

VISION FUND

GRANT APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Background

The Diocesan Vision Fund was established by a vote of Synod in the fall of 2015. Its purpose is to faithfully seed local, regional and diocesan-wide initiatives that give tangible expression to the *directions (Engaging God's World, Reconciliation and Beyond, Emerging Communities, Youth & Family Life, Worship Resources, Lay Ministry & Leadership Formation)* of the diocesan vision, and thus strengthen us for God's service here on these islands and inlets. The fund is intended to operate for three years (2016 through 2018), as a bridging mechanism pending a major diocesan fundraising campaign.

In this last year of the Fund's operation, up to \$175,000 is available to support vision initiatives.

The fund is designed to support current and emerging ministries by:

- Revitalizing and transforming existing spiritual communities.
- Encouraging and supporting new forms of spiritual community.
- Enabling innovative congregational development proposals.
- Strengthening parish life.
- Supporting youth and family ministries.
- Sharing resources, providing training.
- Creating centres of excellence and innovation.

A maximum of \$10,000 will be awarded to any one project in each year.

CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Potential applicants for Vision Fund grants are invited to expressions of interest at any time, and preferably in advance of one of the following deadlines: May 1, July 1, September 1, 2018.

Categories

There are two categories of grant recipients:

1. Existing parish and regional entities, which are eligible for “matching grants” (i.e. up to 50% of the total project budget).
2. New entities, which are eligible to receive up to 100% funding.

As this is the last year of the fund's operation, proposals for multi-year funding cannot be considered.

Submissions should:

1. Identify the entity making the application.
2. Provide a brief description of the project proposal.
3. Explain which direction(s) and how the proposal would advance that direction(s) of the diocesan vision.
4. Specify the amount of funds being requested, and the total budget of the project.
5. Be a maximum of 1,500 words in length.
6. Be signed by an officer of the entity, identify their position, and provide contact information.
7. Be submitted by e-mail to visionfund@bc.anglican.ca with the phrase “Vision Fund: Expression of Interest” in the subject line.

Process

Those submitting expressions of interest may be contacted for further information, and/or receive suggestions as to how to strengthen their proposal, before their submission is formally considered by the jury.

Once the jury has considered a submission, it may be recommended for funding in whole or in part. Recommendations must be ratified by diocesan Finance Committee and Diocesan Council.

Following ratification, proponents will be advised of the outcome, and decisions will be announced publicly. This process can take two months or longer after the intake deadline.