

St. Michaels' Outreach Allocations for 2025

(yellow indicates allocation approved in October)

Organization	Request	One time	Spring Grant	Fall Grant	Total 2025 Grant
Chalice House gift cards		\$400.00			\$400.00
ERD- LA Fires		\$1,000.00			\$1,000.00
BACOA Meals with Wheels	\$5,000.00		\$2,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$5,000.00
Countryside UU-Chalice House	\$5,000.00		\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$6,000.00
Cumali	\$3,500.00		\$2,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$5,000.00
Food For Greater Elgin	\$5,000.00		\$2,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$5,000.00
Porch de Salomon*	\$5,000.00		\$1,500.00	\$6,500.00	\$8,000.00
Ravenswood Community Services	\$3,750.00		\$2,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$5,000.00
Rebuilding Together‡	\$4,000.00		\$ 767.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,767.00
Redeemer Family in Crisis (Elgin)	\$1,500.00		\$ 750.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,750.00
South Sudan- Renk Diocese Microloans	\$5,000.00		\$2,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$5,000.00
St. Cyprian's Ecumenical Food Pantry			\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$3,000.00
St. Leonard's House/Grace House	\$8,000.00		\$1,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$8,000.00
Barrington Youth & Family Services**	\$5,000.00			\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
ERD-Jerusalem†		\$2,000.00			\$2,000.00
	\$50,750.00	\$3,400.00	\$19,017.00	\$ 42,500.00	\$64,917.00

*Porch de Salomon's primary vehicle recently became unusable and unrepairable. They are asking their supporters for funds to purchase a new vehicle that will enable them to continue their work. Hence, our allocation to them exceeds the originally requested amount.

‡This is a pre-allocation for 2026. Rebuilding Together requires funds in February; our usual date for disbursement is April. We expect to continue this pattern, e.g., at our 2026 fall grant meeting, we will allocate for 2027.

†We met on Monday, Sept 29. In church on Sunday, Sept 28, Father Ralph spoke about the Israel-Gaza ceasefire talks, drawing our attention and compassion to people in the area and the work being done by the Episcopal diocese in Jerusalem. With this uppermost in our minds, the Outreach team voted to make a one-time donation of \$2,000 to [Episcopal Relief & Development's efforts in the area](#).

The fall grant disbursement letter will inform organizations of the extraordinary fundraising effort and results that enable us to meet or exceed their initial request, with a caution that we may not be able to give as much in 2026.

The Outreach Team understands that the vestry needs to balance the need for a responsible, realistic budget with our long-standing tradition of a 10% tithe to outreach and the clearly expressed yearning to be a church that gives back to the world around us. We look forward to working to achieve that balance.

Sources of Outreach funds January-November 2025	
SMEC 2025 tithe to Outreach, represents 5% of pledged income	\$ 29,995.48
Previous year's true-up	\$ 1,552.96
Individual donations to Outreach (Jan - March 2025)	\$ 10,639.24
Rebuilding Together designated*	\$ 1,600.00
A Good & Joyful Thing	\$ 31,344.06
Outreach disbursements:	
One-time grants	\$ 1,400.00
Spring grants	\$ 19,017.00
Available funds	\$ 54,714.74

The donations made between January and March of this past year largely came from members of the parish who learned of the reduction in our granting budget and have a strong attachment to outreach as a core value of our church.