



## Frequently Asked Questions

### **What is a Missional Innovative Partnership (MIP)?**

A Missional Innovative Partnership (MIP) is what happens when three elements intersect: a faith community, a community partner, and an innovative practice. Here are some videos of Missional Innovative Partnerships that are inspiring to us:

In Los Angeles, Laundry Love is a partnership between a Laundromat and Thad's, an Episcopal faith community: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XYNxC7c8kpo>

In Chattanooga, Southside Abbey partners with Heart Gallery to create an alternative worship experience that draws in many people experiencing homelessness: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rEzplCoZnn0>

### **What is a community partner?**

Any organization in the community: faith-based or secular; formal or informal; for-profit or nonprofit; local, national, or international.

### **My faith community is already active in our community. Can we apply for a grant to fund something we are already doing?**

Only applications for new or deeper Missional Innovative Partnerships will be accepted. You can apply to deepen your current community work—but need to show how this grant will transform and deepen the existing partnership. Priority will be given to projects that address the 2017 Mission Opportunity: Hearing our Stories, Healing Relationships: Engaging God's Mission of Racial Reconciliation.

### **Who can apply?**

Applications can be submitted by any Episcopal faith community in Minnesota, including emerging groups and issue-based commissions and teams.

Applications are also accepted from multiple faith communities who are working in partnership, ECMN affiliates, and Mission Areas.

**When can my faith community apply?**

There are four application periods. If you miss a deadline, your application will be held and considered in the next cycle of applications.

**2016-2017 submission dates:**

September 30, 2016

December 22, 2016

March 18, 2017

May 27, 2017

**Where can I find the application?**

The application is available for download here: <http://episcopalmn.org/resources/mipgrants/>

The application can be completed online here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MIPAPP>

Should you need an application form mailed to you, please call 612-871-5311.

**What materials are required for an application?**

A completed application form (online or paper). To be considered complete, every question on the application form must be completed, including detailed descriptions of activities, goals, measures of success, and the submission of a budget.

**Where can I get help with an idea or application?**

Your team of Missioners is here to help you, wherever your faith community is on this journey. Contact Rachel, Amanda, Steve: [rachel.b@episcopalmn.org](mailto:rachel.b@episcopalmn.org), [amanda.zf@episcopalmn.org](mailto:amanda.zf@episcopalmn.org) or [steve.m@episcopalmn.org](mailto:steve.m@episcopalmn.org) to get started today.

**What if our application isn't accepted?**

If your application is not funded the first time, we encourage you to work with your partners, your Mission Area Team, and the team of Missioners for coaching and advice, and to consider resubmitting a revised application at a future date.

**Are these grants single-year or multi-year?**

Grants are for one year. Projects may be invited to reapply following years depending on the project. Projects are expected to become self-sustaining as soon as practical.

**Will you accept proposals for one-time only events?**

Only if the event increases the capacity of the partnership.

**How much should we ask for?**

Ask for what you need. The Mission Committee will review and adjust granting funds based on availability. If you need help with budgetary considerations, please contact a Missioner for help!