

Hands Across Niagara GRANT APPLICATION PACKAGE

Application Deadline: May 12, 2016

Maximum Grant: \$2500

Community Partnership required

The grants available through Hands Across Niagara are possible because of the prayers and generosity of Anglicans in the Diocese of Niagara. The program as a whole represents our broad commitment to engage God's mission throughout our diocese. Guided by our diocesan vision, parishes are asked to discern ways to align resources of ministry with voices crying out for justice in every corner of our diocese. As we do so, we live out our baptism by committing to justice and servant ministries.

Support for Hands Across Niagara is building. In every corner of our diocese, Anglicans are finding the resources they need to engage God's mission in new and life-changing ways. Thanks to the ongoing support of Anglicans in Niagara the maximum value of a Hands Across Niagara grant is \$2500.

One element that marks Hands Across Niagara as different and innovative is the focus on bringing together local congregations, community organizations, and activists. A strong, viable partnership is required in applying for grants. This requirement reflects both an understanding that God is already at work in the world in a variety of ways and the value of forming deep and sustainable relationships within our neighbourhoods and beyond.

Theologians, activists and front-line service providers agree that it is helpful to reflect upon the difference ways of responding to human need. Often our first response to an injustice is through compassion; attempting to alleviate an immediate physical need of a vulnerable person. Equally important are responses that seek to transform the structures, policies and behaviours that create and sustain injustice, oppression, marginalization and exclusion. Both responses complement one another: we need to address the immediate indignities caused by injustice but we also need address their root causes.

Hands Across Niagara encourages applicants to propose projects that move beyond the compassionate response and focus on responding to the injustices in their community by seeking transformative change through community organizing and advocacy initiatives. Community organizing initiatives bring people together to hear each other's stories and develop the community's capacity to respond to their issues. Advocacy initiatives aim to come alongside those in our community facing injustice by supporting or promoting changes in our systems, structures and behaviours. These approaches will often naturally complement charitable responses needed in our communities.

Support the work of this exciting ministry partnership at <http://niagaraanglican.ca/ministry/hands-across-niagara>

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Any parish or associated diocesan ministry requesting financial assistance to fund vital justice ministry partnerships must complete this application form.

To be eligible for a Hands Across Niagara Grant you must:

1. Engage with people in your neighbourhood and community to assess assets, concerns and needs
2. Identify and partner with a community organization
3. Discern with your partner a new and jointly resourced initiative that responds to the justice concerns of people who find themselves marginalized from inclusion or opportunity in our society. This may include newcomers to Canada, and those who are excluded because they are minorities.

Tips for Preparing Your Application

- use the format of this application form
- type your application
- reflect upon the differences between ministry projects that have a charity focus versus projects that target injustice. An example of the difference might be providing bedding or household items for newcomers to Canada (charity) compared to an event which seeks to build relationships with newcomers and their new neighbours in a way that enhances social capital and creates opportunities to respond to the experience of life in Canada (justice). HAN funds justice projects.
- in the field, “Briefly describe your project,” below, please include a step-by-step summary of the details of your project
- in the field, “please describe the nature of the partnership you propose,” below, please clearly state the contributions the Anglican group will make to the initiative as well as the concrete contributions your partner will make to the proposed project.
- consult with Canon Christyn Perkons (christyn.perkons@niagaraanglican.ca) or Canon Derek Anderson (derek.anderson@stmatthewburlington.ca) as you develop your application
- don't forget to include the required supporting documentation:
 - A detailed breakdown of the income and expense for your proposed initiative
 - A letter from your partner organization outlining support for the proposed project, their role, and how they understanding the project will unfold – remember that partners must be more than sponsors; they must be active in the initiative

Please Note:

- Grants will only be awarded to new projects.
- Grants may not be used to pay for the use of space in church buildings.
- All applications are subject to final review and funds availability
- Expenses incurred prior to approval of your application may not be reimbursed
- A final report is required upon completion of all grant related and funded activities

**Send the completed application and supporting documentation to
bill.mous@niagaraanglican.ca by May 12, 2016 at 5pm.**

GRANT APPLICATION FORM

HANDS ACROSS NIAGARA

Basic Information

Name of Parish or Organization:

Name of Primary Contact Person:

Address:

E-mail:

Telephone:

Name of Primary Partner Organization:

Mailing Address:

E-mail:

Telephone:

Project Overview

What is the total amount of funding that you are requesting from Hands Across Niagara?

(Please attach a detailed income and expense breakdown)

\$

Briefly describe your project. Who will engage in ministry, and who will benefit from your work?

Please describe the nature of the partnership you propose.

Project Details

What are the key steps/actions/events for your proposed initiative and when will they happen?

Describe your plan for screening and training volunteers.

Anticipated Impact

Describe the intended outcomes of this initiative (and how they will address the root causes of injustice):

1)

2)

3)

How will you measure and evaluate these outcomes?

Submission of Application

Signature of Applicants

Signature of Incumbent

Signature of Officer

Date