



The COVID-19 Parish Support Fund

Anglican Diocese of Niagara

It is with thanksgiving that the Anglican Diocese of Niagara can set aside \$150,000 of diocesan funds for parishes faced with severe financial hardships. These funds are gifts from the whole diocese, recognizing that the Body of Christ in Niagara is stronger than any one of our constituent parts. This fund is to enable parishes to continue to carry on with their vital ministry.

Parishes that are experiencing extreme financial hardship can make a request for diocesan support through the diocesan COVID-19 Parish Support Fund. Before applying, parishes must have exhausted their cash reserves (not including investments), have taken advantage of the interest-free diocesan loan, and have appealed to their congregations and communities for additional support.

Grants of up to \$25,000 can be approved without synod council approval; additional support may be available to parishes upon approval by synod council.

Rectors and/or interim pastors, can submit a request for assistance by emailing:

Gillian Doucet Campbell at gillian.dc@niagaraanglican.ca
copying the parish's wardens on the email, and
with the following subject line: Parish Name, Parish Location: COVID-19 Support Grant

The following details must be included with the email:

1. A description of why funds are necessary to support the parish's ongoing ministry, including any exceptional expenses incurred as a result of the pandemic and the degree of financial hardship the parish is experiencing.
2. A description of how the parish had planned to finance its ministry at the beginning of 2020, how its budget has been affected by the pandemic, and why the parish now requires this extraordinary support.
3. The parish budget for 2020 and, ideally, a current financial statement and a six-month cash-flow projection.

The email should also indicate any special circumstances that may impact the parish need for funds and/or its capacity to receive financial support from its congregation and/or wider community at this time.

Need help to complete a request? Questions?

Please email Gillian Doucet Campbell at gillian.dc@niagaraanglican.ca for assistance.

Decision Timeline: Requests for support will be reviewed and considered within 7 days.

Grant recipients will be required to submit a financial accounting and return any surplus funds.