ST. MARTIN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

2027 Grant Application Guidelines

St. Martin's Grant Giving Mission Statement

The outreach mission at St. Martin's Episcopal Church is to model the love of Christ by helping the underserved, the disadvantaged, and others broken by life's circumstances. While funding programs that provide for immediate needs such as food, clothing and shelter, St. Martin's outreach supports organizations that provide emotional and spiritual support as well. Further, St. Martin's supports organizations and programs designed to achieve lasting health and lifestyle changes to enhance the long term well-being of individuals and families St. Martin's is particularly interested in funding programs which have opportunities for St. Martin's volunteers to build relationships through hands-on involvement.

St. Martin's Episcopal Church Priority Funding

St. Martin's gives priority to Agencies that have many or all of these characteristics:

- Serve the underserved, disadvantaged or those broken by life's circumstances
- Bring about systemic change for children, families, disadvantaged and underserved
- Provide basic needs such as food, clothing and shelter or the means to provide basic needs for oneself, including emotional and spiritual support
- Organizations that have a well-defined and effective capabilities for measuring program activity and outcomes
- Have St. Martin's members involved

St. Martin's Episcopal Church Does Not Provide Grants for:

- Individuals
- Churches or church projects; Diocese
- Testimonial dinners, fundraising events, marketing events or symposium
- Political purposes either directly or indirectly
- Government agencies
- Fraternity or sorority purposes,
- Other grant making entities, for example "pass-thru" companies
- Coverage of past operating deficits or debts
- Seminary funding
- Capital funding
- Agencies funding research
- Natural Disasters
- Specific salary requests

- Agencies funding work outside of US without a USA Entity and a USA Bank
- Start Up Non-profits, need to be in business 3-5 years

Eligibility

St. Martin's Episcopal Church makes grants to nonprofit, tax-exempt organizations. St. Martin's awards grants only once a year and considers only one application from an organization within a calendar year. Former grant recipients who have not submitted timely, acceptable progress reports shall not be eligible for funding in the current year.

Grant Application, Deadlines, and Process

The first step in the process is to email grants@smec.org between December 2, 2027 and January 18, 2027 at 12:00 noon to request a 2027 Pre-Application. All Pre-Applications will require the signature of a parishioner who is a SMEC Member in Good Standing, is 21 years or older, and is not a member of the St. Martin's Episcopal Church Staff or a member directly supporting of the Grant's Discernment activities of SMEC.

Pre-Applications are due to grants@smec.org by January 20, 2027 before 12:00 noon. 2026 awardees must complete the 2026 Grant Follow Up Form and include it with their Pre-Application to qualify as a complete application. This form is on our website.

The second step of the process is by invitation only. Agencies will be invited to enter the grant application phase by early February 2027. Applications will be emailed with notification.

No email applications/documentation will be accepted. One application with required attachments must be received by SMEC by noon, February 17, 2027. The Application and attachments can be accepted by St. Martin's Episcopal Church Receptionist office only or mailed to:

Tracee Tindol
Outreach and Grant Manager
St. Martin's Episcopal Church
717 Sage Road
Houston, Texas 77056

Applications that do not follow the requirements will not be considered.

The third step in the process will begin on March 5, 2027 and run through May 5, 2027. A member of the grant reviewing committee will contact all the agencies which have been invited and have submitted a complete Grant Application to schedule a site visit.

And last, by June 12, 2027 all applicants will be notified in writing via email about any action taken by St. Martin's Episcopal Church. If a grant is awarded, a check will also be sent electronically by June 12, 2027.

Commitment to Informed Grant-making

St. Martin's performs due diligence on all invited grant applicants to ensure the organization is an effective and healthy nonprofit organization. St. Martin's takes into consideration not only the written application, but also the results of telephone interviews and site visits. After a grant is awarded, grantees are required to provide documentation about the project's fulfillment/completion.

Not All Projects Can Be Funded

St. Martin's Episcopal Church has the responsibility for the final approval of each grant. Since St. Martin's Episcopal Church receives funding requests that far exceed our grant budgets, we cannot fund every worthy project. A decision not to fund a proposal does not reflect on the merits of the proposal or the applicant's organization.