

Social Outreach Committee

Request for Proposal
Fiscal Year 2012

INFORMATION for APPLICANTS

Thank you for your interest in Old Ship Church's Social Outreach program. As commissioned by the Parish, the Committee is pleased to administer funds appropriated for social outreach in support of projects that further Old Ship's Third Purpose: *to act for social and ecological justice*.

Although the amount available for FY 2012 grants cannot be predicted with certainty, in recent years a total of \$3,000-\$5,000 has been distributed. One or more proposals may be funded depending on the number received and the amount of each request. The final determination of awards will be made by vote of First Parish members at the Annual Meeting in May 2012.

An Application Form is enclosed for your use. Please return the completed form and a one-page narrative description of your proposal to:

Heather Thomson
Social Outreach Grant Committee
First Parish Hingham, Old Ship Church
107 Main Street
Hingham, MA 02043

- Proposals (hard copy, via U.S. mail) must be postmarked by February 29, 2012.
 - Written proposals will be screened during March and April 2012 and selected applicants may be invited to present their proposals in person to the Committee.
 - Selected projects will be presented to the membership at the Annual Meeting in late May.
 - Successful applicants will be notified immediately following the Annual Meeting.
- Grant funds will be made available during July 2012.

Thank you once again for your interest. We look forward to hearing from you.

First Parish in Hingham, Old Ship Church
Social Outreach Committee

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Sponsoring Organization: _____

Contact: _____ Telephone: _____

Street/PO Box _____ E-mail: _____

Town/State/Zip _____ Amount Requested: _____

*Attach a specific itemized budget
for the funds requested.

Title of Project: _____

Please outline the proposed project on a single page and attach it to this form. Be specific in describing its objectives and plan of action. Demonstrate how it could offer direct service outreach from your organization to the wider community.

Please indicate below, and on the reverse, if necessary, *how your proposal will...*

... further social and/or ecological justice _____

2. ... meet a critical need of an underserved population _____

...achieve an observable impact on the targeted need _____

...offer opportunities for "hands-on" participation in your organization by volunteers from our congregation _____

...include intergenerational involvement _____

6. Focus of project is (circle one): local regional national international

Preference will be given to IRS-certified 501(c)3 organizations.

Grants will not be awarded for the purpose of underwriting fundraising events.

Please send your proposal via U.S. mail postmarked by **February 29, 2012** to:

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