

MISSION SUPPORT GRANTS RESOURCE TEAM

Introduction

The CSRC Grant Team is pleased to report the awards made in 2024. We feel blessed that we are able to provide support and assistance to churches and individuals across the region to facilitate such things as outreach initiatives, Pastoral Charge grants, Affirming ministries, modernization, community partnerships, camping, youth events, and individual bursaries.

Our Team

Our Grant Team consists of four individuals, plus our Chair, of various backgrounds from across our region supported by prudent, knowledgeable and tireless staff support from Melody Duncanson-Hales and Diane Matheson-Jimenez.

Our team members during 2024 included:

- Nancy Rouble
- Susan Siczkar
- Christine Paul
- Al Cruthers
- Dave Clarke, Chair

In early 2025, we lost long-time team member, and grants enthusiast, Bea Webb. We give thanks for Bea's life and for her dedicated work alongside the Grants Team!

2024 Grant Summary

We thank The United Church of Canada and the Canadian Shield Regional Council Executive for their support to us for the following awards approved in 2024:

Grant Category	Number	Amount
Mission Support Grants	4	\$34,000.00
United Church of Canada Capital Assist Programs Grants and Loans)	9	\$229,915.54
Canadian Shield Regional Council Grants	8	\$17,750.00
Individual Bursaries	5	\$1,900.00
Total	26	\$283,565.54

2024 Grant Awards

2024 Mission and Service Grant Awards: (approved at Regional Council Support to Communities of Faith Commission)

Mission and Service Grants, funded by generosity to the Mission and Service of the United Church of Canada, are administered and awarded within each region to offer support to communities of faith and outreach ministries of the United Church. The Canadian Shield Regional Grants Team develops contextual criteria, invites applications, reviews information and offers award recommendations to the Support to Community of Faith Commission.

2024 Canadian Shield RC Mission and Service Grant Budget: \$45,000

<i>Pastoral Charge Grants</i>		<i>Social Outreach Grants</i>	
		Welcome Friends-Rainbow Camp	\$10,000
		Rainbow Camp (emergent)	15,000
Hearst Shared Ecumenical	\$3,000	Elder Abuse Prevention Muskoka	6,000
Total Pastoral Charge Grants: \$3,000		Total Social Outreach Grants	\$31,000

Budget for Canadian Shield MSG	\$45,000
Total Approved	<u>\$34,000</u>
Remainder held for emergent needs	<u>\$11,000</u>

United Church of Canada Capital Assistance Programs

The purpose of the Capital Assistance Fund is to provide financial assistance for the renewal and development of congregations, camps, education centres, community ministries, and chaplaincies. Assistance is available in the form of loans and targeted grants for eligible pastoral charges/congregations and other ministries that would otherwise be unable to undertake or complete these projects. These programs include Technology Support Grants, Church and Manse Modernization Grants, and Capital Assistance Loans. The CSRC Grants team reviews applications and recommends awards from The United Church of Canada.

- Little Current United Church, \$32,000 in support of heat pump installation.
- Porcupine United Church, \$5,000 Church Modernization Grant and \$98,915.54 Capital Assistance Loan in support of kitchen renovation, environmental and accessibility upgrades.
- Powassan United Church, \$5,000 Church Modernization Grant, in support of roof repairs.
- Goulais River United Church, \$5000 Church Modernization Grant, in support of accessible washroom renovation.
- Trinity United Church (Kirkland Lake), \$5000 Church Modernization Grant and \$45,000 Capital Assistance Loan, in support of roof repairs.
- St. Paul's United Church (Thunder Bay), \$30,000 Capital Assistance **Loan** in support of stairs and front entrance repair
- Camp Duncan \$4000 Capital Assistance Grant in support of building and grounds maintenance.

Canadian Shield Regional Council Grants

A variety of modest grants to support faith communities and individuals in mission,

outreach, faith formation, lay leadership development, youth and camping ministries, continuing education and support to networks and clusters are available to members of the Canadian Shield region. The Grants Team sets criteria for these programs, reviews requests and awards funds. If you have a project, a ministry, an event, or continuing education goal that could use financial support, please contact [Melody Duncanson Hales](#) or [Diane Matheson-Jimenez](#), staff support to the Grants Team.

Camping Grants:

- Trinity United Church, North Bay: \$2500 in support of Family Camp
- Hannah Lake Women's Retreat: \$2500

Network and Cluster Grant:

- St. Stephen's on the Hill, Sudbury, \$2500 for "Morning Brews, Future Views" Events

New Outreach Initiatives Grant:

- St. Paul's UC, Thunder Bay \$3000 for "Listen Everywhere" initiative;
- St. Andrew's, Sudbury \$3000 for "Doing Discipleship" discernment.

Mustard Seed Grant:

- St. Stephen's on the Hill, Sudbury \$2000 for partnership engagement.

Affirming Ministries

- Little Current United Church, \$1500 in support of Manitoulin Pride book give-away

Health, Joy and Excellence for Ministry Personnel

- Black Clergy Network, \$750 in support of national gathering

Individual Bursaries:

- 2 Education for Ministry bursaries for \$500 each;
- 1 Health, Joy and Excellence bursary for \$500
- 1 Camper bursary for \$290
- 1 Camper bursary for \$110

Impact

Through these grants, we've been able to support numerous initiatives throughout our region, strengthening our church communities and extending our ministry reach. Each grant represents a story of faith in action, embodying the recipients' commitment to our United Church.

Looking Forward

Late in 2024, Canadian Shield received \$20 000 to be given away in grants for initiatives that promote sustainability and growth. More information about applying for this grant money will be made available throughout the Regional Council in Spring 2025. Further funds may be available

in Autumn of 2025. For more information, please speak with Melody Duncanson-Hales or Diane Matheson-Jimenez.

As we continue our work in 2025, we remain committed to stewarding these resources responsibly and supporting meaningful ministry throughout the Canadian Shield Region. We welcome grant applications and are grateful for the opportunity to support the important work of our churches and ministry personnel.

Respectfully submitted,
On behalf of the CSRC Grant Team
Dave Clarke, Chair