



DIOCESE OF LONDON

The Pope Francis Fund Criteria to be Considered for Qualification November 2019

Purpose of the Fund: The fund was established in 2019 by the Most Reverend Ronald P. Fabbro, C.S.B., after hearing the call of His Holiness Pope Francis, to become a mission-oriented Church that forms disciples of Jesus. There are many in our country who are less fortunate and in need. This fund was established to assist those lacking in food, medicine, housing, education and other basic human needs.

Administration of the Fund: This is an endowment fund for which the capital and purchasing power is to be preserved. The Fund shall follow the Payout Policy of the Diocese of London. The initial investment in the Fund was one million dollars and was only made possible when the Diocese sold lands adjacent to St. Peter's Seminary.

Criteria and Approval Process:

1. Only organizations, including parishes, will be considered. Individuals will not be considered.
2. Only organizations which have charitable status or not-for-profit status and which are located in Canada, and conduct their activities in Canada, will be considered. Preference will be given to organizations within the Diocese of London.
3. Requests from Catholic entities must be submitted by the Bishop of the diocese from which they originate or must be accompanied by a letter from the Bishop, except for parishes of the Diocese of London. Requests from Religious communities or congregations must be accompanied with a letter from the Major Superior.
4. Applicants must be able to demonstrate how they will use the grant given to assist those lacking in food, medicine, housing, education and other basic human needs.
5. In addition, applicants must demonstrate that their organization, and the use of any monies granted, will be consistent with Catholic values and teachings on morals.

6. The Pope Francis Fund will not fund entire projects or initiatives. Organizations must demonstrate that the Pope Francis Fund is not the sole or major funder.
7. Funding in the current year does not guarantee funding in future years.
8. Applications for funding must be submitted between January 1st and February 28th of each year, starting in 2020. Funds will be awarded by the end of March each year, starting in 2020.
9. Any recipient of funds must submit a written report by December 31st of the year the grant was given, showing how the monies were spent.
10. Funding applications will be reviewed by the Diocese of London Senior Leadership Team with the Bishop of London having the final decision.
11. Amount of funds granted at any given time will depend on the number of requests and the funds available.
12. The funds will not be used for the following:
 - a. Buildings belonging to the Diocese of London;
 - b. Assisting parishes in debt; or
 - c. Any payments connected to sexual abuse claims (i.e., settlements, legal fees, counselling).

Application process: Each applicant organization must submit a request for an application form by providing the following information:

- Name of Organization
- Address
- Brief description of proposed use of the grant and how it meets the criteria above
- Amount requested
- Name of contact person along with phone number and email address

This information must be submitted in writing to:

Diocese of London
Senior Leadership Team
1070 Waterloo Street
London, Ontario
N6A 3Y2