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Congregations Commission

2023 Vitality Grant Application

Due October 12, 2023

The Congregations Commission invites you to apply for a 2024 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 12, 2023. 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 September 30th, 2023, to ensure receipt by the October 12 deadline.*
- Funding decisions are expected by November 3, 2023.

Part 1: Basic Information

Congregation name and address: _____

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

2024 Vitality Grant Amount requested: \$ _____ (maximum grant amount is \$25,000)

Please attach income/expense statements and balance sheets for year-end 2022, and YTD 2023. Grant applications will be considered incomplete without this information and will not be considered.

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 2024 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 2023, how did that impact your ministry?

Please note that a criterion for receiving a 2024 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.