

FUNDING RESOURCES

Several sources of funds are available to assist congregations of the diocese with major structural and renovation projects as well as for assistance with certain qualified projects. **GRANTS** require no repayment and **LOANS** require repayment as outlined below.

Often a combination of grant and loans monies is needed to enable projects.

GRANTS

- (1) **BISHOP DARLINGTON FUND** - grants to congregations for necessary work on church buildings. Application is made by letter to Bishop Scanlan, and should include estimates for anticipated costs, a detailed project explanation, source(s) of additional funding, additional sources of funding for which an application has been made and grant petition must submitted prior to beginning project.

- (2) **SOCIETY FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF CHRISTIANITY IN PENNSYLVANIA** - grants usually made in January, May and October to assist with repairing and installing new heating systems, roof and spouting repairs, termite exterminations, damaged chimneys, repaving of driveways and parking lots, toward purchase of land, aid in building churches, carpeting, overdue bills, last payment of mortgage debts, repairs to rectory and redecorating, electric work and many more necessary items. Letters of application should be addressed to the Society at the address below, then sent to Bishop Scanlan for endorsement prior to submission. Letters must include estimates of the anticipated costs and also the source(s) of other funding. Also include current Parochial Report, recent financial report and report from annual congregation meeting. Applications will then be forwarded to the Society from the Diocesan Office.
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- (3) **UNITED THANK OFFERING (UTO)** - Makes grants annually which may be used for building-related expenses of a mission-oriented nature. Grant applications are available from Carolyn Patterson, Secretary to Bishop Scanlan, October 1st of each year. Completed applications for review and approval of the Bishop are due no later than December 10.

LOANS

- (1) **BISHOP HEISTAND LOAN FUND** – makes zero percent loans to congregations for:
- up to \$50,000 with a five year payback at 0% annual interest, or from
 - \$51,000 to \$100,000 with a ten year payback at 0% annual interest.

Application forms are available from the Diocesan Office by contacting Mr. Bill Graffius, Canon for Finance. The Bishop and Finance Committee review and approve requests. Funds are disbursed from this revolving loan fund, as they are available. Requests must include estimates for anticipated costs, a detailed project explanation, source(s) of additional funding, additional sources of funding for which an application has been made and loan petition must be submitted prior to beginning project or committal.

- (2) **EPISCOPAL CHURCH BUILDING FUND** - makes low interest non-mortgage loans for the erection, purchase improvement or repair of buildings of the Episcopal Church in the United States. Call the Episcopal Church Building Fund at 800-334-7626, x. 6004 for more information. Originators of the Fund will detail instructions on the application process as well as required submissions/documentations.

- (3) **DIOCESAN FINANCE COMMITTEE** has established a policy for the use of invested funds, which may make possible loans to congregations at one percent over the short-term money market rate. Application must be made, in writing, to Bishop Scanlan for forwarding to the Finance Committee. These loans are usually granted on an “emergency need” basis. Petition must detail anticipated project/program costs and sources of others funding granted or sought.

NOTES

All requests/petitions/applications for Diocesan and National Church grants and/or loans disbursement(s) for construction and/or facilities improvements will require certification of handicap accessibility in the completed structure or project report.

Consents by the **STANDING COMMITTEE, FINANCE COMMITTEE,** and **BISHOP** are required in order to commit a congregation to any commercial mortgage. Diocesan Canons also require this approval prior to any congregation incurring indebtedness in excess of 150% of the average annual receipts for ongoing parochial expenses of the congregation during the past three years.

Congregational Development

MISSIONAL GRANTS

We are called as Christians to participate in God's mission of reconciliation and restoration.

This healing work is done as individuals, as parish communities, in ecumenical partnerships and in collaboration with secular and civic institutions.

Sometimes our missional work feels a little risky - we are trying on new ways of engaging community- and we don't know what the outcome will be.

It is in these spaces of risk-taking and experimentation that we seek the Holy Spirit for guidance and strength.

The Missional Experiments Fund is designed to support congregations, individuals and small groups to explore new ways of serving God in the world.

Grant money will be given to encourage God's mission in new and bold ways as we seek to serve Christ and respect the dignity of every human being.

Bishop Audrey C. Scanlan – July 2016

Applications must include all the material listed below. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis in a fiscal year until *annually budgeted funds are depleted*.

Notification of a decision will be made to the individual who files the application within one month of the date of receipt.

1. All requests must be in writing and submitted to the Office of the Canon to the Ordinary for review by the Bishop and the *Missional Projects Committee*.
2. Applications must include a description of the missional project that includes:
 - a. Nature of the project – what will happen and where will it take place?
 - b. Participants in the project
 - c. Length of the project
 - d. Desired outcomes
 - e. Statement of how this project will serve God's Mission of restoration and reconciliation
 - f. Budget for the project including documentation of other sources of income – or none
 - g. Amount requested for funding (grants not to exceed, unless in special circumstances, \$2,500.00)
 - h. Endorsement of the project by parish vestry as evidenced by a vestry vote, and letter of certification by the person submitting the application. Discussion, approval, or not, must be memorialized in the minutes of the vestry meeting in which this discussion was held
 - i. Name(s), address, email and telephone number of the signer of the application
 - j. Identification of the leader with whom the Canon for Finance will communicate

Questions may be directed to the Canon for Finance, Bill Graffius, at 717.236.5959 or

wgraffius@diocesepa.org. This grants program replaces Project Grants as part of the Diocesan Budget, and is effective immediately. (July 2016)

Operating Grants

Grants are available for time-limited, specific mission and ministry expenses of congregations within the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania.

Of particular interest are mission and ministries that:

- Engage new partners in cooperative efforts (such as other Episcopal parishes, other churches, schools, scouting groups, local businesses, community centers, service organizations, senior centers, nonprofits, municipalities, etc.).
- Leverage new resources (time, money or expertise) that can be used to help increase your congregation's capacity to be the best it can be.
- Undertake activities that hold promise to make a lasting, significant impact.

Allocations are based on need and funds available in the diocesan budget. If your church is interested in applying for a Congregational Development Operating grant, please contact Canon Stephen Casey by August 15. A meeting of all churches who wish to apply for a grant is held in October each year. At least two representatives of the parish must attend this meeting where the grant application is handed out, the grant process is explained, and a Congregational Development task group member is assigned to your parish. The task group member is available to help answer questions as you work on the grant application which is due December 1.

Chair

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All purchases/projects for which Operating grants and/or Project grants monies have been awarded must be documented with receipts and submitted to the respective grant Convener within sixty (60) days of the award letter. Unspent monies from the awards must be returned to the Diocese within sixty (60) days of the award letter with a copy of the expenditure receipt.

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