

General Information and Application Questions for the “Green Grants” Program of the North Carolina Episcopal Foundation

September 2008

What is the Purpose of the Program? The Green Grants Program of the North Carolina Episcopal Foundation is a special incentive designed to help congregations make improvements to their physical plant that will conserve natural resources, reduce energy consumption, and shrink their carbon footprint. The program is intended to encourage congregational efforts to be faithful stewards of the earth God has created. The Foundation has set aside \$ 20,000 to be awarded through Green Grants program in 2009.

Who is Eligible to Apply for a Green Grant? Any parish or mission congregation in the Diocese of North Carolina is eligible to apply for a Green Grant. The Foundation will give preference to congregations where its support can make a material difference to the success of the proposed “green” project.

What investments or improvements qualify for consideration under the Green Grants program? The Green Grants Program will consider applications any improvement that can be demonstrated to:

1. Reduce the consumption of energy and other natural resources required for the operation of a congregation’s facilities. Examples include new insulation, more energy-efficient heating and cooling systems, new doors or windows, more efficient plumbing fixtures, energy-efficient heating and cooling systems, landscaping that reduces heating or cooling costs.
2. Correct a problem in a congregational facility that is contributing to environmental degradation. Examples could include landscaping to reduce run-off, damaged septic systems.

How does a congregation apply? Answer the following questions about the proposed Green Grants project and provide basic organizational and financial information requested at the end of this form.

What is the process for awarding Green Grants? The Foundation will consider applications quarterly beginning in December 2008 for grants to be paid in 2009. The program will be assessed in mid 2009 to determine whether it should be extended.

Grants Received by:

November 1, 2008

February 1, 2009

May 1, 2009

August 1, 2009

Will be considered in:

December 2008

March 2009

June 2009

September 2009

North Carolina Episcopal Church Foundation

Green Grant Application Form

1. Describe the “green” investment you wish to make. How did you identify the need for the project and the proposed solution?

2. What are the projected environmental benefits of the improvements you propose? How did you determine these benefits?

3. (How) will the proposed investment produce cost-savings over the long-term?

4. How will you ensure the sustainability of the improvements you are proposing to make?

5. If awarded a “Green Grant” how will you use it to raise congregational awareness of our role as stewards of God’s creation?

In addition to answering these questions, please provide the following congregational information.

Applicants Name: _____

Parish: _____ Mission: _____ Institution _____

Address: _____

Contact Name & Phone Number _____

Total estimated cost of the project \$_____, show source of estimate

Amount of funds already accumulated and available for the project \$_____

How were these funds raised and over how long a period?

What additional funds can be raised? \$_____

The accompanying answers to the foregoing questions are supplied and/or approved by the undersigned on this the _____ day of _____, 20__.

Rector/Vicar(Print or type)

Sr. Warden (Print or type)

Rector/Vicar signature

Sr. Warden (signature)

Treasurer (Print or Type)

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