

BEDELL FUND APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Overview

The Bedell Fund is controlled and administered by the Vestry of St. Matthew's Church based upon recommendations from the Bedell Committee whose outreach purpose is to fund proposals that meet the following criteria:

1. The proposal should involve larger grants that can make a meaningful difference;
2. Preference is given to capital projects that aid and promote Episcopal churches and their programs located in Region II of the Diocese of New York. Projects that support the financial needs of clergy (such as education, retirement, housing) are also welcome;
3. Grants to locally based non-Episcopal organizations with Christian content are also possible.

In addition, proposals should include, if possible the following characteristics:

1. Possibilities for hands-on involvement by St. Matthew's parishioners.
2. Matching contributions from the local community either in the form of financial donations or volunteered time.

Characteristics of Grant

The committee prefers:

1. Larger grants
2. Capital items
3. Episcopal churches in Region II
4. Grants that will make a difference to the organization
5. Grants that are a large percentage of the money raised for the project
6. Smaller charities that do not have access to large donations or grants
7. Local Christian charities based in Northern Westchester

The committee discourages:

1. Churches outside of Region II or the NY metro area
2. Funding of ongoing budget items
3. Funding of Personnel
4. Multi-year requests

5. Large organizations that have access to large donations or grants or government assistance
6. Charities without a Christian focus

Other Items of Interest

1. Projects must start within one year
2. Funding will take place at predetermined milestones
3. We will review the success of the project at one, two and five year intervals

Application Process

1. Submit a typed application to:

St. Matthew's Church
Chairman, Bedell Committee
P.O. Box 293
Bedford, New York 10506.
2. Each grant cycle will consist of a calendar year.
3. Applicants must appear before the Bedell Committee in person at a meeting scheduled by the Bedell Committee.