

EOORC Vision and Transformation Leadership Team

Fund Name: Mission and Strategy Fund

Mandate of the Leadership Team:

To administer applications to the Mission and Strategy Fund; and provide education and support to Communities of Faith on Vision and Transformation initiatives.

Mandate of the Fund:

To support Communities of Faith seeking to engage in new mission/ministry projects to enhance their presence in the community. Applications are open to a variety of demographic and program areas to facilitate creativity in the local Community of Faith.

To support Communities of Faith as they discern their future.

EOORC Vision and Transformation Fund Guidelines

Guidelines for applications from those within the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Region

Deadline: **March 31st and October 31st**.

We would welcome applications for innovative ideas that Communities of Faith would like to try and applications for visioning the future.

Tell us about why you believe your idea will result in a new spiritual life within your community of faith. Please tell us what you hope to accomplish, who are the people you hope to serve, what it is that you are asking from us, and how do you hope this will deepen spirituality and engage discipleship in your community of faith?

You may wish to apply for funds to support a process of visioning the future of your Community of Faith. Initially we would grant funding within a range of \$500 to \$5000.00

All proposals should be clearly documented in writing and submitted to the Vision and Transformation Leadership Team via the EOORC Executive. All proposals will be expected to have an evaluation process within them, and a commitment to share their learnings with the greater church.

We will also welcome applications for clearly defined new and innovative ministry plans.

New applications should include:

1. The name and contact information of the primary applicant, as well as an alternative should the primary contact be unavailable;
2. A brief description of the Community of Faith.
3. A statement of project goals and objectives. If relevant, please briefly identify short, medium and long-term goals;
4. An outline identifying the community need and provide any relevant letters of support;
5. The amount requested and duration of financial support (single or multiple years).
6. A budget supporting the requested amount; and name other funding sources if applicable;
7. A description of the evaluation process;
8. A brief description outlining the ability of the Community of Faith to initiate and implement the project and any previous programs that have been implemented if applicable.

Continuing Applications should include:

1. The name and contact information of the primary applicant, as well as an alternative should the primary contact be unavailable;
2. A description of how the project goals and objectives are being met;

3. An evaluation of the project's success to date and any adjustments that have been required;
4. A description of any new funding sources;
5. Budget
6. Other pertinent information that you would like to share with the committee.

Please note:

1. Applications may only be accepted from a recognized United Church of Canada Community of Faith within the EOORC region.
2. Applications should not exceed two pages. Supporting documentation, including the budget, are in addition to the two-page application.
3. Ensure any helpful supporting documentation and letters of support are contained in the one package or electronic file being sent for consideration.
4. Applications sent by email should be in a pdf format only.
5. Please mark all applications, whether by email or regular mail, as confidential.
6. Applications by email should be sent to : EasternOntarioOutaouais@united-church.ca and applications sent by regular mail should be sent to: **37 Franklin St, Carleton Place, ON K7C 1R6**
7. If you have any questions regarding the EOORC Vision and Transformation Fund or the application process, please contact Rev. Elaine Beattie at elaine.beattie@gcuc.ca

Procedure for Application

Grants Issued

Grants will be disbursed semi-annually. Deadlines for applications are March 31st and October 31st at 11:59 pm. All initiatives will be subject to review prior to disbursement of funds. This may, from time to time, involve an onsite visit.

Duration of Grants:

The grants will be available up to a maximum of 3 years, however that can be extended should the applicants be able to demonstrate that they are working with other groups and thus are not totally dependent on the EOORC Mission and Strategy Fund. This will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

Reviewing of Applications:

The process for the evaluation of grant applications is based on the completeness of the application and that it is:

1. Consistent with the mandate of the fund
2. Focussed on the project
3. Clear and concise;
4. Demonstrates that a need exists and is relevant to the Community of Faith;
5. Able to provide details on how the Community of Faith expects to accomplish their goal (i.e. the feasibility of the project);
6. Realistic and demonstrates the ability for success;
7. Innovative;
8. Well-developed and well-focused.

In the Case of a Visioning Applications

Community of Faith must demonstrate a willingness to consider a change in congregational direction.

Applicants may resubmit the following cycle.