

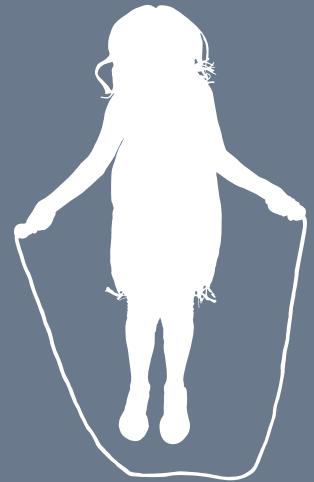
MICROGRANT APPLICATION SPRING 2022

BACKGROUND

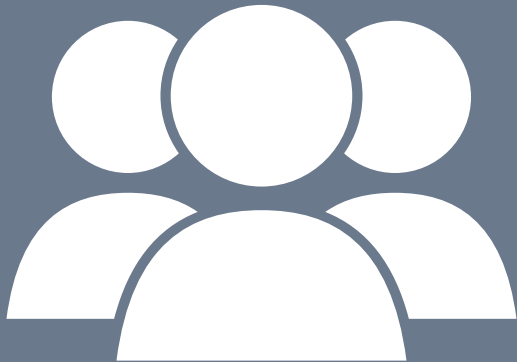
As part of the Metropolis of Boston's Thriving Congregations Initiative grant proposal, parishes are able to apply each year for a 'microgrant' from the larger grant pool. As communicated originally, parishes that have been actively engaged in each phase of the TCI program are eligible to apply for two different sums of funding. Parishes may apply for increased funding with a neighboring parish or parishes.

MICROGRANT 1 - YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT - \$2,500

We often speak about the importance of youth and young adults in our communities. Much effort is poured into programs to support them, but sadly, many youth and young adults feel unheard when it comes to parish life, yet their insight, talent, and passion can often be the key to growth and viability in our parishes. To apply for the Y2AM grant, parishes must submit a 1-2 page plan of how the funds intend to be used to strengthen their youth and young adult programs. Additionally, the plan should offer youth and young adults the forum to weigh in on important parish matters or assume leadership roles within the parish as related to understanding the parish's changing social and cultural context. (May not be used to fund youth ministry advisor positions)



MICROGRANT 2 - COMMUNITY OUTREACH - \$2,500



This year's phase, "Understanding Changing Social and Cultural Context" encouraged our parishes to understand the make up of their existing parish community as well as the make up of the local neighborhood. This second microgrant is intended to help parishes be better neighbors in their local community. To apply for this second microgrant, parishes must submit a 1-2 page plan for how the funds intend to be used to do just this.

INSTRUCTIONS

To submit a microgrant application, please use the template on the following page. Applications must be submitted by July 1st so that funds may distributed in September. Applications also must be accompanied by a letter of support from the presiding priest of the parish together with the president of of the parish council. Once complete, please mail the letter and application to the Metropolis offices to the attention of the Thriving Congregations Initiative and email an electronic copy to tciboston@goarch.org

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APPLICANT INFO

Parish Name, City, & State: _____

Presiding Priest Name & Email Address: _____

Parish Council President Name & Email Address: _____

TCI Champion Name & Email Address: _____

PLEASE INDICATE WHICH GRANT(S) YOU ARE APPLYING FOR

Youth and Young Adult Ministry Microgrant Community Outreach Microgrant

MICROGRANT IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

Please include the following information in a brief report not exceeding more than 3 pages per microgrant:

- A brief description of the make up of your TCI team including any youth and/or young adults that are actively engaged in the process
- How does the parish or parishes intend to apply the funds towards the aim listed under the description of each microgrant?
- How will the funds will aid the parish in accomplishing the plan listed above
- Does the parish have any history of related efforts in this area? If so, how will this microgrant help build upon those efforts?
- What are the perceived challenges of implementing the plan outlined above?
- What does your TCI team hope the parish community to learn as a result of this effort?
- What does a 'successful' effort in this area look like for your parish?
- Is there any specific support you might need from the Metropolis or other parishes to be successful in this effort?

Funds may not be used for salaries, capital improvements, maintenance, or repairs

LETTER OF SUPPORT

Please include a letter signed by your parish priest and parish council president indicating their support for the contents microgrant application.

Applications must be sent via mail to the Metropolis of Boston and via email to tci@boston.goarch.org by July 1st, 2022.