

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.

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➤ 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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