


## The UTO grant focus for 2025 is on water, based on Jesus' words: "I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink."

This is the final year of the United Thank Offering's grants focusing on areas of ministry based on Matthew 25:31–46.

**Deadlines For Applying For A 2025 UTO Regular Cycle Grant**

**Diocesan deadline:**

Individuals and churches that are interested in applying for a 2025 UTO grant should notify **Bishop Monnot who will want to receive all application /proposals by December 1, 2024, at officeofthebishop@iowaepiscopal.org** – which allows for a period of review to determine of those, which will be submitted with the Bishop's Endorsement from the Diocese of Iowa, for consideration by the United Thank Offering grant committee.

**UTO "completeness review deadline:**

The Episcopal Church UTO Grant committee wants to support those making application – and offers review of applications before they're submitted, webinars and more – See Helpful Hints page. The deadline for submitting grant application material to TEC UTO personnel for a "completeness review" is **4 p.m. Central Time on Friday, January 10, 2025**.

**Final UTO application submission deadline:**

The final deadline for the submission of 2025 grant applications is **4 p.m. Central Time on Friday, February 7, 2025**.

**The Focus For 2025 UTO Grants**

In 2025, UTO will fund projects focused on water, including but not limited to projects that:

* Address water issues such as desalinization, access, care of water sources, water rights and education about water resources.

* Increase water awareness (drought tolerance, flood prevention).

* Address health issues directly related to water quality (formula access for babies, aftermath of contaminated water, etc.).

* Address water needs of unhoused people (laundry, showers, bathrooms, drinking water).

*UTO recognizes that many water access issues today stem directly from historic trauma and harm done to marginalized people. Projects that encourage truth telling, acknowledge that historic trauma around water, and establish pathways towards healing also fit this focus.

**Funding Range For 2025 UTO Grants**

The UTO Board will accept applications from $1,000.00 to $55,000.00. Please note: UTO will ask you to request only what you need for your project so that UTO can fund as many grants as possible. In circumstances of extreme need, applicants may request up to $100,000.00; however, you must clearly justify why the project requires that level of support from UTO and show an adequate level of in-kind support.

**UTO Grant application available, review criteria and learn more here:**
https://unitedthankoffering.com/apply/

**Hosting your congregation's 2024 UTO Ingathering!**

Since our Diocese was fortunate enough to have received a UTO grant again in 2023, all congregations in our Diocese are encouraged to hold a UTO Ingathering in 2024 at a time when it would be convenient for the congregation. Ingathering FAQ and Resources available at: https://unitedthankoffering.com/ingathering/

Questions relating to UTO in Iowa can be sent to uto@iowaepiscopal.org