

## Mustard Seed Grant Applications Now Open



On May 6, 2021, the Metropolis of Chicago announced the establishment of a new parish advancement initiative – the Mustard Seed Fund – to help drive parish growth through evangelism, welcoming, and outreach. The Mustard Seed Fund seeks to replicate the successful model of the COVID-19 Parish Relief Fund, which raised more than \$250,000 for financial assistance to parishes facing economic hardship caused by the pandemic.

Grants distributed by the Mustard Seed Fund are intended to test and scale promising new ministries and programs that inspire and motivate a new generation of Orthodox Christians to participate in the Church. Based on the Metropolis' strategic plan and as reported in its Annual Impact Report, evangelism, welcoming, and outreach represent high-potential areas of unmet need and opportunity for the future growth of the Church in the Midwest

The Mustard Seed Fund 2022 Grant Application is now open here to all Metropolis of Chicago clergy and stewards seeking to develop and implement new or existing parish-level initiatives that advance evangelism, welcoming, and outreach. The deadline for grant applications for calendar year 2022 is Friday, December, 31 2021 at 5 PM CST.

Press releases, FAQs, and the 2022 Grant Application regarding the Mustard Seed Fund can be found on this page. If you have any questions, please send them email us at [\[email protected\]](#).

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