

The Orthodox Church in America's Department of Evangelization recently announced that applications for 2016 Church Planting Grants are now being accepted.

Grant applications and a comprehensive list of requirements and expectations may be downloaded on the OCA website.

Grants of up to \$24,000.00 are awarded to first year recipients. The grant may only be used to help provide a salary for a full-time resident priest and must be matched by the qualifying mission, deanery, or diocese. Grants may be renewed for a maximum of three years.

More than 30 missions have received Church Planting Grants since the program was initiated over 15 years ago. Most of these missions have successfully transitioned to full parish status.

Missions that received grants in 2015 must apply anew for the coming year.

Applications must be filled out completely and submitted to the department by August 31, 2015. The grant application must be reviewed and approved by the diocesan bishop prior to submission. After a review by the department, recommendations for qualified missions will be submitted to the Holy Synod of Bishops for final approval.

Grants begin in January.

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