



GRANT APPLICATION GUIDELINES

In response to immediate and foreseeable needs, the Diocese of Toronto launched the *Our Faith – Our Hope: Re-Imagine Church* campaign (*Our Faith, Our Hope*) to provide financial resources to meet the challenges facing our parishes and Diocesan ministries; in order to continue to raise up disciples to respond compassionately and prophetically to God’s mission to draw all people to the light of Christ.

Parishes and Congregations in the Diocese of Toronto are invited to submit applications to receive grants under the following strategic objectives:

- **Building the Church for Tomorrow**
 - Leadership Development
 - Pioneering Ministry
 - Communication in a Wireless World
- **Revitalizing Our Inheritance**
 - Adaptive Reuse of Parish Facilities
 - Enabling Parishes to become Multi-Staffed

Criteria for Approving Applications

All applications must adhere to the following general guidelines:

- The project or ministry should be in alignment with the Campaign Goals and Objectives, and
- The congregation must secure appropriate support (Area Bishop approval, Vestry approval).

The Allocation Committee will take into account the following factors when awarding grants:

- The project or ministry must be consistent with diocesan strategic planning, and evidence connection to the parish’s congregational and community ministry contexts.
- To maximize the likelihood of success, the applying congregation should exhibit health and demonstrate that it is poised for the undertaking.
- The congregation must demonstrate commitment to sound financial management and share their experience of stewardship in the parish, including the Our Faith: Our Hope Campaign.
- The applicant must demonstrate that the congregation is equipped with suitable leadership for the undertaking and that its facilities and property infrastructure are adequate to accommodate implementation of the proposal.
- Proposals for initiatives that are experimental and innovative are encouraged.
- The project or ministry must be sustainable and feasible. The application should clearly articulate how the project or ministry will flourish and be self-sustaining at the end of the funding period. The Committee is particularly interested in receiving applications for projects that can be replicated and shared with others.
- The applicant is strongly encouraged to have co-funding where required committed prior to the submission of an application.
- The Diocese is eager to share in both your challenges and your successes. Reporting back will be required.

Limitations for Awarding Grants

The Allocations Committee will deem applications as inappropriate to receive funding if:

- an application does not meet the Campaign Goals and Objectives, or
- a project has already been completed