



The Anglican Relief
and Development Fund®

Church to Church Grants

Key Terms & Frequently Asked Questions

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Community development project: This is the work to be done in a community overseas to foster long-term sustainable benefit for that community. It can look different depending on the needs and priorities of that community, but should ideally be locally-led and addressing a physical need. Examples would be providing a clean water source, training or inputs for sustainable agriculture, equipping a health clinic, etc.

Implementing partner: This is the entity that will be actually doing work in an overseas community. For these grants, it would ideally be an overseas Anglican parish or diocese. They are implementing the project on behalf of those providing the funds (US churches and ARDF). Sometimes overseas churches/dioceses have organizations that manage funds for these projects. For these grants, such organizations must be closely connected with the local Anglican church.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

1. What is the purpose of these Church to Church Grants?

ARDF's mission is to resource the local church to meet the needs in its community. We know that many churches and dioceses in the Anglican Church of North America (ACNA) have overseas partners and connections. These matching grants are designed to foster and enhance the impact of those existing partnerships. While larger budget development projects require ARDF to do more intensive due diligence and follow-up, smaller budget projects with established partnerships can often be implemented very quickly, and these grants allow ARDF to swiftly support such projects.

2. Why would a US church apply for a Church to Church Grant?

Because many ACNA churches are small, these grants may allow them to partner on projects they might otherwise not have the budget to support. Sometimes a bit of extra funding makes a big difference in the type of project, its scale, or even if the project happens at all. ARDF also provides visibility through marketing of your church/diocese to the rest of the ACNA when we raise funds for these projects, communicating about them across the ACNA and sharing the stories of your partnerships in ministry.

3. Who is eligible to apply for a Church to Church Grant?

US churches and dioceses who are part of the Anglican Church in North America who have an Anglican affiliated overseas implementing project partner are eligible to apply for a grant. The grant funds will be used to support a community development project in the overseas location.

4. What is the grant size?

These grants are for projects with a budget of no more than \$20,000. Of that, ARDF will provide a matching grant of up to half the amount (\$10,000).

5. Does my church/diocese need to provide some of the funding? How does that process work?

ARDF requires the ACNA church/diocese to raise half (up to \$10,000) of the funding and send those funds to ARDF. At the same time, ARDF will promote the project to our donors and raise the matching funds (up to \$10,000). ARDF typically requires 2-3 months to raise a match. Once all funds are raised, ARDF will wire transfer the total amount (up to \$20,000) to the implementing partner.

6. What types of projects can these grants support?

These grants are designed to support community development projects that benefit the ministry of the local church overseas. These grants are not to support church ministry or projects within the US. Because ARDF supports the global Anglican communion, an ideal project is one where a US church partners with an overseas Anglican diocese or parish to complete a project in that local community as part of the strategic ministry and outreach vision of that local community.

Examples of qualifying projects could address needs related to: water, climate resilience, agriculture, education, health, economic empowerment, etc. Recent projects have helped to drill wells, build classrooms, provide farming tools, etc. You can find other examples of small budget projects [on our website](#). The strongest projects typically have a ministry component and a practical community development component. Due to their small size, ARDF expects that these projects will be completed in no more than 6 months after receiving funding.

Please note that ARDF does not fund individuals or tuition. ARDF rarely funds new church buildings, land purchases, or projects that are exclusively evangelism related.

7. Our ACNA church or diocese has an existing Anglican project or ministry we support. Do we qualify for a grant?

Yes. If you're part of the ACNA, these grants are designed to support your vision and partnerships with the global church. However, if your implementing partner overseas has recently received a grant from ARDF, we are unlikely to immediately approve another grant, especially if that project has not yet been completed. We use our limited funds to serve the entire ACNA and global Anglican Church.

8. What are the steps in ARDF's Church-to-Church Grant process?

- Review our criteria and make sure your church/diocese and your implementing partner are aligned on project goals, activities, timeline, and budget.
- Complete our online application form and receive ARDF approval.
- Raise funds for the project from your church/diocese. Meanwhile, ARDF will be raising the match and promoting your project and partnership to our donors.
- Walk with the implementing partner during the project implementation.
- Support the implementing partner as needed to provide ARDF project updates and a final report.

9. How long will it take to get funding?

We are accepting applications for these grants in April with funding disbursed during the summer. The exact dates will be on our website. Once an application is approved, ARDF may take several months to raise matching funds and then send the total grant on to the partner. For 2024, funding would arrive in the fall.

10. How does ARDF move funds to international partners?

ARDF wire transfers funds to the international implementing partner. Sometimes these partners have accounts in the US, but often ARDF transfers funds to overseas bank accounts. In the grant approval process, ARDF will request bank wiring details for the account to receive funds. Please note that ARDF cannot wire funds to individuals or to other organizations that have not been vetted as part of the grant approval process. ARDF must receive all funds for a project and then make one wire transfer to the overseas implementing partner.

11. Does ARDF charge fees related to these projects?

ARDF assesses a 10% administrative fee on all donations. This allows our team to have resources needed to administer the grant, follow up, and monitor the project and promote the project to all our donors, thereby increasing the visibility of your partnership. See our blog about our [administrative fees](#).

12. If our US church/diocese wants to develop something but doesn't yet have an overseas implementing partner, what could we do to get started?

Many ACNA churches would love to have an overseas organization/diocese/church to engage in partnership. We've seen many cases where mutual partnership can catalyze a missional vision within the local congregation. ARDF has a broad network of partners around the world engaged in amazing ongoing work. We'd love to hear about the interests and connections of your church or diocese, and we can help facilitate or connect you to some of our dynamic partners. As a start, take a look at our current projects page to see where there are needs.

13. After we receive a grant, what reporting does ARDF require?

ARDF stewards our donor resources very carefully. For projects we fund, we require the implementing partner to complete a report at the end of project implementation. The input they provide helps us support future projects, and their stories encourage us, our donors, and hopefully your US church. We welcome photos and stories we can share publicly, and we do ask for an accounting of grant funds.

14. I have other questions. How can I learn more about these grants?

Please look at [our website](#) to see what types of projects we have funded in the past. If you have other questions, please contact our Director of International Projects: projects@ardf.org