



THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF CHICAGO Congregations Commission

2023 Vitality Grant Application Due October 28, 2022

The Congregations Commission invites you to apply for a 2023 Vitality Grant. Similar to last year, all congregations are eligible to apply. Congregations may qualify based on the information provided in this application, and grant funds available. Priority is given to churches with demonstrated financial need. A commitment to attend the College for Congregational Development is a pre-requisite for receiving a grant.

In order to be considered, applications must be received by 5 pm on October 28, 2022. Late applications will not be considered.

- Submissions may be made electronically (emailed to Louisa McKellaston, lmckellaston@episcopalchicago.org) or sent by USPS to her attention at 65 E. Huron, Chicago, IL 60611.
- Louisa will confirm receipt of all applications to the sender **by email**.
- *Given recent delays with the postal system, **email submission is strongly encouraged.***
- *For mailed applications, we strongly suggest applications be postmarked by October 14th, 2022, to ensure receipt by the October 28 deadline.*
- Funding decisions are expected by November 18, 2022.

Part 1: Basic Information

Congregation name and address: _____

Name & contact info of person completing application: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

2023 Vitality Grant Amount requested: \$ _____ (maximum grant amount is \$30,000)

Please attach income/expense statements and balance sheets for year-end 2021, and YTD 2022. Grant applications will be considered incomplete without this information.

Part 2: Strengths, Vision and Goals (1-2 paragraphs maximum per question)

What are your congregation's greatest strengths? What is working well?

How does your congregation currently serve and minister to the local community?

What initiatives, projects, or changes are you considering in 2023 that might help your congregation be more faithful, healthy and effective?

How will a grant help you achieve this?

If you received a grant in 2022, how did that impact your ministry?

Please note that a criterion for receiving a 2023 Vitality Grant is a commitment to attend the College for Congregational Development (CCD) within the next 24 months. Grant funds are available for this training. Those churches that have already completed CCD are encouraged to send a new team.

___ We commit to sending a team of at least two people to CCD within in the next 24 months

___ We have already had a team complete the college, and will consider sending a new team

Part 3: Signatures and Submission

Vicar/Rector/ Priest in Charge: _____

Date: _____

Warden: _____

Date: _____

If your congregation does not have a vicar/rector/priest-in-charge, please have both wardens or a warden and other vestry member sign the application.