

GRANTS & OUTREACH APPLICATION GUIDELINES

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Introduction and points 1-5 should be communicated to all applicants:

The Grants & Outreach Committee is a committee of the Vestry of St. Boniface Church, which is charged with the responsibility of using funds from to assist programs which continue Christ's ministry of worship, teaching, healing, and service in the world.

We seek to foster a sense of partnership with such programs by providing financial assistance and parish involvement and support.

1. Works of mercy and justice consistent with our Baptismal covenant will be given priority. However, any proposal which demonstrates a clearly defined need and direct benefit to a person, group, project, or program is eligible for consideration.
2. Programs and projects which stem from parish interest and involve parish support beyond financial assistance, will receive priority. Programs which engender a continued partnership will receive special consideration.
3. Programs, rather than fixed assets (buildings, real estate, creation of endowments, etc.) will be emphasized.
4. Recipients must agree to the accountability which will be appropriately incorporated into each grant partnership.
5. Deadline for applications is August 1.

Guidelines 6-11 are to help the Committee govern its decisions:

6. Parishioner or staff involvement is necessary for grant to be made. When a grant request comes in without parish involvement but seems in every other way to meet our guidelines, the Grants Committee will assign a committee member or parishioner to develop that relationship as a sponsor of the program.

7. We will return to programs we deem especially worthy to continue our involvement in partnership by Saint Boniface.

Some grant recipients may be encouraged to continue the relationship with St. Boniface. This is especially appropriate when an organization is inexperienced or does not have the staff or infrastructure to initiate a grant renewal. The Grants Committee may assign a sponsor to encourage re-application.

8. We believe that Saint Boniface has a responsibility in the wider Sarasota Community help make sure everyone has a seat at the bountiful table of resources our community enjoys.

We have a mandate to fund a program for children and families in Sarasota at least every other year (required by the Vestry when some proceeds from the sale of the Boniface House called The Cradle were placed in the Foundation). In addition, we will seek out other ways to respond to human needs in Sarasota County and nearby communities. This will involve research on our part to seek out programs and to build partnerships with St. Boniface.

9. We see global humanitarian missions as part of our focus.

Our history includes grants for Nicaragua, Tanzania, Uganda, South Africa, Kenya, and Brazil and our support of global missions coordinated by the Episcopal Church and the Consortium of Endowment Parishes. These all indicate that we can best serve the world by continuing a grant where our relationship is established or shared with others rather than responding to the dramatic appeals which may come to us from time to time. This means that we will work to continue a prior relationship and investigate its needs before we undertake a new project.

10. We do not see individual scholarships as a focus of our Outreach ministry.

11. The Grants Committee will review these guidelines annually and bring them to the Vestry for revision and confirmation at least every three years.

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