

Hands Across Niagara: Call for Grant Applications

We are grateful for the generous support that Hands Across Niagara has received over its five-year life! We are excited to fund, through this generosity, one final round of grants.

The focus for our grants will be projects focussed on fostering healing and reconciliation amongst Indigenous peoples and settlers, as well as projects seeking to come alongside Indigenous communities in their pursuit of justice. Other innovative justice-making projects outside of this focus may also be funded. Only new projects will be considered for these grants of up to \$5,000 that will be awarded to seed ministry partnerships.

There are a number of steps that ministry groups can take to prepare a successful grant application ahead of the **September 15th application deadline**:

1. View the descriptions of the projects which received grants last year at <http://www.niagara.anglican.ca/handsacross>
2. Make connections with your local Indigenous community: successful grant applications will include a description of how you will work together with a partner on a project that would be difficult for you to accomplish working alone. Your partner may be another congregation, a local serving agency, or a group engaged in advocacy or activism. Consider ways to include the voices of the marginalized population your project seeks to serve; a strong proposal will reflect the lived experience of people and highlight their inclusion in the program as more than recipients of services.
3. Reflect upon the root causes of injustice. Successful applicants will propose ministry projects which attempt to redress the values, beliefs, policies and structures which habitually exclude people from accessing opportunities to flourish. That is to say, the ministry proposal must describe in detail the area of concern addressed by the ministry plan, and outline how the community will be transformed through anti-oppressive practices or programs.
4. Reflect upon the differences between ministry projects that have a charity focus versus projects that address injustice. An example of the difference might be donating clothing to a northern community (charity) compared to an event which seeks to build relationships with the Indigenous peoples within your community in a way that creates opportunities for healing and reconciliation and then advocating for a change in government policy or practice (justice).
5. Investigate the real costs of the ministry plan you intend to propose. Each application will need to include a budget that lists all sources of funding (received and applied for) and all costs associated with the ministry proposal.
6. Save the date: one representative for each application will need to be available when the granting committee meets on the afternoon of **October 6, 2017** to answer any questions the committee may have about the proposal.

Applications may be downloaded at: <http://niagaraanglican.ca/resources/grants>

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