

Application for Mission Grant

In partial fulfillment of the third mission mandate of Lehigh Presbytery, "participate actively in ministries and mission that seek to make disciples for Jesus Christ, to address the needs of all God's children and to show God's love in mission," the Mission Team will receive applications for congregational activities, evaluate the requests, and make recommendations to Presbytery Council for funding as appropriate.

Applications should be submitted at least three (3) months in advance of anticipated expenditure.

Section 1: Eligible Projects: The Mission Team will consider congregational requests for funding in the following categories:

New church development

Projects that reflect commitment to inclusiveness and diversity and/or include opportunities for partnerships with existing churches and/or the presbytery will be encouraged; outreach to unchurched communities will be considered.

Education

Opportunities for spiritual growth and theological understandings for groups, all ages, will be considered.

Community-based ministries

Mission-related travel

Travel expenses for groups interested in peacemaking, evangelism, work camps, community revitalization, or addressing poverty will be considered.

Seed money for new projects

Projects will be considered that promote peacemaking, environmental stewardship and greening, poverty relief, community revitalization, and other local issues.

In general, the presbytery will not grant requests for funding for personnel expenses, capital projects, or equipment.

Section 2: Evaluation of Projects: In consideration of each funding request, the Mission Team will ask the following questions:

- Has the applicant identified clearly stated goals and measurable, realistic, and time-sensitive objectives?
- Has the applicant identified measurable outcomes that will enhance the mission of the Presbytery and the applicant congregation
 - to make disciples for Jesus Christ;
 - to address the need of all God's children;
 - to show God's love in mission?
- Did the applicant conduct a needs assessment or demographic study or map the assets of the community in which the project is to be developed? (A summary of any assessment should be enclosed with the application.)
- Is the project's timeline practical and feasible?
- Are there opportunities for working with interfaith, ecumenical, or other Presbyterian congregations?
- Are there other sources of funding for the project? Can the project proceed without presbytery funding? What percentage of the project will the presbytery be funding?
- Is the suggested project duplicative of other projects in the congregation's vicinity?
- Are there opportunities for replicating the project if it is successful?
- Has the applicant asked for funds for this project in the past? Was a grant awarded? If it was funded, why is additional funding needed? If it was denied, have the concerns that led to the denial of funds been addressed?

Section 3: Reporting: When a grant is awarded, the Mission Team will specify the frequency of programmatic reports for each project. Applicants will report on progress toward the achievement of measurable goals and provide a detailed report of expenditures to date.

Section 4: Lehigh Presbytery – Financial Grant Application

Please complete the form below:

Date Submitted: _____

Name of Church (es), group, pastors' forum, etc. that is applying for funds:

Contact person who can answer questions about this request:
_____ phone_____

email: _____

With guidance from Section 1, Eligibility and Section 2, Evaluation of Projects, please **provide a brief description of the ministry project** for which this request is being made.

Amount requested _____

Time period (when you need the money) _____

Please provide a summary budget (showing total cost of project, contributions from local churches and income from outside sources, and amount requested from Lehigh Presbytery)

For Council use: APPROVED – Date _____		AMOUNT \$ _____
Account # _____	Account Name _____	
1030 – Small Church Fund	1125 – Worldwide Ministries-Church-to-Church Partnership	1187 - Flood Relief
1090 – Peacemaking	1161 – NCD Reserves	1228 – Gorman Roof General Fund
		4001 - Mission Grants