



THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF MISSOURI

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Dear Clergy and Wardens:

Enclosed you will find the 2024 grant application form for the Church Assistance Endowment Grant Program. Forty-four years ago, \$205,000 was allocated by the Venture in Mission Steering Committee to establish the Church Assistance Endowment Fund. The fund balance is now over \$1,037,000 and the Trustees of the Corporation of the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri (COEDMO), who manage this program, use a formula that has allocated \$52,100 for 2024 grants.

The purpose of these grants is to provide financial assistance to congregations for capital maintenance and/or repairs. This financial resource has assisted our congregations with costly and sometimes unexpected projects such as roof repairs/replacements, sewer repairs, and tuck-pointing. It has enabled other projects such as painting, refurbishing parish halls, or providing handicap accessibility. Over its forty-four-year history, this fund has awarded \$1,288,564.

If your congregation wishes to apply for a grant in 2024, please complete the enclosed application. The Trustees of COEDMO will review applications received by the deadline and make awards based on fulfilling the enclosed guidelines. Grants generally require matching funds and are limited to a maximum of \$10,000. A congregation may not receive more than two grants over four consecutive years from this program. Therefore, Advent/Crestwood, St. Francis/Eureka, Calvary/Louisiana, All Saints & Ascension/Northwoods, and St. John's/St. Louis are not eligible to receive a grant in 2024.

Please e-mail your application in PDF form to desiree@diocesemo.org by April 23, 2024.

IMPORTANT: The application must be sent as one PDF File. E-mails with multiple attachments will not be accepted. Alternatively, you may submit a hard copy (**unbound and copy ready – single sided and no staples or paperclips**) of your completed application to: Church Assistance Endowment Fund, Episcopal Diocese of Missouri, 1210 Locust Street, 3rd Floor, Saint Louis, MO 63103. The hard copy must be received by the deadline date of April 23. Announcement of grants awarded will be made following the June meeting of COEDMO.

Please contact me with questions or assistance in completing this application.

Sincerely,

Ms. Desiree Brattin
Canon for Finance & Administration