



## SJEC Parish Ministry Grants FAQ Info for FIRE

1.) *What is the general vision of this St. Joseph Evangelization Center grant program?*

To provide seed money to support the design of parish ministry that will foster systemic advancement in the areas such as pastoral renewal, evangelization and adult faith formation (including parents and catechists). While *programmatically* efforts are eligible for support, FIRE hopes to encourage paradigm-shifting approaches that extend beyond simply running a program.

2.) *What is the primary criteria for FIRE?*

Primary consideration will be given to whether a proposed initiative is

- Sustainable - likely to continue beyond the grant year
- Innovative – reflects an out-of-the-box approach
- Shareable – potential for other parishes to learn and benefit from the initiative

3.) *What kind of costs is FIRE designed to fund?*

“Start-up” costs (such as training and resources) and “first-run” costs are eligible.

4.) *Are staffing/personnel costs eligible for grant funding?*

No.

5.) *What is the total amount of funding available through FIRE?*

\$30,000

6.) *Is there a maximum that can be requested per proposal?*

Yes, \$4,500.

7.) *Is there a limit to number of proposals per parish?*

Three

*8.) Is the financial need of a parish a primary criterion for funding?*

No. It may be a secondary consideration. FIRE grant funds should be considered “seed money” and not financial aid.

*9.) Might a proposal be funded partially?*

Yes, this is possible.

*10.) Can a parish receive grant funding for a second year of the same initiative?*

No. However, further development and expansion of the initial initiative would be eligible.

*11.) How will the grant allocations be determined?*

A task force formed by the SJEC board will review proposals and make allocation decisions.

*12.) When is the deadline for application submission?*

May 23<sup>rd</sup> – submit application by email to [tquinlan@sjeciowa.org](mailto:tquinlan@sjeciowa.org)

*13.) When will parishes be notified of grant allocations?*

Mid-June.

*14.) When will checks be sent to parishes?*

In early July or before.

*15.) What reporting is required during the grant year?*

A brief mid-year and final report is required to show use of the funds and the efficacy of the project.

*16.) Who may directly manage an initiative that receives grant funding?*

Any person in a parish given agency by the pastor or staff member. A degree of staff oversight would be expected, however. And the pastor must at least give initial consent to the initiative.

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