

## **2020-2021 Emergency Grant Program**

Who is eligible? Any deacon in good standing in The Episcopal Church.

What time period is covered? 3/1/2020 through 4/30/2021. Applications will be accepted through 4/30/2021.

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 or 2021 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 ([www.fundfordiaconate.org](http://www.fundfordiaconate.org)) under Apply for Aid, and you will find the application and the requirements there.

When will the program end? Originally scheduled to end on September 30, 2020, the Board extended the program through 4/30/2021. At their Spring meeting they will decide whether to extend 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](mailto:grants@fundfordiaconate.org).

I have other questions. Please contact Dn. Keith McCoy, the board president, at [president@fundfordiaconate.org](mailto:president@fundfordiaconate.org).