

What is the **Community Project Fund**

A few years ago, the parish set aside a portion of our bequeaths to projects that involve the parish and the community toward the benefit of both. Now, the Vestry announces an invitation to all parishioners to submit proposals to use the fund for one particular project selected by the Parish as a whole costing up to \$80,000. Unused funds, if any, will remain in the Community Project Fund (CPF) until it is prudent to begin the second round of grants.

The CPF should reflect on our congregation's wish to intentionally engage its strength of generosity and love in the world, as Jesus called us to do. Relationships among parishioners and community members will be critical to the success of a project and to the fulfillment of St. John's mission. Selecting a CPF endeavor will present both opportunities and challenges for us.

If you have looked around St. John's and the Aptos area and said to yourself: What if we could? Here is your chance to make a vision a reality.

How to apply for

Community Project Fund

Step 1: Read all project files at our website

<https://www.st-john-aptos.org/local-outreach.html>

Step 2 Build the team- Now

Pull together a team. Find others in the congregation that might share your vision. Talk with them about bringing in people from the larger community that might share an interest and talk with those that would benefit.

Step 3: Write the Proposal.

Fill out the application. The more you demonstrate the feasibility of your project the better. The more you can demonstrate a link between our parish, those the project services and the larger community the better.

Step 4: Be prepared to present your project to the Parish. The Submission and Review (S&R) committee will help you to ensure your application is complete, but the decision will be made by a parish wide ranked balloting of all proposed projects in the fall.

If you have questions contact the S&R committee. To be named by the Vestry at it June meeting.