



THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF TENNESSEE



Dandridge Trust

The Dandridge Trust is the principal human service outreach arm of the Episcopal Diocese of Tennessee. Funds from the Trust are intended to assist the elderly and those whose needs are great, to facilitate accessibility, and to support specific outreach programs for nonprofit organizations within the boundaries of the Diocese of Tennessee. Program requests will be given first consideration and capital requests may be reviewed if there are undistributed funds available. The Dandridge Trust accepts grant requests each fall for funding in the following year. Charitable organizations and ministries whose work falls within the Diocese of Tennessee are now invited to submit grant applications to the Dandridge Trust for 2027.

Organizations are invited to visit the diocesan website, <https://edtn.org/our-mission-and-ministries/outreach/> to complete the application. The 2027 Dandridge Trust Application may be returned to this office by the end of day on September 30, 2026. Please send your application by email to Susan Abington, sabington@edtn.org or mail to:

The Episcopal Diocese of Tennessee
3700 Woodmont Boulevard
Nashville, Tennessee 37215

The Dandridge Trust Board will make their recommendations to the Bishop and Council at their meeting on December 19, 2026. The funding in most cases, will be distributed on a quarterly basis in 2027.

**Grant Application
Opens August 15, 2026**



The Dandridge Trust 2027 GRANT REQUEST APPLICATION

From Bishop John C. Bauerschmidt:

Since its founding in 1986 the Dandridge Trust has made grants of more than \$3,500,000.

Charitable organizations within the boundaries of the Diocese of Tennessee are now invited to submit grant applications. The guidelines for the 2027 grant process are stated below. Please share these with those who might be interested in and qualify for grants. Program requests will be given first consideration and capital requests will be reviewed pending remaining funds.

Grant applications are due at the diocesan office by the end of day on September 30, 2026. Please send your application by email to Susan Abington at sabington@edtn.org at the Diocesan House, or mail paper applications to:

Susan Abington, Finance Administrator
The Episcopal Diocese of Tennessee
3700 Woodmont Boulevard
Nashville, Tennessee 37215

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Grant Request Application Form for 2027

Please download and print out this application and then return the completed application via email to

Susan Abington (sabington@edtn.org)

or by US mail to:

Susan Abington, Finance Administrator

The Episcopal Diocese of Tennessee

3700 Woodmont Boulevard

Nashville, Tennessee 37215

Date: _____

Name of Organization: _____

Address: _____

Contact Person: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Alternate Contact Person: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Amount requested for 2027 (not to exceed \$10,000): \$_____

If you received a Dandridge Trust grant in 2026, enter the amount here. **Also be sure to attach your annual written report of how your organization used its Dandridge grant, including an update on the progress of your project.**

Amount received in 2026, if any: \$_____

Description of Project: (use additional pages if needed)

- How was need determined?
- What is expected outcome?
- What is the time frame?
- Who will be the beneficiaries of the project?
- Who will manage the project?
- What is the budget for this project?

- What other sources of funding have you sought for this project?
- What other sources of funding have you received for this project?
- Have your sources of funding changed in the last year? If so, how?

Please include your prior year balance sheet and income statement along with the completed application form. Your application is incomplete until financials are received.

If your request is granted, we will require a written report by July 15th, showing how the Dandridge Trust funds have specifically been used with an update on the progress of your project.

NOTE: The Bishop and Council require that grants not be made to congregations which are behind in their Fair Share Giving, Parochial Report, or Audit.