



EPISCOPAL AND DIOCESAN ENDORSEMENT PROCESS ANGLICAN FOUNDATION OF CANADA GRANTS

The Anglican Foundation of Canada seeks to foster Anglican presence by providing abundant resources for diverse infrastructure projects, community ministries, leadership and education, Indigenous ministries and sacred music and liturgical arts across the Canadian Church.

Grants endorsed by the diocese will normally be Category B grants, where a maximum grant of \$15,000 can be applied for from the Foundation, provided 50% of project funding is in place.

Each diocese can submit as many as two applications for each deadline, and no more than four applications each year. No more than three applications can be submitted for diverse infrastructure projects in any given year. Endorsement by the Bishop and Synod Council is required before an application can be submitted.

Preference will also be given to applications from parishes that are current with the Diocesan Mission & Ministry assessment and have completed their parish Mission Action Plan.

Prospective applicants from the diocese are encouraged to inform the Secretary of Synod of their intention to apply as soon as possible. Applications will be considered at the March, June, September and December Synod Council meetings in order to meet established deadlines.

Each application will then be considered, sequentially, as appropriate:

- by the secretary of synod to ensure the project is complete and eligible, and that it complies with diocesan policies and practices;
 - At the discretion of the Secretary of Synod, the application may also be referred to the Chair(s) of the Bishop's Advisory Committee on Church Buildings and/or the Financial Advisory Committee for review and comment
- by the bishop to ensure the project is missionally oriented and a strategic use of our access to the Foundation's resources;
 - At the discretion of the bishop, the application may also be referred to the local archdeacon or diocesan staff for review and comment
- by the Synod Council Coordinating Committee to assess all applications, taking into consideration comments by the secretary of synod and Bishop, and to make a determination about which applications to recommend for endorsement; and
- by the Synod Council to formally endorse as many as four applications each year.

Throughout the diocesan discernment process, the secretary of synod will be in communication with the project's coordinator and rector, notifying them of the ultimate decision. If endorsed, the secretary of synod will convey to the project coordinator a letter of support from the bishop along with a letter that includes the Synod Council motion to endorse the project.