



The Sustainable Development Goals Fund of the Episcopal Diocese of New York

The Episcopal Diocese of New York (EDNY) is deeply committed to relationship – locally and internationally. As a diocese of The Episcopal Church, we are members of the worldwide Anglican Communion, a family of churches present in over 165 countries.

In 2015, the United Nations General Assembly adopted the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) “as a universal call to action to end poverty, protect the planet, and ensure that by 2030 all people enjoy peace and prosperity.”

In an effort to support the call of the SDGs and grounded in the promises we make in our Baptismal Covenant, the Episcopal Diocese of New York established the Sustainable Development Goals Fund (SDGF).

Administered by a sub-committee of the diocesan Global Mission Commission, the Fund is envisioned to be a resource for all EDNY congregations, schools, and mission networks as they partner with siblings around the world to further self-sufficiency, community development, and mutual transformation.

Eligibility

The Sustainable Development Goals Fund (SDGF) provides support for **one-year mission initiatives** that are grounded in relationships between congregations, schools, and mission networks within the Episcopal Diocese of New York (EDNY) and global partners.

- Grants will be awarded for initiatives that directly address one or more of the SDGs.
- Effectiveness, accountability, and self-sustainability are essential criteria which applicants must identify, define, and measure.
- Priority will be given to partnerships with members of the worldwide Anglican Communion.
- Priority will also be given to EDNY congregations, schools, and organizations seeking first-time grants.
- The EDNY partner is responsible for completing and submitting the application in collaboration with their global partner.
- All applications must be approved by **BOTH** the EDNY partner vestry or governing board and the global partner's diocesan bishop (if applicable). Letters of support must be submitted with the application form.
- Applications may be made for funds between \$5,000 to \$15,000.
- Grants will be awarded to the EDNY partner, which will assume fiduciary responsibility and ensure funds are sent to the global partner.

Selection Criteria for Review of Applications

- Funds must be requested for a specific one-year mission initiative.
- A detailed budget for the initiative described must be submitted along with the application.
- The requested grant must be grounded in a new or ongoing relationship between an EDNY congregation, school, or mission network and a global partner.
- The mission initiative must foster self-sustainability in the global partner's community and include tangible ways that it will be incorporated into the life of the EDNY partner's community.
- If the EDNY partner has previously received an SDG grant with the same partner, the new application cannot be requested for the same initiative within a period of three years.



Logistics & Requirements

- Grants will be awarded at the annual Diocese of New York Global Mission Fair (October)
- The mission initiative must be completed within one year from the date that the global partner receives the grant funding.
- EDNY partners are responsible for providing a progress update by April 30 the year after the grant is awarded.
- A final report and an accounting of funds received must be submitted at the completion of the mission initiative.
- EDNY partners **MUST** attend the Global Mission Fair the following October and participate in a conversation about SDG grant awards.

Telling the Story Matters

As Bishop Matt Heyd likes to say, “we are people of story.” A key component of the work of the Global Mission Commission and the relationships supported by the SDG grants is communicating how we and our partners are transformed by our relationships.

While the SDG grants require six- and twelve- month reports, there are many ways to share your stories within and beyond our local communities. We also encourage you to consider:

- Sharing news in your parish newsletters and adding the SDG grant committee to your mailing list (sustainabilitygrants@dioceseny.org)
- Incorporating your global relationships into parish-based formation opportunities
- Connecting with partners via WhatsApp, Zoom, and social media
- When possible, visiting your partners in person and inviting them to visit you
- Celebrating World Mission Sunday (always the last Sunday after the Epiphany)
- Lifting up your partners during the prayers of the people on Sundays and in the diocesan Morning Prayer service



Timeline & Next Steps

- **February 16, 2026:** Applications Open
- **DATE TBD:** Zoom Open House with SDG grant committee
- **June 30, 2026:** SDG grant applications due
- **Summer:** Follow up conversations as needed
- **September 30, 2026:** Final Decisions on Grants made
- **October 10, 2026:** Global Mission Fair and awarding of SDG grants
- **April 30, 2027:** Six-month progress report due



If your EDNY community is discerning how you are called to engage in global mission, please let us know if we can help! Email us at sustainabilitygrants@dioceseny.org and a member of the Global Mission Commission or the SDG grants committee will get back to find a time to connect.

Thank you for your interest in a Sustainable Development Goal grant!