January 2, 2023

Dear Clergy and Members of the DEC,

I am writing to inform you about some significant changes to the Anglican Foundation of Canada’s (AFC) granting program.

This year, the Board established a Grants Policy Working Group to undertake a major review of the granting policies in light of the Board’s desire to drive transformational ministry across the Canadian Church. The resulting recommendations were unanimously approved by the Board.

**Move to Quarterly Grant Cycle**

Effective January 1, 2023, AFC will move from a semi-annual grant cycle to a quarterly one, with application windows open on Jan 1, Apr 1, Jul 1, and Oct 1 each year. This rolling entry will give potential applicants increased accessibility and flexibility and will result in timelier decisions, which can have a major impact on the success of a project.

**Introducing Category A Grants**

The Board also approved the introduction of Category A grants of up to $5,000 with no matching local funds required. These category A grants were introduced for AFC’s 2021 Say Yes! to Kids Request for Proposals and clearly demonstrated how a few thousand dollars can have an enormously positive impact on ministry and outreach. The long-established traditional AFC grants—up to $15,000 and no more than 50% of the project budget—will become the new Category B grant.

**Waiving Membership Requirement**

The Board also approved removing the requirement that grant applicants be current members of AFC. This reflects our preference to invite applicants to donate out of a spirit of generosity and to ‘pay it forward’.

I invite you to consult the AFC’s website, in particular the section on grants that includes the criteria and funding application form at https://www.anglicanfoundation.org/grants/

Please note that any grant or loan application MUST be approved by the DEC before being submitted to the AFC.

For more information, please contact me.

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