



FAQs - Declared Emergency Grants

Do I qualify to apply for an emergency grant from the Fund for the Diaconate? Any Episcopal deacon who is in good standing with their diocese and who has sustained a financial loss caused by a Federal, State, or Local declared emergency that limits their ministry is eligible to apply to the Fund for a grant. Additionally, to be eligible for a grant, a deacon must have been ordained for at least five years.

What kinds of emergency losses might be covered? Many unexpected events can cause consequential financial losses which require emergency assistance. Some examples are, but not limited to: losing housing or income related to a Federal-, State- or Local- declared emergency, including floods, public health crises, hurricanes, wildfires, etc.

Is there a limit on the funds that can be requested? Eligible applicants may receive a maximum of \$5,000.

Who will decide if the grant is funded? All decisions are approved by the Board of the Fund for the Diaconate. Decisions are made in consultation with the office of the bishop in the diocese where the deacon is canonically resident.

What documentation must accompany the completed grant application?

- Verification of emergency declaration (if pertinent) i.e., newspaper article, video clip of the declaration, etc.
- A copy of the most recent Federal Income Tax Return filed
- A copy of the most recent bank statement available
- Explanation of emergency need (applicant)

Is there a cap on the amount I can receive? The cap is \$5,000.

If I have received assistance from the Fund in the past will that prevent me from applying for emergency assistance? You may apply for emergency assistance even if you have received assistance from the Fund in the past. If you currently receive assistance from the Fund and experience an emergency, please contact grants@fundfordiaconate.org to speak with our Grants Administrator.

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