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|  | **Diocese of New England**  **Orthodox Church in America**  2025  Parish Grant Application |

**Parish Grant Application**

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| *Parishes in good standing in the Diocese of New England may use this form to apply for a 2025 Diocesan Parish Grant. See the companion document* ***Background Information on Grant Applications*** *located on the diocesan website that explains the grant initiatives’ goals, applicant qualifications, and the grant process.* |

Parish Grant Initiative

Diocese of New England - *Orthodox Church in America*

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# Applicant Information

## Information on Parish Applying for the Grant

Parish Name

**Note**

Before filling out this application please do the following:

1. Read the document: Background Information for Applicants is located on Diocesan Website,
2. Contact Deacon Paul Nimchek by email at nimchekpaul@sbcglobal.net or by phone at 860-489-3220 with questions and to give an “early declaration” of your intent to deliver a grant application.

Parish Address

City       State       Zip Code

Parish Website address

Are you teaming with another parish/church/institution?

Yes  No  *(If no skip the next section.)*

## Information on a Partner Parish

If desired, a parish can partner with other parishes or churches (Orthodox or not) or local institutions in that can provide additional resources or necessary skills or facilities.

Parish/church/organization name

Address

City       State       Zip Code

Denomination

If the partner is an Orthodox parish indicate jurisdiction (OCA, Antiochian etc.)

## Contacts

### Priest

Priest Name       Priest Phone       Priest Email

### Project Leader

Information about the layperson that will be the project leader and primary contact. The lay leader should be from the primary (not partner) parish. (Some projects may require that priest be the leader.)

Name       Address

Daytime Phone       Evening phone       Email address

# Grant Project Information

## Description of Project for Which You Are Seeking a Grant

### Need

Describe the need you are trying to address. How will this ministry enliven your parish? Does this effort shore up a perceived weakness of your parish? Is it a particular strength?

### Objectives

Describe the key objectives of the project. Measurable objectives are desirable-- but sometimes impossible.

### Description

Provide a description of your project. What is this effort/project about and what will you do? Reminder: Grant projects must demonstrate effort (time and /or talent) on the part of parishioners. Describe how your parish will be involved. How many will be involved (will 2-3 people or many be involved)?

### Project Category

Which category(s) best describe the area(s) of parish life that will be impacted by your project? Check all that apply.

Campus Outreach

Charitable Outreach

Communication

Education

Evangelization

Fellowship

Leadership

Stewardship Development (financial or other)

Worship

Youth

Other (describe).

      Describe

*Please do not submit projects that deal with facilities upgrades/ improvements.*

### Steps/Plan/Probability of Effective Execution

What are the primary steps associated with executing this effort? Make this only as complicated as it needs to be and no more. We simply want an indication that you have thought this through.

4. *(Continue in this box if more steps are necessary.)*

### Ability to Execute

Those evaluating your grant request will want to understand if you can do what you propose and do it effectively? Use the box below to describe your ability to do what you propose. Do you have appropriate skill and experience? Have you talked with others with useful background? Can you offer a track record of executing efforts of similar scope?

### Costs

List the **total costs, NOT JUST YOUR GRANT AMOUNT REQUEST,** associated with this parish project.

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| Item/Cost category | $ Amount |
|  | $ |
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|  | $ |
| Estimated Total Project Costs | $ |

Anything else to say about costs?

## Grant Amount Request

Indicate the $ grant amount you are requesting. Target grant size is $1500 – $2500 and not more than 60% of your estimated total costs. Do not request more than $2,500 without prior discussion with grant committee.

We are requesting $       .

# Impact

Use this section to describe the impact this project could have on your parish and/or the local community (neighborhood). Indicate the potential timeframes in which results might be realized or when the project outcomes can be assessed.

## To Your Parish

Describe how you hope this effort will positively impact the life of your parish. *This is required.*

How soon might you see these outcomes/impact? How do you propose evaluating these outcomes?

## To Your Community/Neighborhood (Outside of your Parish)

*This is optional*. It is hoped that many projects will look outside the parish to bring the light of Christ to your community. Internally focused projects, however, are perfectly acceptable.

Describe how you hope this effort will positively impact the neighborhood or community.

How soon might you see these outcomes? How would they be evaluated?

## To Other Parishes in the Diocese

This is also optional. It is hoped, however, that many projects can provide benefit to other parishes through the sharing of lessons learned and an understanding of what worked and did not work.

How soon might you see these outcomes? Evaluation?

# Commitment of Best Efforts

Our statements on this application are truthful. If our parish receives a grant we will use our best efforts to execute the project as described and we will be good stewards of these grant funds. We will provide interim reports to the Diocese, as requested, on our progress so that others may learn from our efforts.

      , Priest *(Type name – we will consider it a signature)*

      , Lay Project Leader *(Type name – we will consider it a signature*)

# Deadline

* Applications will be accepted until August 31, 2025
* Applications are reviewed and grants awarded upon receipt
* Submit this application electronically (via email) to Deacon Paul Nimchek at nimchekpaul@sbcglobal.net
* **IF YOU DO NOT RECEIVE A CONFIRMATION from Deacon Paul, contact him by email or by phone at 860-489-3220.**

***IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO BE SURE THE APPLICATION IS RECEIVED.***

For information contact any member of the Grant Program Administrative Committee:

* Deacon Paul Nimchek - nimchekpaul@sbcglobal.net
* Fr. Robert Dick - rfd2@earthlink.net
* Matushka Cindy Voytovich - cvoyt1960@gmail.com