DIOCESE OF SOUTHERN VIRGINIA
SEEDS OF HOPE
2017 GRANTS ANNOUNCEMENT AND APPLICATION

PURPOSE: “SEEDS OF HOPE” funding for outreach/social justice projects that relate to the Five Marks of Mission is available for 2017.

The Five Marks of Mission are an important statement on mission which expresses the Anglican Communion’s common commitment to an understanding of God’s holistic/integral mission. The first mark of mission is really a summary of what all mission is about, because it is based on Jesus’ own summary of his mission. Instead of being just one of five distinct activities, it should be the key statement about everything we do in mission.

- The Five Marks of Mission:
  o To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom;
  o To teach baptize and nurture new believers;
  o To respond to human need by loving service;
  o To transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation;
  o To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth. ([http://www.anglicancommunion.org/identity/marks-of-mission.aspx](http://www.anglicancommunion.org/identity/marks-of-mission.aspx))

This “seed” money is to serve as a catalyst for parishes either to:

1. Develop new programs that reflect the Five Marks of Mission with an emphasis on Social Justice Ministry.
2. Add a new dimension to an existing program (details of such expansion must be provided).

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS: All congregations in the Diocese of Southern Virginia and diocesan-affiliated groups.

GRANT AMOUNTS: Awards may be as much as $2,500. All grants are for one year.

AWARD CRITERIA: Applications will be evaluated on these criteria:

1. Enables the parish (or diocesan group) to expand their mission activities as framed by the Five Marks of Mission with an emphasis on Social Justice Ministry.
2. The grant is to be used as “seed money” to mobilize other resources (people or supplemental funding).
3. Includes the potential for ongoing projects to be self-sustaining beyond the grant period.
4. Includes the number of people who will be reached.
5. Includes collaboration between parishes, diocesan-affiliated groups, etc. (for example: convocation-based programs).

Updated May 31, 2017
6. Preference will be given to groups who have not previously received Seeds of Hope grants.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS: The grant must be used by July 31, 2018. Recipients must also submit a report, with pictures, if available, before applying for any subsequent grant, but no later than Aug. 31, 2018, describing how the funds were allocated and the results of the project.

Applications may be mailed, faxed or emailed to:

Seeds of Hope Grant Application
Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia
11827 Canon Blvd., Suite 101
Newport News, VA 23606-3071

FAXED 757-595-0783
EMAIL Sallen@diosova.org

Applications must be postmarked NO LATER THAN August 31st, 2017.

Awards will be announced and distributed no later than November 30th, 2017.

APPLICATION follows…
2017 SEEDS OF HOPE GRANT APPLICATION

Feel free to continue answers on a separate sheet or to add lines electronically

NAME of the applying parish/diocesan group: __________________________________

NAME of the clergy if applicant is a parish: ________________________________

TITLE of project or program: _____________________________________________

CONTACT PERSON: ________________________________________________________

ADDRESS: ____________________________________________________________

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TELEPHONE: __________________________________________________________

E-MAIL: ______________________________________________________________

PROJECT DESCRIPTION – provide a brief SUMMARY of the project:

LOCATION where project will be implemented:

New? __________ Expansion? ___________ Start Date ________________

Amount requested __________________

How will these funds be used (be specific; attach an itemized list of projected expenses)?
Describe how this project implements the mission of your parish/group.

How will the grant expand the outreach mission of the parish or group?

How does this project fit within the Five Marks of Mission?

How will the program be financed after the grant is spent?

SIGNATURE OF PROPOSAL AUTHOR: _________________________________

SIGNATURE OF EXECUTIVE: _________________________________

(Clergy / Warden / Chairperson)

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