



ORTHODOX CHURCH IN AMERICA

Growing Spaces Grant

Applications due by September 15, 2026

PURPOSE

The Growing Spaces Grant exists to assist missions of the Orthodox Church in America that have outgrown their current worship facilities and need to relocate to a larger leased or purchased property. The grant is intended to support these missions as their expenses increase, allowing the mission time to grow into and assume the full financial obligation of a larger facility. Preference will be given to missions demonstrating sustained growth and a realistic plan for long-term financial self-sufficiency.

ELIGIBILITY

- **Immediate Grant Award:** A mission has identified a facility ready for lease or purchase.
- **Provisional Grant Award:** A mission is searching for a new facility for lease or purchase. *
 - *If awarded, grant funds are reserved for up to six months while the mission finalizes a lease or purchase agreement.*

GRANT AWARD

- **1st year award:** 60% of new rent or mortgage expense (grant limit \$3000 per month or \$36,000 per year.)
- **2nd year award:** 40% of new rent or mortgage expense (grant limit \$2000 per month or \$24,000 per year.)
- **3rd year award:** 20% of new rent or mortgage expense (grant limit \$1000 per month or \$12,000 per year.)

RESTRICTIONS

- Grant funds may only be used toward rent or mortgage payments associated with an approved worship facility.
 - Each mission shall be required to make quarterly reports to the Department of Evangelization.
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APPLICATION FOR THE GROWING SPACES GRANT

SECTION 1: BASIC INFORMATION

Name of Mission:	
Diocese:	
Year Founded:	
Priest:	
Mission Warden / President:	
Mailing Address:	
Phone / Email:	
Website:	

SECTION 2: CURRENT FACILITY

Type Of Facility:	
Square Footage:	
Monthly Rent:	
Average Sunday Attendance:	

SECTION 3: NEW FACILITY

Type Of Facility:	
Square Footage:	
Monthly Rent / Mortgage:	

SECTION 4: REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS

- 3 years of financial summaries (budgets, income, expense)
- Current operating budget / balance sheet
- On mission letterhead, please provide a **one-page summary** of the mission's history, recent growth, and overall health, including metrical data.

SECTION 5: SIGNATURES

DIOCESAN HIERARCH _____

MISSION PRIEST _____

MISSION WARDEN / PRESIDENT _____

Email this Application and All Requested Documents in pdf format to:

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