

Show me the money!

Sources of funding to support Maine congregations and their ministries

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The Episcopal Church

United Thank Offering - Sherri Dietrich, Diocesan Coordinator and Province 1 representative to the UTO Board of Directors - ssdietrich@gmail.com
Deadlines - Diocesan: mid-February; UTO Office: early March

In recent years the Diocese of Maine has been rewarded grants to build two schools in Haiti; support children's summer feeding programs in the midcoast, development support for Trinity Jubilee Center in Lewiston. Each diocese is eligible to submit one domestic grant and one international partner grant. There are also grant programs specifically for young adult ministry and seminarians.

<http://www.episcopalchurch.org/page/united-thank-offering>

Roanridge Trust - annual total of about \$160,000 to distribute for leadership development in rural areas.

Deadline - varies but most recently early February

A Maine congregation was turned down for one in the 2016 cycle.

http://www.episcopalchurch.org/files/roanridge_trust_award_information_0.doc

Mission Enterprise Zone grants - project discernment grants - \$5,000 +; project grants - \$20,000; church plant grants - \$100,000.

Rolling deadline, but probably not another grant cycle until early 2019 if finding is approved at the 2018 General Convention in Austin.

Seeds of Hope Neighborhood Center received a \$20 grant in 2014. A Maine congregation is currently under consideration for a discernment grant.

<http://episcopalchurchplanting.weebly.com/grants.html>

New! Stewardship of Creation grants - up to \$10,000 for faith-based projects for mitigating climate change and ensuring the integrity of creation.

Deadline March 31 (in 2017)

<http://www.episcopalchurch.org/posts/ecojustice/advisory-council-stewardship-creation-accepts-applications-grants>

Jubilee Ministry Grants - approved Jubilee Ministry Centers eligible

Deadline in June for 2016 cycle. For information about becoming a Jubilee Center, visit

http://www.episcopalchurch.org/files/revised_jubilee_application.doc

Two types of grants:

The Jubilee Development Grant, up to \$25,000, will be awarded to a new or existing ministry that can demonstrate a new or re-visioned strategy and methodology to address systemic issues affecting domestic poverty. This grant is intended to seed a sustainable program that makes a difference locally and can inspire others for similar work beyond itself.

The Jubilee Impact Grants, in amounts of \$750 to \$1,500 for a total of \$40,000, will be awarded for initiatives of Jubilee Centers that make a positive and measurable impact in the lives of those in need.

<http://www.episcopalchurch.org/library/office/jubilee-ministries>

Province 1 Grants

Growing God's Mission Grants - up to \$2,500 for start up programs, emphasis on partnerships with other New England dioceses or programs benefiting the entire Province. Rolling deadline till the fiscal year allocation runs out.

http://province1.org/sites/default/files/Prov1_MiniGrantApplication_2016_rev0203.doc

Constable Fund - \$5,000 to \$200,000 for programs not covered by the Episcopal Church budget, with the donor's preference for religious education. Must be submitted by a Province.
Deadline around November 1

<http://www.episcopalchurch.org/posts/publicaffairs/application-process-now-open-episcopal-church-constable-fund-grants-0>

Diocese of Maine

Wolf Fund - The Wolf Fund Committee makes continuing education grants for lay individuals.
Deadline: Rolling

<http://episcopalmaine.org> (direct link)

Loring Fund - The Loring Fund Committee makes continuing education and sabbatical grants for clergy.
Deadline: Rolling

<http://episcopalmaine.org> (direct link)

Strategic Mission Support - An annual application process concurrent with the diocesan budget process, that awards funding to support clergy pay based on the congregation's location, vitality, and viability.
Deadline: late spring

New Initiative Funds - Diocesan Council hosts two application cycles each year to fund one time grants for new ministries that conform to the Seven Criteria for Mission. Since 2011, 52 grants totaling more than \$200,000 have been awarded to Maine congregations and Diocesan ministries.
Deadlines: Round 1: early February; Round 2: early September

<http://episcopalmaine.org> (direct link)

Emergency Discretionary Fund for Congregations to Meet Community Needs - Diocesan

Council consider requests from congregations for grants to meet emerging need in their community, i.e. a mill or plant shutdown or incident that results in widespread unemployment; a fire, flood, or other natural disaster; a persistent vacuum in the community's social service network.

Contact Canon for Finance Terry Reimer at treimer@episcopalmaine.org

Lovett Fund - Mission congregations are eligible to make requests to Diocesan Council to fund up to two-thirds of a maintenance or improvement project of a church building (not rectory or parish hall) in an amount not to exceed \$4,500.

Deadline: Rolling, determination at the next quarterly meeting of Diocesan Council

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Domestic Poverty Alleviation Grants - up to \$5,000

Diocesan Council approves grants to congregations to fund local or regional ministries that assist those living in poverty in their communities.

Deadline: September 1

Past successful application letters available from Canon Heidi Shott at hshott@episcopalmaine.org

International Outreach Grants - up to \$12,000

Since 2007, Diocesan Council has accepted proposals from Maine congregations for grants to support international outreach and ministry.

Deadline: September 1

Past successful application letters available from Canon Heidi Shott at hshott@episcopalmaine.org

Loans

Diocesan Revolving Loan Fund - The Trustees of Diocesan Funds administers a loan program for congregations and other organizations of the Diocese. Loans are for up to \$25,000 and no greater than 80% of the project. Loans to be paid back over a period not to exceed five years and are charged interest at the Trustees' Fixed Income Pool average coupon rate.

Diocesan Emergency Loan Fund - The Diocese makes available emergency loans at no interest for a period not to exceed one year.

Contact Canon for Finance Terry Reimer at treimer@episcopalmaine.org for more information about either loan program.

Congregational subsidies for programs and services

Living Local/Joining God - costs to for Maine congregations to participate is fully funded by diocese

Contact Canon Michael Ambler for more information about the next cycle at mambler@episcopalmaine.org

RenewalWorks - Diocese will pay half of the \$500 fee for this program of church self-reflection and mentoring. St. John's in Bangor and Trinity in Portland have used RenewalWorks.

Contact Canon Jane Hartwell for more information at jhartwell@episcopalmaine.org

Living Compass - Usually subsidizes costs of training in Chicago. St. Ann's in Windham uses Living Compass.

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Vanco Online Giving - The Diocese will pay the \$50 set-up fee for any congregation that wishes to use this service.

Lots of information here: <http://diomainehosting.org/online-giving/>

Diocesan Web Hosting - The Diocese offers free web development, hosting, training, and technical support. Congregations or affiliated organizations/ministries choose from one of three custom designed templates.

Learn more here www.diomainehosting.org or contact Canon Heidi Shott at hshott@episcopalmaine.org

Scholarships/Travel Reimbursement

For Christian Ed Directors and Teachers: The Christian Ed Collaboration Network reimburses travel costs when Christian Ed leaders visit one another to observe and learn. The network will also try to help you find funding to attend workshops and continuing education.

Contact Canon Jane Hartwell for more information at jhartwell@episcopalmaine.org

Diocesan Adult Retreat at Bishopswood in June - Full scholarships are available for Sunday School teachers, youth event volunteers and anyone with financial need.

http://episcopalmaine.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=224

For kids and teens: Scholarships are available to Camp Bishopswood and to Maine Episcopal Youth Events. Information is on the application forms. Visit www.maine-youth.org