

All Souls-Beckner Advancement Fund

Internal Grant Guidelines and Application

FUND BACKGROUND AND OVERVIEW

The All Souls-Beckner Advancement Fund was established through a generous donation from Earl and Meta Beckner in 1973. Their intent for the fund, as documented in the Deed of Gift, was to:

- enhance the influence of All Souls Church in the Washington Metropolitan area;
- help to make the immediate community where the Church is located a more cohesive, attractive, and forward looking community; and
- foster human rights and dignity.

The All Souls-Beckner Advancement Fund is grounded in a commitment to social-change philanthropy and seeks to fund efforts that work for social justice.

INTERNAL GRANT CRITERIA

Funding priorities for internal committees/group include projects and activities that:

- support the social justice focus of the Church;
- educate the congregation;
- help draw people of all ages and backgrounds to All Souls Church;
- build the advocacy and activism skills of our congregation; and/or
- help achieve the Church's social justice goals and priorities.

Please note: Beckner Funds may not be used to reimburse applicants for expenditures already made or for general operating expenses of the church.

On average, internal grants have ranged from \$1,000 to \$5,000. However, on occasion, smaller and larger grants have been made. All internal applicants must demonstrate the necessary internal leadership to complete the proposed projects as evidenced, for example, by past successful initiatives.

The committee will accept applications to fund new or special activities/programs offered by any of the church's committees as long as there is a sound and achievable implementation plan in place. Additionally, funding will be considered for on-going activities (such as a speaker's series) that address a particular issue important to the congregation (i.e., racial tensions caused by gentrification, etc.).

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Internal applications will be accepted on an on-going basis. However, to provide time to adequately consider an application, the Beckner Advancement Fund committee requests that there be at least five weeks between the date of the application and the date on which the funds are needed.

Internal applications will consist of three parts:

1. Completed coversheet (attached below)
2. Narrative
3. Required attachments

Narrative

No application narrative should exceed five pages of double-spaced text in 12-point font, including the budgetary materials and attachments. Page margins must be 1”.

The narrative should address the following.

1. General Overview

- Outline the background of the committee, individual, or group. Briefly share the overall goal or purpose.
- Describe the programs or activities currently being carried out.
- If the project is in collaboration with another internal church committee or an external organization, briefly describe the roles and responsibilities of each collaborating member.
- Briefly discuss key leadership roles, who will be assuming these roles, and their backgrounds and relevant experiences.
- Identify the key contact person for this project. This individual will serve as the liaison between the internal group and the Beckner Committee.

2. Purpose and Definition of the Project

- Describe the purpose of the project and outline the specific objectives associated with the effort.
- Please provide a work plan that includes a timeline for all expected major activities.
- Outline how you will engage the All Souls congregation in your efforts.

3. Priority and Focus of Project

- Provide an overview of how your efforts will advance the priority funding areas of the Committee as listed in the grant guidelines, giving particular emphasis to the community issues and needs you are responding to.
- Be sure to describe the populations, communities, or groups to be engaged and/or affected by your project, including any benefits, changes, or advancement you expect to occur as a result of your efforts.

- Identify which of the Church's end statements your project will address.

Attachments

The following should be attached to the narrative (these attachments do not count toward the five-page narrative maximum).

- A project-specific budget with explanatory notes.
- Mention of any additional committed sources of support for the proposed project.

SUBMISSION

Completed applications should be submitted to the attention of Rev. Susan Newman.

Please plan for a period of at least five weeks between the submission of your application and receipt of funds.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Rev. Susan Newman, Associate Minister for Congregational Life and Social Justice (202-332-5266; snewman@allsouls.ws).

All Souls-Beckner Advancement Fund

Applicant name: _____

Contact person: _____

Contact person mailing address: _____

Contact daytime/work phone: _____

Contact e-mail: _____

Project budget: \$ _____

Amount of request: \$ _____

Short title of project (15 words or less): _____

Summary of project (75 words or less): _____

Grant ending period (date by which funds will be expended): _____

This request has the approval and support of the above named applicant committee or group and will be carried out in conformity with the criteria/requirements for use of All Souls-Beckner Advancement Funds.

Key contact person

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed name: _____