

Green Grants Program
General Information and Application
North Carolina Episcopal Church Foundation
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What is the purpose of the program? The Green Grants Program of the North Carolina Episcopal Church Foundation is a special incentive designed to help congregations make improvements to their physical plant that will conserve natural resources, reduce energy consumption, and shrink their carbon footprint. The program is intended to encourage congregational efforts to be faithful stewards of the earth God has created. Green Grants are limited to **one \$5,000 per congregation every two years.**

Who is eligible to apply for a Green Grant? Any parish or mission congregation in the Diocese of North Carolina is eligible to apply for a Green Grant. The Foundation will give preference to congregations where its support can make a material difference to the success of the proposed “green” project. **In order to ensure the widest possible congregational participation in the Green Grants program, incumbent Green Grant recipients must wait a full year before applying to the program again.**

What investments or improvements qualify for consideration under the Green Grant program? The Green Grant Program will consider applications for any improvement that can be demonstrated to:

1. Reduce the consumption of energy and other natural resources required for the operation of a congregation’s facilities. Examples include new insulation, more energy-efficient heating and cooling systems, new doors or windows, more efficient plumbing fixtures, landscaping that reduces heating or cooling costs.
2. Correct a problem in a congregational facility that is contributing to environmental degradation. Examples could include landscaping to reduce run-off, damaged septic systems.

It would be good to give examples of 2-3 innovative projects funded to date, e.g the trash compactor at Southern Pines that reduced waste and generated compost; etc.

Please note: Green Grants are not intended to supplement or replace a congregation’s deferred maintenance budget. In reviewing Green Grants applications, the Foundation will expect to see evidence that each applicant congregation is taking steps to address deferred maintenance with its own resources.

How does a congregation apply? Answer the following questions about the proposed Green Grants project and provide basic organizational and financial information requested at the end of this form.

What is the process for awarding Green Grants? The Foundation will consider applications quarterly.

Grants Received by:

February 1

May 1

August 1

November 1

Will be considered in:

March

June

September

December

**North Carolina Episcopal Church Foundation
Green Grant Application Form**

1. Describe the “green” investment you wish to make. How did you identify the need for the project and the proposed solution?

2. What are the projected environmental benefits of the improvements you propose? How did you determine these benefits?

3. (How) will the proposed investment produce cost-savings over the long term? **What are the estimated savings over what period?**

4. How will you ensure the sustainability of the improvements you are proposing to make?

5. If awarded a “Green Grant” how will you use it to raise congregational awareness of our role as stewards of God’s creation?

In addition to answering these questions, Please provide the following congregational information.

Applicants Name: _____

Parish: _____ Mission: _____ Institution: _____

Address: _____

Contact Name & Phone Number: _____

Total estimated cost of the project \$ _____, show source of estimate.

Amount of funds already accumulated and available for the project \$ _____

How were these funds raised and over how long a period?

What additional funds can be raised, and from what projected sources?

\$ _____

What has the congregation budgeted and expended to address deferred maintenance over the last two years? What are the congregation's deferred maintenance priorities for the coming year?

The accompanying answers to the foregoing questions are supplied and/or approved by the undersigned on this the _____ day of _____, 20 ____.

Rector/Vicar (Print or type)

Sr. Warden (Print or type)

Rector/Vicar (Signature)

Sr. Warden (Signature)

Treasurer (Print or type)

Treasurer (Signature)