

Scholarship, Grants, and Resource Opportunities Available

Many grants are available from the Episcopal Church and supporting agencies (eg. Episcopal Church Foundation). While the Diocese publicizes a number of these when they become available (Coastline, Greensheet, Facebook, etc.) we also keep a listing of these and others on our website under “Congregational Resources” (<https://www.diocgc.org/scholarships-and-grants>). In addition, there are a number of excellent resources available online for churches / ministries. If you are applying for Episcopal grants, many times the grantor will require the diocese to sign-off or submit. Please do not wait until the due date to notify the diocesan office.

For non-Episcopal grants, there are both governmental and private grant sources. However, there are no shortcuts to finding and applying for potential funding sources. Each application process is different and they can be time consuming; expect to jump thru a number of hoops. Ensure the grant aligns with both their interests and yours, make sure you are even eligible in advance, read and understand the requirements, leverage your relationship with the funding organization, and know that there will be many applicants for each grant opportunity.

We have provided a number of potential Episcopal grants / funding sources in this document; we try and keep them updated. A number of non-Episcopal sources are also provided. Questions? Contact Dwight Babcock in the Diocesan Office for more information.

A. EPISCOPAL GRANTS

➤ **EPISCOPAL CHURCH GRANTS**

<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/grants-and-scholarships>

Your first stop to search for active Episcopal grants; they have tried to centralize a number of opportunities at this site.

➤ **EPISCOPAL EVANGELISM GRANTS**

<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/evangelism-initiatives>

Applications usually open in the Fall

Designed to fund local and regional evangelism efforts in the Episcopal Church. Episcopal institutions (congregations, dioceses, provinces, schools, monastic communities, Episcopal organizations and other Episcopal affiliated entities) are eligible to receive these funds. Regional collaborative partnerships with non-Episcopal entities are welcome (see criteria for more info). Grants are available for up to \$2,000 for an individual congregation and up to \$8,000 for multi-church, diocesan and regional collaborations. Groups receiving funding are expected to make a significant financial contribution toward the project, as well.

➤ **YOUNG ADULT & CAMPUS MINISTRY GRANTS**

<http://www.episcopalnewsservice.org/pressreleases/grant-process-application-info-available-for-young-adult-and-campus-ministries/>

Online applications usually open in January.

The Episcopal Church will invite proposals for grants to assist with ministries to Young Adult and Campus Ministries throughout the church in early 2018. These grants are intended to provide funding for an Episcopal ministry (or ecumenical ministry with an Episcopal presence) in a diocese, congregation, or community college/tribal college/university campus who are doing or seek to do ministry with young adults on and off college campuses.

➤ **ENVIRONMENTAL GRANTS**

<http://www.episcopalchurch.org/posts/publicaffairs/advisory-council-stewardship-creation-accepts-applications-grants> Application should be available in late Summer

Grants that focus on local faith-based projects for mitigating climate change and safeguarding the integrity of Creation. Projects including intergenerational engagement, demonstrating innovation and creativity, and promoting churchwide learning, understanding and practical application are welcomed. Grant funding may be up to \$10,000.

➤ **UTO GRANTS:**

<http://www.episcopalchurch.org/page/united-thank-offering>

The United Thank Offering (UTO) is a ministry of The Episcopal Church for the mission of the whole church. Many of our congregations help support UTO and have been recipient of grants in the past (most recently St. James, Eufaula in 2016).

Two types of application opportunities are available:

- Young Adult / Seminarian Grants: applications usually open in October
- Annual UTO Grants: applications usually open in December.

➤ **JUBILEE GRANTS**

<http://www.episcopalchurch.org/blog/DomesticPoverty>

or

<https://www.facebook.com/episcopaljubilee>

Apply for ministry designation anytime; grants applications should open late Spring.

Our diocese is an approved "Jubilee Ministry" Diocese, which means that once your Ministry has been designated a Jubilee Ministry, you can officially apply for Jubilee Ministry grants thru the Episcopal Church each year. Applications must be approved by the Diocesan Jubilee Officer (Dwight Babcock) prior to submission. Jubilee Development Grants will be awarded to a new or existing ministry that can demonstrate a new or re-visioned strategy and methodology to address systemic issues affecting domestic economic poverty. Jubilee Impact Grants (\$750 to \$1,500) will be awarded for initiatives of Jubilee Centers that make a positive and measurable impact in the lives of those in need.

➤ **ROANRIDGE GRANTS**

<http://www.episcopalchurch.org/page/roanridge-trust>

Applications should open in the Fall Roanridge grants are provided annually for creative models for leadership development, training and ministries in small towns and rural communities across The Episcopal Church. Dioceses, congregations and Episcopal-related organizations and institutions are invited to apply for the grants which generally range from \$5,000 to \$20,000.

➤ **CHURCH STARTS AND MISSION ENTERPRISE ZONES**

<http://www.episcopalchurch.org/blog/EpiscopalGenesis>

Check for next opening late in the year. Three types of grants are available: Church Plant or New Congregation, Mission Enterprise Zone (MEZ) / Missional Initiative, or MEZ-Church Plant Hybrid.

These grants can provide opportunities to be creative and entrepreneurial; the average awards are \$20,000 for Mission Enterprise Zones and \$100,000 for new church starts. Church plants and new congregations may assume traditional or innovative forms. Mission Enterprise Zones are experimental in nature and primarily gather around ministries of service, justice, and mercy. Grants should be available again after the 2018 General Convention.

➤ **PROVINCIA IV – EXECUTIVE GRANT**

<http://www.provinceiv.org/>

Grant opportunity usually closes by February. Executive grant requests for Episcopal initiatives that will increase collaboration among dioceses in efforts to promote the “Jesus Movement” throughout the province. Applicants may request grants up to \$20,000. Province IV special consideration will be given to grants pertaining to evangelism, care of creation and racial reconciliation. (Note: our Diocese was awarded a grant in 2018)

- **DIO. OF ARKANSAS - Keller Fund for Mission Grants**
<http://episcopalarkansas.org/keller-fund-for-mission-grants/>
 Cash grants given to support mission outreach with priority given to projects involved in Mission of the Diocese of Arkansas and of the Episcopal Church beyond the Diocese of Arkansas (which includes Central Gulf Coast). Usually due by June 1 each year.
- **YOUNG ADULT SERVICE CORPS**
<http://www.episcopalchurch.org/blog/YASC>
Grants usually open in November The young Adult Service Corps is a ministry for young adults who are interested in exploring their faith in new ways by living and serving in communities around the Anglican Communion. YASC brings young adults into the life of the worldwide Anglican Communion and into the daily work of a local community. YASC is open to Episcopalians between the ages of 21 and 30. Applicants must have a high degree of maturity and possess a faith commitment, the willingness to be a humble guest, and the ability to be an authentic companion.

B. OTHER GRANTS RESOURCES

- **PARTNERS FOR SACRED PLACES**
www.fundforsacredplaces.org
Visit site for current status. Partners for Sacred Places and the National Trust for Historic Preservation announce a National Fund for Sacred Places to assist churches in need of repair and restoration. The fund will provide up to \$250,000 in capital grants, in addition to planning grants and an array of services, for at least 50 individual congregations from a diversity of faiths over four years. Recent article: <http://episcopaldigitalnetwork.com/ens/2016/11/02/episcopal-churches-among-those-receiving-preservation-grants/>
- **HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH**
<http://www.episcopalchurch.org/library/article/historical-society-episcopal-church-accepting-grant-applications>
Usually due in the Spring Applications from individual scholars as well as academic and ecclesiastical groups for grants to support significant research, conferences, and publications relating to the history of the Episcopal Church. Typical grants include travel to archives, collections or resources, dissertation research, and seed money for larger projects
- **GUIDESTAR (www.guidestar.org)** This organization collects information on all nonprofits in the United States and makes it available to the public. Because foundations are also nonprofit organizations, if you search by zip code and it will show you potential funding sources / foundations within a specific geographic area.
- **CHURCH PERIODICAL CLUB (<http://www.churchperiodical.com/index.html>)** CPC is an independent, affiliated organization of Episcopal Church, dedicated to the worldwide Ministry of the Printed Word and to the Promotion of Christian Mission. It helps supplies books, tapes, videos, and computer programs free to those who cannot otherwise attain them. See their funds and grants section.
- **FUNDSNET SERVICES (<http://www.fundsnetservices.com/>)** A Fundraising & Grants Directory provides resources information about grants, fundraising, philanthropy, foundations and 501(c)(3) non-profits organizations to those in need of funding and research for their philanthropic efforts and missions.
- **HISTORIC BUILDING / PRESERVATION GRANTS** – A directory of grants and funding sources for historic buildings.
<http://www.preservationdirectory.com/PreservationGeneralResources/GrantsFundingSources.aspx>

- **FEDERAL GRANTS:** The Grants Learning Center is your gateway to the federal grants world.
<https://www.grants.gov>
- **NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES:** Potential grant opportunities for preservation assistance for smaller institutions.
<https://www.neh.gov/grants/preservation/preservation-assistance-grants-smaller-institution>

C. SCHOLARSHIPS

- **EPISCOPAL CHURCH SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**
<http://www.episcopalchurch.org/page/episcopal-church-scholarships>

2018-2019 school year closed; will be available in early Spring. Available only to Episcopalians, who meet the criteria of one or more trust funds, are Full-time students and part-time students enrolled in a degree program or equivalent certificate program at an accredited, post-secondary institution.

- **DIOCESAN SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**
<https://www.diocgc.org/ya-scholarships>

2018-2019 applications due in late May each year. Scholarships are available for full-time students and part-time students enrolled in a degree program or equivalent certificate program at an accredited, post-secondary institution, for those active in the life of the Episcopal Church and are a member (or dependent of a member) of a congregation in the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast.

D. CHURCH RESOURCES AND TOOLS:

Vestry Resources and & Tools:

- **Studying Your Congregation and Community:** Want to get a better understanding of your community? Run this report to learn more about demographics & trends of your specific church.
<http://www.episcopalchurch.org/page/studying-your-congregation-and-community>
- **Sample Vestry Job Descriptions**
<http://www.ecfvp.org/tools/sample-vestry-job-description/>
- **Tables, Charts, and Research Reports on the Episcopal Church**
<http://www.episcopalchurch.org/page/tables-charts-and-research-reports>
- **ECF Vital Practices:** offers vestry members and other people of faith, resources and tools to respond to the changing needs of the Church.
<http://www.ecfvp.org/>
Examples: Vestry Orientation Webinar <http://www.ecfvp.org/webinars/vestry-orientation-9/>

Ministry Resources and Tools

- **Domestic Poverty Ministries:** link to how to become a Jubilee Ministry
<http://www.episcopalchurch.org/posts/domesticpoverty/how-become-jubilee-ministry>
- **Gifts for Life:** Episcopal Relief and Development. Transforming lives around the globe - give an entire community the opportunity to not only survive, but thrive.
<http://www.episcopalrelief.org/what-you-can-do/gifts-for-life>

- **Episcopal Digital Network:** Bible study resources and bulletin resources
<http://episcopaldigitalnetwork.com/stw/bible-study/>
- **Acts 8 Movement:** made of lay and clergy members of the Episcopal Church dedicated to renewing the church through discipleship, evangelism and the use of current technologies for communication and strategic action
<http://www.acts8movement.org/prayer/>
- **Forma:** Forma supports, networks, advocates for, resources, and celebrates Christian formation leaders in their Christian formation
<http://episcoforma.org/>
- **Episcopal Communicators:** a diverse group of individuals whose ministry is devoted to communications within the Episcopal Church. Link below is their communications resource listing.
<http://www.episcopalcommunicators.org/page-1457874>
- **Alban:** Alban at Duke University helps leaders connect and learn from one another by sharing practical wisdom, stories of thriving congregations and transformational models of ministry.
<https://alban.org/>
- **The Episcopal Public Policy Network** – dedicated to the active ministry of public policy advocacy.
<http://advocacy.episcopalchurch.org/>
- **Episcopal Evangelism Toolkit**
<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/evangelism-toolkit>

Administrative Resources and Tools

- **The Manual of Business Methods in Church Affairs.** It is available online on our website or link below. The manual contains chapters on everything from parochial reports to taxes.
<http://www.episcopalchurch.org/page/manual-business-methods>
- **Techsoup.org:** Non-profit discounts for software and technology (eg. MS Office, QuickBooks, Acrobat Pro at 80-90% discounts); free webinars (such as Web design Best Practices 101). The Diocese has set up accounts for all our churches. Highly recommended!
<https://www.techsoup.org/>
- **TENS (The Episcopal Network for Stewardship):** The Diocese has secured a TENS Diocesan-wide membership license for all our churches, which will provide a number of stewardship resources online at no cost. <http://www.diocgc.org/tens-membership> Contact the Diocese for the password.
- **Payroll services:** Payroll processing can be complicated and requires filing quarterly reports, submitting payroll taxes and providing W2's. Contact Kim in the Diocesan Office for more information about how to enroll.
<https://www.cpg.org/administrators/payroll/episcopal-payroll-services/>
- **Episcopal Church Building Fund:** helping congregations to develop or enhance their mission through the strategic, resourceful, and creative use of their buildings. Loans are also available.
<http://www.ecbf.org/>
- **Asset-Based Approach to Engaging Church and Community**
<http://calledtotransformation.org/>
- **Tax resources for clergy and churches**
<https://www.cpg.org/redirects/tax-resources/>