

Use of Proceeds Stewardship Proposal Guidelines

Thank you for your interest in Diocesan Council's discernment and stewardship process for the reinvestment of resources generated from the proceeds of sold church property. As a resurrection people, we know that new, vibrant, abundant opportunities await the investment of assets available to support our diocesan mission strategy and we thank you in advance for helping us discern God's invitation.

Our life together in Christ is expressed in myriad ways throughout the diocese and we know that it is likely we will receive more eligible proposals than we will be able to fund. We pray that through your work and this proposal that the Holy Spirit will help Council become aware of where God is calling us to greater investment in our shared life and ministry. Thank you for your ongoing participation in the reconciling ministry and new life of Jesus Christ among the people of eastern Massachusetts.

Diocesan Council will prioritize funding for projects that are well thought out, ready to begin and ambitious in vision. We will also look for projects that have additional funding needs identified, or have secured additional funding and include plans for eventual sustainability beyond the Use of Proceeds process. Priority will be given to proposals that advance the mission strategy of the Diocese of Massachusetts, answering God's urgent call to:

- Join God's mission in the world through local/global partnerships
- Care for God's creation
- Sustain and promote vital and viable congregations
- Raise up new generations in faith and service

We ask that you keep your application to a limit of 5 pages total, including any supporting documentation. Please submit your proposal to **Ms. Laura Simons, Administrator of Convention and Council**, at ***lsimons@diomass.org***, who will follow up with you in the next five business days. We look forward to learning more about your ministry and vision and God's work in this diocese.

Faithfully Yours,

Diocesan Council

Proposal Form

Amount Requested: _____

Proposed Start/Completion Dates or Timeframes: _____

Available funds may be limited at this time. Is there a date beyond which your project will no longer be viable? Yes/No Explain: _____

Proposing Organization(s) and organization contact information: _____

Project lead(s) and full contact information: _____

Is your proposing organization currently in compliance with diocesan financial and administrative requirements? Yes/No Explain: _____

Please describe your proposed project (500 words, please attach submission):

How does your project advance one or more aspects of the diocesan mission strategy? (250 words, please attach submission)

What additional resources are needed or have you identified to accomplish this project?

What will sustain this project beyond the current investment being requested?

What does success look like when this project is completed? What evaluation measures or tools will be incorporated in the project?

What milestones are included in the project for decision points or lessons learned?

Given the many competing opportunities for strategic reinvestment of the Use of Proceeds resources, why should Council invest in this project at this time?

Note: We welcome the inclusion of supporting documents including an overall project budget, timeline and milestones that you expect to meet.