



The Episcopal Diocese of Western North Carolina

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Frequently Asked Questions about Human Hurt and Hope Grants

Who can apply for Human Hurt and Hope grants?

- All parishes of the Diocese of Western North Carolina and eligible Diocesan entities may apply for a grant to support outreach ministries within the diocese.

What are grants for?

- Human Hurt and Hope Grants are intended to support new initiatives and innovative ministries that involve Episcopalians directly in hands-on ministries that respond to human needs.

When are grant applications due, and when will we find out if we have been approved for a grant?

- Completed grant applications should be submitted electronically to the HHH committee by APRIL 15. The HHH committee will review applications, schedule visits to projects (as needed), and clarify any questions. The HH&H committee will make recommendations to the Diocesan Executive Council for consideration at their June meeting. The approved grants will be processed and checks mailed out no later than July 1st .

How much money can I apply for?

- Typically, grant awards are for \$5,000 per project for the first year; \$3,000 if a second year is approved; and \$1,500 for an approved third year. The second year grant is 60% of the first year grant and the third year is 30% of the first year grant. However, grant requests up to \$25,000 (based on 5 collaborating units @ \$5,000 per unit) may be considered for projects that show broader levels of partnership, have capability of replication in other settings, and show a concrete plan for continuation of the ministry beyond the support of the Human Hurt and Hope Fund.

How is this money to be spent?

- Human Hurt and Hope Grants are intended to support new initiatives and innovative ministries that involve Episcopalians directly in hands-on ministries that respond to human needs. Priority is given to grant applications that involve collaboration of multiple parishes and/or multiple community entities. HH&H grants are awarded for one year. HH&H grantees may seek renewal annually for up to two more years. Exceptions may be made in special circumstances at the discretion of the HH&H committee. Please note

that requests for funding for administrative costs may not exceed 20 percent of the grant request.

Do I have to have other funding?

- Yes. Each parish applying for a HH&H grant must also provide funding and volunteers to support the project. Priority is given to grant applications that involve collaboration of multiple parishes and/or multiple community entities.

Can grants be used outside the diocese?

- No. The HH&H grants support outreach initiatives within the geographical area comprised of the Diocese of Western North Carolina.

What additional documentation is needed with the application?

- The application should clearly outline the proposed project including objectives, and anticipated impact. Fill out each section of the application as accurately as possible. The submission must include a letter of recommendation from the rector of the sponsoring parish, or chairperson of Diocesan entity, and a completed project/ministry budget using the form provided by HH&H.. Be brief, the HH&H committee will request additional information if it is needed.
- The HH&H grant form is posted on the Episcopal Diocese of WNC website. This grant application form should be electronically submitted to cfocarol@diocesewnc.org.

How important is serving groups of “diverse culture” in the HHH grant process?

- A truly successful HH&H grant project will be one that embraces all God’s children without regard to the differences that make us unique. HH&H grants are awarded without consideration of race, national origin, sexual orientation, age, or any other factor which may be a part of defining a culturally diverse group. We reach out to all of our brothers and sisters in Christ with justice, compassion, understanding, and love.

What if I need help with filing a HH&H grant application? Whom do I call? Where do I go?

- You may call or e-mail the Diocesan office. 828-225-6656 or cfocarol@diocesewnc.org

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