

Bishop's Committee for the Environment (BCE) Green Grants for the Genesis Covenant 2016

BEFORE BEGINNING A PROJECT

1. The Green Grant maximum is \$500.
2. The Green Grants are matching grants and so the church is expected to contribute a sum approximately equal to that requested in the grant application. Utility rebates can count as part of the church's contribution.
3. If your church is a first time applicant, be sure that your church has some of these requirements in place:
 - a. The church has a committee or person whose mission is care of Creation, environmental responsibility, or similar mission
 - b. The church has a greening plan in place (it can be a very simple list of goals, a "To Do List", or a similar document)
 - c. The church has completed an energy audit – either a self audit or an energy audit by the local utility or has an active Portfolio Manager account
 - d. The church has checked into the rebates that might be available through its energy providers
4. If your church is a returning applicant, your church must have completed some steps before submitting a new application. Please complete page 3 of the application.
5. First time applicants are considered first for Green Grant funding.

PROCEDURES FOR CHURCHES

1. Complete the application.
2. Submit the Green Grant Application by **June 22, 2016**.
3. If the application is approved, please plan to complete the work by the end of 2016 if at all possible.
4. Please keep copies of receipts for the work and forward to the BCE (see address on application form) when work is complete.
5. Photographs of the completed work or "before" and "after" photos would be much appreciated.
6. If your application is approved, the BCE will request that the Diocese mail your church a check for the amount of the grant.

ACTION BY THE BCE

1. The Application will be reviewed by the BCE Green Grant Committee and submitted to the BCE for approval.
2. Preference will be given to first time applicants and applicants with an up-to-date Portfolio Manager account.
3. The church will be informed of the BCE decision by **June 30, 2016**.

NEED SOME IDEAS? OTHER CHURCHES HAVE CARRIED OUT THESE PROJECTS:

1. Replaced CFL or incandescent light bulbs with LEDs
2. Replaced old-style EXIT signs with new LED models.
3. Blown insulation into attics or walls.
4. Replaced leaky single-pane windows.
5. Installed occupancy sensors.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

1. Green Grants are envisioned as a way for our diocese to respond to the challenge of the Genesis Covenant – to reduce energy use at all church facilities by 50% in 10 years. The Covenant was adopted by the national church at its 2009 convention. So applications that reduce energy use at the church or by the congregation get first priority.
2. Questions? Email Nancy McConnell (nimcconnell@gmail.com) or call 425 512 6840)

APPLICATION FOR A 2016 GENESIS COVENANT GREEN GRANT

Bishop's Committee for the Environment (BCE) Diocese of Olympia

Date _____

Church / Parish _____

Address _____

City

ZIP

E-Mail

Phone

Contact _____

E-Mail

Phone

Does your church have a committee or person whose mission is care of Creation? If so, please list the name of the chair or person and their contact information.

Name _____

Phone _____

e-mail _____

Please attach a copy of the committee / person's greening plan / mission / list of goals.

Was the project reviewed by the vestry or bishop's committee of your church? Yes No

Did someone conduct an energy audit for your church? Yes No

If yes, who did the audit? _____ When? _____

Does the project qualify for any rebates from your utility / utilities? Yes No

If a new applicant, do you agree to set up a Portfolio Manager account for your building if you receive a Green Grant?
(You'll get coaching and help from the BCE to set up the account.) Yes No

If a returning applicant, do you have an up-to-date Portfolio Manager account? Yes No

Description of Project

Please describe your project. What is the plan for the project? How will it reduce energy use at your church or encourage wise use of resources?

PROJECT BUDGET (Please attach bids or a more detailed budget if available.)

Materials _____

Labor (if contracted) _____

PROJECT COST SUMMARY

Grant request _____

Church contribution _____

Utility rebate if included _____

TOTAL COST _____

Is there anything else you would like to tell us about this project?

Signature Date

Signature Date

CONTACT / PROJECT MANAGER

RECTOR / PRIEST

MAIL TO

Bishop's Committee for the Environment
c/o Nancy McConnell
8717 188th Dr SE
Snohomish, WA 98290

OR E-MAIL TO bce@ecww.org

FOR RETURNING APPLICANTS

Please tell us about your experience with a previous Green Grant or Grants.

1. In what year / years did your church receive the Grant/s?
2. Briefly describe the work that was done:
3. Did the church submit receipts for the work done to the BCE?
4. Did the work supported by the Grant result in lower energy costs for your church?
5. Does your church have an active Portfolio Manager Account (the EPA's carbon footprint calculator for Houses of Worship)?
6. Was the work of this project shared with the church's congregation in any way? (Blessed, article in newsletter, photos on bulletin board....)? If so, how?