**The Sheltering Arms Foundation**
**Episcopal Faith Community Grants**

**2026-27**

| Episcopal Community | Location | Project | Amount | Description |
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| **Holy Trinity** | International Falls | Kids Christmas Shop | $2,000 | The Christmas Shop is a program organized by Holy Trinity to help children in the community shop for gifts for their families. With the support of over 25 dedicated church volunteers, they anticipate that more than 175 underprivileged children and their families will participate. The funds raised will be used to purchase gifts for children, adults, and seniors, as well as supplies such as wrapping materials and food/treats for the shoppers and their parents. |
| **St. James** | Hibbing | Community Caring Corner | $1,200 | Starting in September 2025, the Community Caring Corner is a collaborative effort between St. James Episcopal, Wesley United Methodist, and First Lutheran ELCA and their members. Their goal is to meet friends and neighbors where they are and provide the items they need, including food, personal care items, clothing, and shoes. They are serving the homeless in a nearby shelter, senior citizens, and families trying to stretch their dollar. With Ruby's Pantry's statewide closure, they have also started distributing food and meal/recipe bags to visitors. |
| **St. Mary's** | Ely | Ely Youth Alliance | $1,800 | St. Mary's is a small but active faith community in northern Minnesota with a deep commitment to supporting local youth, particularly those who feel marginalized. In response to growing needs among LGBTQ youth in a conservative rural setting, the church is seeking funding to support the Ely Youth Alliance, a program of Ely Community Resources that creates safe, inclusive spaces, offers weekly school-based gatherings, and provides access to statewide leadership events and creative opportunities that foster connection, belonging, and self-expression. SAF funds will help youth attend the annual Youth OutFront Summit and create a makerspace, giving students a chance to connect with supportive community members while working on creative projects. |
| **St. Nicholas** | Richfield | Casa Maria | $2,000 | Casa Maria provides critical food support to hundreds of food-insecure families across the Twin Cities each week, with a focus on serving Latino communities alongside diverse populations. After shifting to home deliveries during a surge in immigration enforcement activity, services have returned to in-person distribution, but declining donations now threaten the ability to meet growing demand—making grant funding essential to ensure consistent food access every Saturday. |
| **St. Paul's** | Brainerd | Kids Kabinet | $2,000 | SAF funding will help expand the long-standing Kids Kabinet program and increase support for immigrant children and families in central Minnesota. Grant funds will help provide clothing, school and health supplies, and food to vulnerable children through partnerships with the local school district and Long Prairie Clinic, addressing growing community needs. |