

New Development Grant

The purpose of this grant is to support the mission of the Churches within the Diocese of Northwestern Pennsylvania when parish/mission funds come short of achieving a necessary financial need. The intent of this grant is to bridge capital short falls when internal appeals, budgets and unrestricted investments are committed elsewhere.

The total (combined) amount disbursed each calendar year is \$25,000 through this process. There has been historically multiple requests each year for these funds, therefore expectations for any single grant should not exceed \$10,000.

This grant supports repair, maintenance or replacement of church assets, purchase/repair of vehicles, purchase of land (with or without buildings), construction of new buildings, additions to an existing building, renovation of an existing building, to include accessibility.

This grant does not support assessments, operating budgets, debts incurred before this application, purchases of consumable supplies, commercial venture or enterprise, scholarships, tuitions, salaries, programs, or proposals that can find adequate funding elsewhere. Also note that monies awarded previous years from this fund influence the committee's decision. While there is no direct intent to spread the money evenly through the diocese, there is a concern that a church does not become dependent on these funds.

Deadlines for applications are February 1st and October 1st. Council will decide on grant awards by March 31 and November 30.

For more information or to get an application, please contact Vanessa Butler by phone (814.456.4203) or by e-mail.