

Getting Outside the Walls: Congregational Grants for Climate Action in Local Communities

The [Getting Outside the Walls: Congregational Grants for Climate Action in Local Communities](#) grant seeks to mobilize congregations towards impactful local climate action. Recognizing the significant role that congregations play in community leadership and moral guidance, these seed grants aim to reduce barriers that hinder climate action in local communities. These grants will catalyze collaborations, foster deeper inter-congregational and organizational relationships, and provide ongoing support for faith communities through Blessed Tomorrow.

Application period: 4/25/26 - 6/1/2026

Objective:

- 1. Empower Faith Communities:** To support congregations to thrive through active participation in creation care and climate justice in their communities.
- 2. Reduce Barriers:** Reduce obstacles that keep congregations from taking climate action in their local communities.
- 3. Incentivize Collaboration:** Motivate climate action in local communities through partnerships between congregations or congregations with local organizations.

Scope: 15-30 Seed grants of \$500 or \$1,000 to support collaborative creation care or climate justice projects in local communities led by congregations and faith leaders who participated in the National Faith + Climate Forum on April 25, 2026. Forum hosts will receive preferential consideration. The grant focus *is not limited to*, but may include the following:

- State and local organizing and advocacy efforts.
- Local community climate justice, creation care action, or event.
- Climate projects and programs to engage the local community.
- Climate and faith education and awareness raising.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Grants will only be awarded to congregations located in the United States.
- The congregation led project must have a climate justice/creation care focus.
- Partnership and collaboration between 2 or more congregations or congregations with local organizations.
- Applicants must have attended the 2026 National Faith + Climate Forum.
- Matching contributions are required: monetary or in-kind (*e.g. venue provision, printing services, or time*).
- Proposals must include plans to continue or build on the collaborative relationships beyond the initial kickstart phase or event.
- The project must work toward local collective impact (city, state, or regional level).

Key Dates: [Application opens](#) 4/25/26; submission deadline is 6/1; notification by 7/1/26.