

2020 Emergency Grant Program

Who is eligible? Any deacon in good standing in The Episcopal Church, as of or after 3/1/2020. This includes anyone ordained to the diaconate during this time period.

What time period is covered? 3/1/2020 through 9/30/2020, although applications will be accepted until 10/15/2020.

What is covered? If a deacon, during this time period:

- a) is laid off, furloughed, or otherwise has their employment hours cut back or eliminated;
- b) has their other household income (pension, investments, etc.) significantly reduced; she/he is eligible for a monthly grant.

How much is the grant? \$525/month, retroactive if necessary to 3/1/2020.

Is it renewable? Yes, upon provision of updated documentation (only one application is needed).

Is it taxable? It is a grant from the Fund, but you should consult with a financial advisor as to how it might affect your 2020 tax return.

How does one apply? Fill out the application from the website, and provide documentation (letter, email, etc.) showing the decrease in hours and/or income from 3/1/2020 on.

What if my income is ok, but someone in my household's income has been reduced? Our charter stipulates that we help deacons. So, the deacon needs to apply and show that the household is seriously affected by the pandemic.

What if I'm not returning to work, and am in financial difficulty? Then you may qualify for our regular grant program. Check our website under Apply for Aid, and you will find the application and the requirements there.

When will the program end? Tentatively, as of the end of September 2020. When the board meets in October, they will decide whether to extend it or not, and under what additional terms.

I need help filling out the form. Please contact Dn. Theresa Lewallen, our grants administrator, at grants@fundfordiaconate.org.

I have other questions. Please contact Dn. Keith McCoy, the board president, at president@fundfordiaconate.org.