



The purpose of a Matthew 25 grant is to encourage convocations and congregations to engage and expand ministries of compassion and justice that address the needs of the poor and at-risk in their own communities and throughout the world. All proposals should exhibit clear plans to sustain their ministries beyond the grant year.

Deanery: _____

Congregation: _____

Name of Ministry: _____

Ministry Leader or contact person: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Amount of money being requested: _____

Please check category of ministry:

____ Compassion (working to help hurting people)

____ Justice (working to end that which causes hurts)

1. What do you believe God is doing in your community?

2. When do you expect the ministry to begin? If expanding a current ministry, when do you anticipate the expansion to occur?

3. Please describe the ministry on one separate page.

4. **How many people from your deanery or congregation are expected to be involved in ministry through this grant?**

Explain how they will have the opportunity to build relationships with the people to whom they minister.

5. **Please describe the structure for the ministry management. Include the applicable experience those involved bring to the ministry. Include a brief description of the leader's ministry experience.**
6. **How will the requested funds be used? How will they be disbursed (monthly, quarterly, etc.)? Please complete the one-page budget sheet that has been provided on the last page of this application. Please do not hesitate to request the full amount of \$3,000.00, if it will help your ministry proceed in a successful way.**
7. **What are the other anticipated funding sources? How will the ministry be funded after the end of this one-time, non-renewable grant?**
8. **How will you know that lives are being transformed by this ministry?**

- 9. How will this ministry encourage people to live into their baptismal covenant?**
- 10. Are there others in your deanery or community addressing these same needs? If so, how will your ministry either enhance or improve what they are doing?**
- 11. Do you anticipate leadership or management being shared with others outside the deanery or congregation in a partnership? If so, please explain how this will be coordinated.**
- 12. How will Diocesan requirements for volunteer training (i.e., *Safe Church*, etc.) be accomplished?**
- 13. If your application is only funded partially, will you be able to find the necessary funds to accomplish this ministry? What other sources of funds are you exploring?**

14. Date this application was approved by the action of deanery or vestry:

*****Please attach minutes approved by the action of vestry or deanery**

Signatures:

Ministry Leader

(Signature)

(Print name)

Rector/Vicar/Priest-in-Charge/Senior Warden

(Signature)

(Print name)

Dean/Lay Warden (if applicable- if a deanery is applying for the grant)

(Signature)

(Print name)

Date submitted: _____

Applications are due June 15, 2026.

Please scan signed application and e-mail document with supporting documents to The Rev. Deacon Mary Jeffers at jeffers6sc@att.net or mail a hard copy addressed to:

Matthew 25 Committee, Episcopal Diocese of Upper South Carolina, 1115 Marion Street, Columbia, SC 29201.

If you have any questions you may contact The Rev. Deacon Mary Jeffers (chair of Matthew 25 Committee) at jeffers6sc@att.net.

Matthew 25 Grant Committee

The Episcopal Diocese of Upper South Carolina
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Proposed Budget For:

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Please check those items that apply with dollar amount:

INCOME		
☐	Pledges	\$
☐	Donations	\$
☐	Offerings	\$
☐	Gifts	\$
☐	Other	\$

TOTAL Income	
	\$

EXPENSES		
☐	Supplies	\$
☐	Equipment	\$
☐	Utilities	\$
☐	Personnel	\$
☐	Other	\$

TOTAL Expenses	
	\$