at the same number.*

Church Periodical Club – Miles of Pennies

Description

The Church Periodical Club is an independent, affiliated organization of the Episcopal Church. It is dedicated to providing literature and related materials to those who would otherwise be unable to obtain them. Miles of Pennies was founded in 1989 to meet the needs of children for books worldwide.

Guidelines

All applications must be endorsed by an active CPC representative. The requests should be for religious or secular book needs for children, preschool through grade 12. Requests can also be made for videos, printed or taped book purchases or for shipping costs of recycled books.

How to Apply

Applications can be obtained from Jan Moravec, Diocesan CPC Representative, at 412.683.5356

Church Periodical Club – National Book Fund

Description

The Church Periodical Club is an independent, affiliated organization of the Episcopal Church. It is dedicated to providing literature and related materials to those who would otherwise be unable to obtain them.

Guidelines

All requests must have a Bishop's endorsement. Applications for books are requested to include the information about the book. Any funds not used within a year of the grant revert back to the Church Periodical Club. Grants are awarded in the spring and fall of each year.

How to Apply

Applications can be obtained from Jan Moravec, Diocesan CPC Representative, at 412.683.5356

United Thank Offering

Description

The United Thank Offering is still a ministry of the Episcopal Church that provides a way for men, women, and children to give daily thanks to God with a sense of gratitude. The discipline begins at home by placing coins in the “Blue Box.” Every year, the total offering is between two and a half and four million dollars, all of which is used for projects at home and abroad. The challenge is that grant requests total between five to seven million dollars! Many deserving and important ministries cannot be recognized. What Episcopalians are doing for others is exciting and must be encouraged to continue. Pray daily for more “Thankful Coins” and “Thankful Hearts.”

Guidelines

Just as the Offering cycle starts locally by putting coins in the Blue Box, the granting cycle begins locally – with proposals from parishes and mission outreach programs. Forms for grant requests are obtained from your diocesan office beginning in October. (They are due back to the Bishop’s Office by early December.) Each diocese may submit two requests each year. The UTO Committee researches all requests. Awards are made in late summer. Grant moneys are available for use from September until the following September in the year of General Convention – from June until the following June in other years.

How to Apply

Contact Bishop Duncan’s Office at 412-281-6131 x147 or contz@pgh.anglican.org, in October/November to request an application

Society for the Advancement of Christianity in PA

Description

Grants are available to parishes from The Society of the Episcopal Church for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania in the \$1,000 - \$5,000 range for parish maintenance projects. The Advancement Society Board meets in January, May and October to consider grant requests.

Guidelines

Write a letter to the Society explaining the request. Include at least three bids for the work. **INCLUDE THE MOST CURRENT PAROCHIAL REPORT.**

How to Apply

Address requests to the Society's Corresponding Secretary:

The Rev. Mark J. Ainsworth
Rector, All Hallows' Church
PO Box 132
Wyncote, PA 19095

Send the grant request and all bids for the work to the Bishop Duncan's Office. *The request must be accompanied by a letter of endorsement from the bishop.* The Bishop's Office will then forward the request letter and bids and his endorsement letter to the Society. A copy of the endorsement letter will be sent back to the parish.

Episcopal Relief and Development Grants

Description

A 20-member volunteer board of directors sets policy and establishes provisions for the accountability of the funds received. They are appointed by the Presiding Bishop to four-year rotating terms. Parishes and ecumenical organizations can make requests through the 'general grants' category, which are mostly for rehabilitation and development projects. All projects must have the support of the Bishop.

Guidelines

Some of what they look for: Is the local Episcopal Church involved and supportive? Will the project measurably extend the church's local mission of compassion and relief? Does it have a reasonable chance of becoming self-supportive? Does it address clearly identifiable human needs? Does it encourage self-support? (For the rest see their website: www.er-d.org)

How to Apply

The board reviews requests for funds two times a year in June and November. All grant applications must be submitted on ERD's application forms (which can be downloaded from their website www.er-d.org). They must be received at the director's office by March 15th for the June meetings and August 15 for the November meeting.

Episcopal Church Building Fund

Description

The Episcopal Church Building Fund issues loans for up to \$200,000 with a fixed interest rate and a 2% origination fee. The funds are non-mortgage and are issued to the Diocese; the Diocese and parish co-sign for the loan. For more information write to them or visit their website www.ecbf.org.

Guidelines

The ECBF is restricted from lending funds for operating budgets, or projects solely related to the purchase of organs or stained glass windows. No grants are made.

How to Apply

If you desire an application for a loan, please make the request in writing with the following information:

- 1.** the estimated amount to be borrowed,
- 2.** the anticipated time when the funds will be needed, and
- 3.** a brief description of the project.

Send to:

Episcopal Church Building Fund
815 Second Avenue
New York, NY 10017

Pittsburgh History & Landmarks -

Historic Religious Properties Initiative

Purpose

To help preserve and care for religious landmark buildings which contribute to this region's architectural heritage through technical and financial assistance to religious institutions, and thereby, help maintain the viability and visibility of such structures in our communities.

Guidelines

An organization must: be a recognized religious institution, have an active, not necessarily large, membership, be located in Allegheny County, offer community services in addition to meeting spiritual needs, be or become a member of Pittsburgh History & Landmarks Foundation.

Historic religious properties projects must: be for "bricks and mortar" restoration, help restore architecturally significant religious buildings that also provide community services, include buildings at least fifty years old and are listed or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places or the Pittsburgh History & Landmarks Foundation Register of Significant Local Structures or serve an historic neighborhood.

Grants of up to \$10,000 may be awarded for restoration of architecturally significant religious buildings that also provide community services.

Not all requirements are absolute in every case.

How to Apply

The committee reviews all applications in late summer, early fall and award the grants in October. Religious organizations with requests that may qualify are encouraged to write the Director of Operations and Marketing, Pittsburgh History & Landmarks Foundation, One Station Square Suite 450, Pittsburgh PA 15219-1134, call 412-471-1633 or visit their website at www.phlf.org.