

Indigenous Ministry Fund - guidelines for applications

“Seeds in our Bundle” - Matching Grant

PREAMBLE

- The Archbishop envisions that the Indigenous Ministry Fund will be used as seed money for a ministry. The congregation or ministry (if it is a fresh expression) would provide half the funds and could apply for up to 50% for their project or ministry. In determining priorities, the Archbishop will give preference to a grass roots ministry with the support of a local congregation, community or ministry. She is anticipating utilizing interest only from the fund which would amount to approximately \$3,000-\$4,000 available to disburse each year based on the current \$80,000 held in the account.

CRITERIA

1. That this be a ‘matching grant’ and that congregations or ministries would provide half the funds towards the project or ministry.
2. That funds be used for ministry within the Diocese of Algoma to further the Calls to Action of the TRC and linking in with the Marks of Mission of the Anglican Communion.
3. That the request for funds come to the Archbishop in a letter giving a detailed description of the project, a proposed budget and its intended purpose within a parish, deanery or community.
4. Once the project is completed that there be a follow up letter highlighting what worked well and what new learnings were gleaned. Also required will be a formal financial statement on how the funds were disbursed. The Archbishop might request that a presentation be made at Synod, Executive Committee meeting, or Deanery Council meeting.
5. That the request for funds come forward with a letter of endorsement from the parish leadership and a community partner if applicable.
6. No funds will be released for building projects or stipends.
7. Consideration should be given to inter-generational ministries/events.
8. That congregations in Algoma be encouraged to contribute to the Indigenous Ministry Fund so that it is ongoing.
9. There will be two application deadlines per year – Easter and Thanksgiving.