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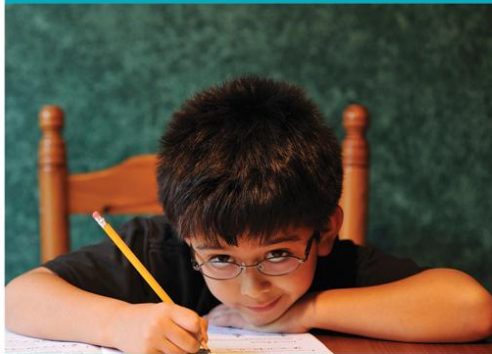
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Continuity

Episcopal Charities supports projects that address the root causes of poverty in the areas of

EDUCATION



HEALTHCARE



ENVIRONMENT





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Regional



We currently have Action Networks established in 5 different deaneries:
Alameda,
Contra Costa, Marin,
Peninsula, and San Francisco.

Each year, these regions recommend local, collaborative projects to receive volunteers and funding in our target areas.



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Funding



Regions do **NOT** compete against each other for volunteers and funding.

We annually budget funding for projects recommended by each of our Action Networks.

EC staff work with the recommended projects to come up with strong proposals based on clear criteria and guidelines.



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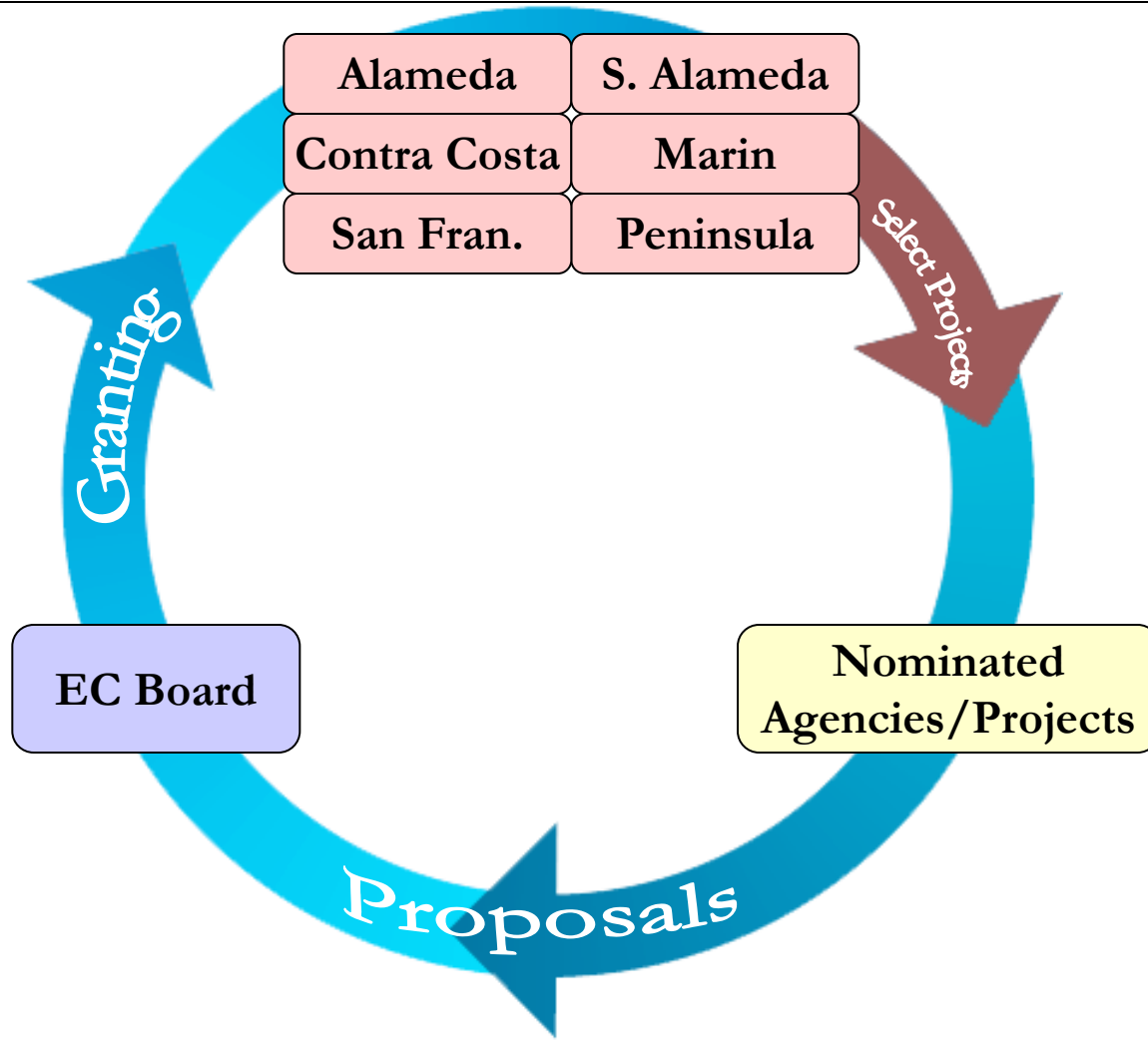
- Each region will meet three times per granting cycle to:
 1. Brainstorm and sign up to do research.
 2. Discuss research, select projects to interview.
 3. Discuss interviews, select project(s) to recommend for funding and volunteers.
- EC staff will work with the recommended agency to prepare a proposal for the EC Board.
- The EC Board will do due diligence, review the proposals, and award grants.



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Guidelines

1. **Focus** – The project addresses the root causes of poverty in its Action Network region and focuses on health, education, or the environment.
2. **Collaboration** – The project involves significant collaboration with an Episcopal-affiliated entity and at least one other entity. Episcopal-affiliated agencies are congregations in the Diocese of California, Episcopal Charities' Partner Agencies, 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.
5. **Definable Needs** – The project has a defined need for skills, knowledge, and physical resources that our Action Network members and other volunteers offer.



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6. **Replicable** – The project has the ability to grow from Episcopal Charities' support and could be replicated in other locations.
7. **Impact** – The project is at a critical point where Episcopal Charities' involvement can have a significant impact.
8. **Sustainability** – The project has a plan for continuing its operations when Episcopal Charities' support ends.
9. **Inclusivity** – The project does not discriminate on the basis of religious-affiliation, and the project's content is not explicitly religious or religious in content (e.g. worship service, distributing bibles)
10. **Non-profit status** – The project agency has 501(c)(3) non-profit status under the Internal Revenue Code or has a non-profit fiscal agent.



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Projects

Alameda



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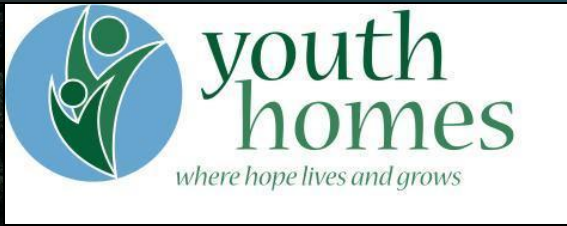


Contra Costa



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San Francisco

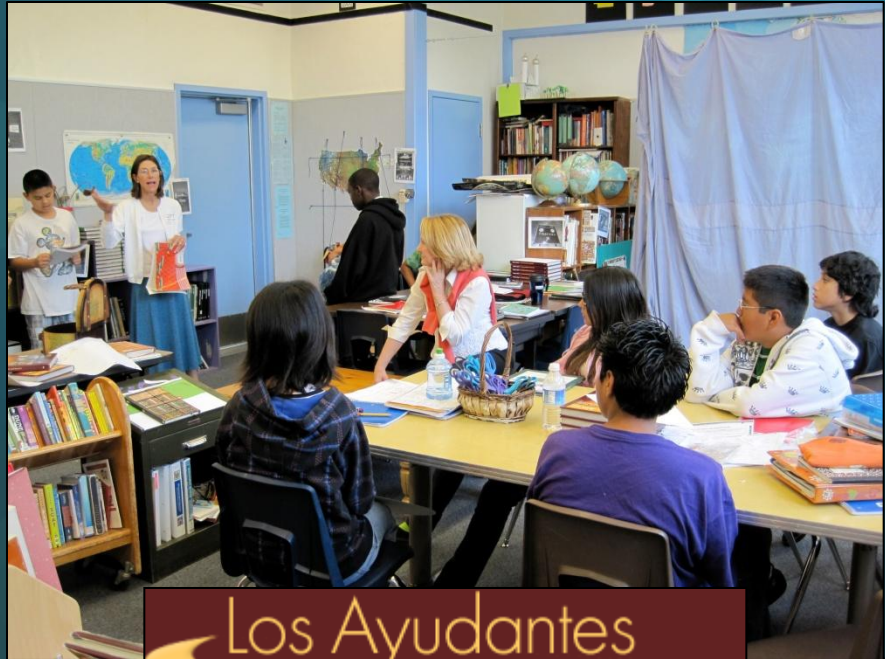


Peninsula





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Benefits

- 1) **Connection** to local projects and congregations
- 2) **Convenience** of regional meetings
- 3) **Impact** the lives of more people in all areas of the Diocese