**Application for Program Grant for Parishes - 2026**

Does your congregation have a program or ministry that could use financial support from our Diocesan Budget? Have you wanted to start a new ministry or continue an old one, but just do not have the finances to do so? If so, then this grant application may be right for you.

As part of the annual Diocesan budget, funds are allocated for programs and ministries at the congregational level. This grant process is open to all churches. You do not need to be a previous recipient to be eligible. However, being a previous recipient does not guarantee that your grant will be renewed.

If you would like to have your program/ministry considered for funding, all the following items will need to be included in your application packet.

* Completed Application Information sheet
* 2024 Parochial Report
* 2023 Parish Audit
* 2024 Actual Year End Financial Reports - include income statement & balance sheet
* 2025 YTD Financial Reports Budget - include the actual year-to-date numbers
* Description of the program/ministry to be funded
* If your church received funding in 2024, or is approved to receive funding in 2025, please describe how the money was or will be used and whether your church was able to achieve your goals for the ministry or program.
* The amounts of funding for approved applications will be allocated from the projected funds available.

Completed application packages must be submitted electronically, and must be received no later than Thursday, October 17, 2025. Please email the application package to Canon Doug Horner at [dhorner@diopa.org](mailto:dhorner@diopa.org.)

Please call Canon Doug Horner with any questions, 215.621.8318

**The deadline for receipt of completed applications is**

**October 17, 2025**

# The Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania

# Diocesan Board of Trustees Mission Committee

***Application Information***

The following list of questions will be used by the Diocesan Board of Trustees Mission Committee to discern the need for financial assistance under the 2026 Diocesan Budget. Please answer all the questions as completely as possible. Use additional sheets, as needed.

Name & address of Parish:

1. Amount of request?
2. What is the scope of the program/ministry you would like to be funded?
3. If the program/ministry is funded, who will it help? How many congregants are or will be involved?
4. How many people from the local community are or will be ministered to?
5. Is the program/ministry for which you are requesting funding new to your congregation?
6. How much of the funds being requested (if any) will be used for salary to support the program/ministry? Salary for program/ministry are not supported by this grant program.
7. Did your congregation receive financial assistance in 2024 or 2025? If so, what was the amount and what was it used for?
8. What will happen if your funding request is denied? Have you attempted to fund the program/ministry by alternate means; e.g., fund raising, private grants, etc.?
9. Will you receive any financial support from other sources in 2025? If yes, please list the source and the amount. Do you anticipate receiving the same level of support from these entities in 2025?

Please note this grant program does support any renovation or capital improvement costs.