

THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FUND OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN CONNECTICUT

Background

World leaders embraced a sweeping 15-year global plan of action to end poverty, reduce inequalities and protect the environment, known as the Sustainable Development Goals, at the opening of a United Nations special summit in 2015. Titled *Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development* and contained in document A/70/L.1, the agreement on a set of 17 goals would come into effect in January 2016, replacing the Millennium Development Goals set in 2000.

In 2005, The Episcopal Church in Connecticut resolved to designate 0.7% of total annual spending to a Millennium Fund toward achieving the United Nations Millennium Development Goals by funding relevant mission projects. The Millennium Fund is now known as The Sustainable Development Fund and provides funding for mission projects that address the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. The Fund varies from year to year but typically ranges from \$40,000 - 45,000.

The 17 Sustainable Development Goals for 2015-2030

1. End poverty in all its forms everywhere
2. End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition, and promote sustainable agriculture
3. Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages
4. Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote life-long learning opportunities for all
5. Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls
6. Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all
7. Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable, and modern energy for all
8. Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all
9. Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation
10. Reduce inequality within and among countries
11. Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable
12. Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns
13. Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts (in line with the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change)
14. Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development
15. Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss
16. Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels
17. Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development

You can get in-depth information about the goals at <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/sdgs>

Grant Application Process

Mission projects meeting the evaluation criteria below are invited to apply for grants. Grants are reviewed by the Companions in Mission Ministry Network and granted semi-annually by the Mission Council. Application deadlines are May 1 and October 1. Decisions on grants will be made by July 1 and January 1. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Applicants may be interviewed by members of the Companions in Mission

Ministry Network during the application process. Applicants will be required to file an evaluation of program outcomes and an account of how funds were used.

Selection Criteria

- The Episcopal Church in Connecticut intends for the projects awarded grants to address directly one or more of the SDGs. Effectiveness, accountability and sustainability will be key criteria.
- The Companions in Mission Ministry Network will also look at ways in which the projects foster mutual exchange and real human investment and companionship, including the building up of personal relationships and mutuality in goal setting, prayer and development. Developed through mutual discernment of God's mission, applicant projects should build upon specific Christian practices. Projects should increase the capacity of individuals and communities to address the development issues they identify, build self-reliance, which in turn nourishes authentic companionship in mission, and should not create dependency or perpetuate degrading conditions.
- The sponsoring group must be an Episcopal parish or organization in good standing with The Episcopal Church in Connecticut. Priority will be given to grant requests that identify significant commitment from the Connecticut parish or organization for the specific SDG program or initiative and that promote sustained mission relationships with parishes, dioceses and institutions beyond The Episcopal Church. The Companions in Mission Ministry Network urges applicant sponsoring organizations to designate 0.7% of total annual spending to fund SDG-related programs.
- There must be an endorsement of each program seeking funding from any beneficiary institution (and diocese, if church-related) and a statement of the beneficiary's willingness to receive funds from The Episcopal Church in Connecticut for the purposes outlined in the grant request.
- The sponsoring parish or organization must make a written commitment to the Companions in Mission Ministry Network to provide, no later than 12 months following initial grant, a comprehensive report to the Committee, detailing how the Sustainable Development Funds were spent, and the impact on project beneficiaries.

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A. Name of Project _____

B. Amount Requested \$ _____

C. Submitted by (name and address of parish or organization in good standing with TEC-CT)

Contact Person _____

Email _____

Phone _____

D. Beneficiary Partner Parish or Organization

Diocese _____

Bishop _____

Country _____

Email _____

E. Sustainable Development Goals to be addressed (check all that apply)

- 1. End poverty in all its forms everywhere
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F. Attach brief description of how this project advances the Sustainable Development Goal(s) selected (250 words or less for each goal selected)

G. Objectives (list at least three specific objectives)

1)

2)

3)

H. State how this project enhances a new or existing partnership to address the SDGs.

I. Other funding sources for this project (including the sponsoring parish or organization)

Sources	Amount	Status (in hand and/or pending)
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		

J. Has the sponsoring parish or organization set aside at least 0.7% of its income for the work of the Sustainable Development Goals?

Yes

No

K. Attach your proposed budget of project in US dollars.

L. Attach a copy of endorsement by the receiving institution and, where applicable, the bishop.

Please note: By submitting this application for consideration, the sponsoring organization/parish is agreeing to provide, no later than 12 months following initial grant, a comprehensive report to the Companions in Mission Ministry Network detailing how the Sustainable Development Funds were spent and the impact on project beneficiaries.

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