



## Bishop's Committee for the Environment (BCE) Green Grants for the Genesis Covenant 2018

### BEFORE BEGINNING A PROJECT

1. The Green Grant is a matching grant; the BCE will match the church's expenditures for the project up to \$500.
2. Rebates can count as part of the church's contribution.
3. If your church is a first-time applicant, be sure that your church has some of these requirements in place:
  - a. The church has a committee or person whose mission is care of Creation, environmental responsibility, or similar mission
  - b. The church has a greening plan in place (it can be a very simple list of goals, a "To Do List", or a similar document)
  - c. The church has completed an energy audit – either a self-audit or an energy audit by the local utility or has an active Portfolio Manager account
  - d. The church has checked into the rebates that might be available through its energy providers
4. If your church is a returning applicant, your church must have completed some steps before submitting a new application. Please complete page 3 of the application.
5. First time applicants are considered first for Green Grant funding.

### PROCEDURES FOR CHURCHES

1. Complete the application.
2. Submit the Green Grant Application by **May 15, 2018**.
3. If the application is approved, please plan to complete the work by the end of 2018 if at all possible.
4. Please keep copies of receipts for the work and forward to the BCE (see address on application form) when work is complete.
5. Photographs of the completed work or "before" and "after" photos would be much appreciated.
6. If your application is approved, the BCE will request that the Diocese mail your church a check for the amount of the grant.

### ACTION BY THE BCE

1. The Application will be reviewed by the BCE Green Grant Committee and submitted to the BCE for approval.
2. Preference will be given to first time applicants and applicants with an up-to-date Portfolio Manager account.
3. The church will be informed of the BCE decision by **June 15, 2018**.

### NEED SOME IDEAS? OTHER CHURCHES HAVE CARRIED OUT THESE PROJECTS:

1. Replaced CFL or incandescent light bulbs with LEDs
2. Replaced old-style EXIT signs with new LED models.
3. Blown insulation into attics or walls.
4. Replaced leaky single-pane windows.
5. Installed occupancy sensors.

### OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

1. Green Grants are envisioned as a way for our diocese to respond to the challenge of the Genesis Covenant – to reduce energy use at all church facilities by 50% in 10 years. The Covenant was adopted by the national church at its 2009 convention. So, applications that reduce energy use at the church or by the congregation get first priority.
2. Questions? Email Marilyn Imbach ([mcimbach@gmail.com](mailto:mcimbach@gmail.com)) or call 360-722-6880.



**BCE APPLICATION**  
**2018 GENESIS COVENANT GREEN GRANT**  
**Diocese of Olympia**

**Date**

**Church / Parish**

**Address**

City

ZIP

E-Mail

Phone

**Contact**

Name

Title

E-Mail

Phone

Does your church have a committee or person whose mission is care of Creation? If so, please list the name of the chair or person and their contact information.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach a copy of the committee / person's greening plan / mission / list of goals.

Was the project reviewed by the vestry or bishop's committee of your church? \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No

Did someone conduct an energy audit for your church? \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No

If yes, who did the audit? \_\_\_\_\_

When?

Does the project qualify for any rebates from your utility / utilities? \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No

If a new applicant, do you agree to set up a Portfolio Manager Account for the building if you receive a Green Grant? \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No  
(You'll get coaching and help from the BCE to set up the account.)

If a returning applicant, do you have an up-to-date Portfolio Manager Account? \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No

**Description of Project**

Please describe your project. What is the plan for the project? How will it reduce energy use at your church or encourage wise use of resources?

**PROJECT BUDGET (Please attach bids or a more detailed budget if available.)**

Materials

Labor (if contracted)

**PROJECT COST SUMMARY**

Grant request

Church contribution

Utility rebate if included

**TOTAL COST**

**Is there anything else you would like to tell us about this project?**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

Date

Signature

Date

CONTACT / PROJECT MANAGER

RECTOR / PRIEST

**MAIL TO**

Bishop's Committee for the Environment  
c/o Marilyn Imbach  
8717 188<sup>th</sup> Dr SE  
Snohomish, WA 98290  
Or email as an attachment  
mcimbach@gmail.com

## **FOR RETURNING APPLICANTS**

**Please tell us about your experience with a previous Green Grant or Grants.**

1. In what year / years did your church receive the Green Grant/s?
2. Briefly describe the work that was done:
3. Did the church submit receipts to the BCE for the work done?
4. Did the work supported by the Green Grant result in lower energy costs for your church?
5. Does your church have an active up-to-date Portfolio Manager Account (the EPA's carbon footprint calculator for Houses of Worship)?
6. Was the work of this project shared with the church's congregation in any way? (was the project blessed, article in newsletter, photos on bulletin board...)? If so, how?