# **FUNDING PRIORITIES**

In following the direction set forth by the Bishop and the Diocesan Council, our current funding priorities are grants that serve our churches toward expanding ministry and mission in depth and in breadth.

#### MINISTRY

Ministry grants are dollars that are designed for connecting us and others with our Creator

Examples: Church Ministry, Mission and Evangelism, Advancing Spirituality, Spiritual and Biblical Resources for Clergy and Lay Leaders, Music Ministries, Church Communications, Youth Ministries, Worship and Liturgy, Ecumenical and Interreligious Dialogue and Education, and more!

## SACRED SPACES

Sacred spaces grants are dollars that are used to repair or upgrade our physical spaces to best enable spiritual growth, worship and human connection



Examples: Exterior and Grounds Upgrades, Interior Facilities, Technological Upgrades, Signage

### **COMMUNITY OUTREACH**



As centers of transformation in our communities, churches can apply for grants that will relieve human suffering, promote reconciliation, peace, justice, and wellbeing within a community

Example: Education (including vocational, higher education, and job training), Suicide Prevention, Mental Health, Food Insecurity, Affordable Housing, Poverty Alleviation, Addiction Recovery, Transportation, Youth Services, Social Justice, Racial Reconciliation, and more!

QUESTIONS TO ASK WHEN APPLYING

- Does this project grow our church(s) in "depth" in spiritual transformation, either as individuals or as a church community?
- Does this project grow our church(s) in "breadth" by connecting in new and relevant ways with those currently outside the church?
- Does this project serve as a catalyst for reimagined and revitalized congregations and ministries?

It's always recommended to have the guidance of the Executive Director to align your grant application with current funding priorities

Contact Katie Parrish at Katie@EFWY.org or (307) 265-5200

# **The Fine Print**

The grant application must reflect a dream of an Episcopal congregation and should encourage the participation of members of the congregation and community. Compensation that is catalytic in nature will be considered if found to support current funding priorities and proves not to be long-term salary support.

Parishes are expected to share in fulfilling the dream with local participation, financial (at least 10% of the request) or through in-kind value, such as labor, volunteering, providing meeting space, etc.

Parishes are encouraged to engage local media outlets to share the good news about your dream and grant. Grant support is available up to \$50,000 annually. Multi-year grants require a new application each year and will be considered annually under current funding priorities.

Grants are not available for the retirement of debt, establishment of endowments, restoration of savings and investments, or loans of any type.

Caring for our sacred spaces can be foundational for congregational vitality and human connection. Grants for sacred spaces are considered when integral to the church's ministry and mission and directed toward current funding priorities.

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Collaborative ministry initiatives between parishes are encouraged. Collaborative grants will be limited to \$50,000 and the grant will not reduce the per parish grant limit. If the collaboration includes separate 501(c)(3) organizations, the nonprofit must provide proof of its 501(c)(3) status and current financial reports.