



2017 ACTION NETWORK PROJECT GUIDELINES

The Episcopal Impact Fund has established the following guidelines that must be met for a project to be supported in 2017:

1. Focus

The project provides direct services in health and wellness in its Action Network region and addresses the root causes of poverty.

2. Collaboration

The project involves significant collaboration with an Episcopal-affiliated entity and at least one other entity. Episcopal-affiliated agencies are congregations or institutions of the Diocese of California.

3. Duration

The project is or will be continuing, not "done-in-a-day."

4. Goals

The project has measurable goals and a plan for evaluating its impact.

5. Volunteer Needs

The project has a defined need for skills, knowledge, and physical resources that our Action Network members and other volunteers offer and is open to collaboration with Episcopal Impact Fund board members, staff and volunteers to further its capacity to meet the project's mission.

6. Inclusivity

The project does not discriminate on the basis of religious-affiliation, and the project is not explicitly religious or religious in content (e.g. worship service, distributing bibles).

7. Nonprofit Status

The project agency has 501(c)(3) nonprofit status under the Internal Revenue Code or has a non-profit fiscal agent.

8. Organizational Capacity

- a. The project has a board of directors, or if it is not yet incorporated, it has an advisory board.
- b. The project has a business plan for at least one year of operations.
- c. If church-based, the project has been approved by the church's vestry or bishop's committee.