



MISSIONAL INNOVATION GRANTS

The Missional Innovation Grants (MIG) program supports innovative missional initiatives that emerge from attentive listening and a desire to connect meaningfully with those outside the church. It is intended to help pilot or grow creative, community-rooted projects that seek to respond to local spiritual needs. All parishes, diocesan missions and chaplaincies in partnership with the diocese can apply.

Why Missional Innovation?

Missional innovation was central to Jesus' ministry, as he constantly reached beyond religious norms to reveal God's love - he healed on the Sabbath, and spoke and ate with outsiders. He sent his disciples into local communities to proclaim the Kingdom in simple, relational, and context-sensitive ways (*Luke 10:1-9*). Jesus shows us that mission is not about preserving the familiar but discerning and joining where the Spirit is making all things new (*Revelation 21:5*).

Missional Innovation Grant Levels

The MIG program offers two grant levels for applicants to choose from:

1. Pilot Grant – up to \$5,000

- For those wanting to test a new missional idea.
- You must have done some form of listening or engagement to shape the idea but not yet implemented anything.
- The fund encourages generosity and risk-taking at this stage.

2. Development Grant – up to \$12,000

- For those who have already tried out a small-scale or experimental form of missional activity and who now want to build on what they've learned to grow it into something more lasting, structured, and sustainable.
- Applicants must show evidence of listening, learning, and evaluating the earlier activity.

Please note that the MIG program does not provide grants to:

- Capital projects related to building maintenance or adaptation.
- Projects with ongoing staffing costs.
- Parishes with outstanding loans or DMM payments.

All applications should clearly demonstrate that they are rooted in genuine listening and meaningful community engagement, showing how local voices and needs have helped shape the identified project.

Online Missional Innovation Grant Info Session

Join us for a MIG Info Evening on **Thursday, November 6, 2025 at 7:00pm** - an opportunity for those already working on their application to ask questions, seek clarification, and learn more about the grant and the process. This session is designed to support you in completing a strong and informed submission. **Attendance is expected for all applicants**, so please mark this date in your diaries.



How to Apply

Applications for the 2026 Missional Innovation Grants program will be submitted through an [online application form](#). To apply for MIG funding, you must provide the following:

- 1) Contact information for your parish/mission/chaplaincy and primary applicant, including the approval of a signing officer.
- 2) A detailed timeline of your project/initiative/ministry, specifying all steps or phases that are planned.
- 3) A detailed budget outlining **all** costs and expenses, how these will be met by your requested MIG funding, and how any other additional funds needed will be met. *Grants awarded to projects that are reliant on multiple funding sources are conditional until all funding is secured.*
- 4) An overview of the project, initiative of ministry by answering the following questions:
 - **Summary:** Provide a one-paragraph summary of the project.
 - **Purpose:** What is the primary goal of the project?
 - **Participants:** Who will participate in and benefit from this project?
 - **Leadership:** Who will lead this project? How will staff and volunteers be utilized?
 - **Partnerships:** Will you be collaborating with partner organizations? How will they be involved in the project?
- 5) Answers to grant level specific questions (*see following page*), which detail the missional focus of your project, initiative or ministry.

Please note: *Incomplete applications may not be considered. It's important to include all required information and ensure clarity about how listening has informed your idea.*

The Discernment Process

Once you submit your written application, it will be reviewed by the Missional Innovation Grant Discernment Team. This team includes the Diocese's Parish Development Missioner, Community Missioner, and trained volunteers from across the diocese.

If your application meets the grant criteria—including a clear connection to your parish's Mission Action Plan (for parishes and missions) or the Diocesan Mission Action Plan (for other ministries)—you'll be invited to give a short presentation.

Presentation Date: January 17, 2026

There are no alternative dates, so please keep this date free. Each presentation will be 15 minutes or less, followed by a short Q&A with the Discernment Team. Presentations will be done online.

Successful applications must show that:

- A team is in place to support and deliver the project.
- A clear focus on people who have no current connection to church or Christianity.
- A longer-term plan for the project's impact and sustainability.

Application Deadline: December 1, 2025 @ 5:00pm

For assistance in submitting your application online, please contact Hannah Keller

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PILOT GRANT (UP TO \$5,000) APPLICATION QUESTIONS

For applicants testing a new missional idea, based on listening and discernment, but not yet implemented.

1. Listening to the Community

- a. What have you done to listen to those outside your church/mission/chaplaincy before planning this project, initiative, or ministry?
- b. What did you hear that helped shape your idea?

2. Listening to God

- a. How have you actively sought and listened for God's guidance in shaping this project?
- b. Describe any prayerful practices, reflections, or discernment discussions that have influenced your planning.

3. Missional Intent

- a. How will this project engage with people who have never belonged to a church or have left the church?
- b. If it also supports existing parish/mission/chaplaincy members, how will it help deepen their faith and discipleship?

4. Alignment with Parish Vision (MAP)

- a. How does this project reflect or begin to explore the MAP goals your parish/mission/chaplaincy has identified?

DEVELOPMENT GRANT (UP TO \$12,000) APPLICATION QUESTIONS

For applicants who have piloted a missional idea and now seek to deepen, expand, or sustain it.

1. Learning from Your Pilot

- a. What did you learn from your pilot project? How did you evaluate its impact?
- b. How has listening to participants, the wider community, and your team helped shape this next stage?

2. Spiritual Discernment

- a. How have you continued to seek God's guidance as your project has grown?
- b. What practices of prayer, reflection, or group discernment have helped guide this development?

3. Engaging the Wider Community

- a. How does this project continue to connect with those outside the church or deepen that connection?
- b. If it also strengthens the faith of church/mission/chaplaincy members, how do you balance and integrate both goals?

4. Building on Your MAP Goals

- a. How does this expanded project build on the MAP goals your parish/mission/chaplaincy has chosen?
- b. How will it support long-term mission and discipleship in your community context?