

Applying for Parish Relief Funds

The Parish Relief Fund is designed to cover unexpected or emergent expenses of a parish such as legal fees, damages ordered by a court, deconstruction of a decommissioned rectory, or removal of a fence that was mistakenly constructed outside a parish lot line.

It is not designed to cover items that would generally be revealed by a shortfall of funds in annual budgeting and monthly expense statements. It also does not include maintenance items such as the need for a new roof, repairing perimeter drains or painting the church. Those types of issues would normally be covered by the parish, but if the parish is unable to do so, the parish might apply to Diocesan council for an assistance grant.

The object of creating the Parish Relief Fund is to create greater clarity by differentiating in our diocesan statements between these two very different types of support.