

Mission In A Changing World Grant Basic Purpose and Principles

Grace Presbytery's Statement of Mission

"Grace Presbytery claims God's mission as our calling: to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ who saves, redeems, and reconciles the world to God through ministries of witness, justice, and mercy. Grace Presbytery prepares and supports leaders to build vital congregations that reach seekers and those in need, nurture disciples, and send apostles of our Lord into the world."

Purpose

To encourage the congregations of Grace Presbytery in the creation of mission opportunities and community engagement focused on individuals and needs beyond the walls of the church.

Maximum amount of grant: \$25,000

The Congregational Support Committee, in consultation with Presbytery Council, reserves the right to fund grants at levels that might differ from the maximum amount. An additional year of funding is possible with submission of requested documentation from the Congregational Support Committee.

Restrictions on use

Funds granted may not be used for major capital improvement expenses, debt retirement, the securing of general on-going staff needs, mission trips, international partnerships, or the continuation of existing ministries.

No more than fifty percent of the funds approved shall be used for compensation of new staff. If the position is a pastoral position, criteria for validating ministry through the Committee on Ministry will be applied in advance.

Endorsement required

Grant applications shall be endorsed by the Session of the church that applies for the grant. If the project involves more than one congregation, all Sessions involved in the project shall submit an endorsement.

Diversity

Mission in a Changing World Grants will be awarded with sensitivity to the full diversity of the presbytery (geographical, congregational, and cultural).

Policies and licensing

Congregations applying for grants will be required to have the appropriate policies and licensing in place (or in process) before their project can be approved and funds distributed. Examples would be: 1) If the ministry includes children or youth, the church must have a Child Protection Policy in place and up-to-date; 2) If the new ministry is to include the projection or printing of music, videos, or other copyrighted materials, the church must have the proper licensing

(CCLI, CVI, I One License) in place. Grants cannot be funded if these provisions are not met and copies are not provided with the application.

Reporting & Disbursement

If you receive a grant, you will be required to share your experience with the presbytery. Reporting shall be expected quarterly and a requirement of for disbursement which shall be quarterly as well. Said reporting and disbursement schedule shall be established at the award of the Grant.

Evaluation

At the conclusion of the grant funding period, the Congregational Support Committee will conduct an evaluation with the grant recipient. This evaluation will be an opportunity for grant recipients to share their experience engaging in a new mission project with the presbytery (e.g. what seemed to work; what didn't work; what could be done differently, etc.).

Instructions for Grant Application Submission

Viability & Sustainability Determination: The applicant shall schedule a grant viability conference call by making an appointment request via cscgrants@gracepresbytery.org.

Deadline: The Congregational Support Committee will receive, review, and award Congregational New Ministry Start-up Grants on an ongoing basis throughout the year.

Complete Application: The grant application must be complete when submitted. This includes the Session endorsement and a detailed expense budget, as well as Child Protection Policy, and/or other relevant policies or licenses. An incomplete application may result in the application being denied.

Typed or Online Submission: This is a fill-in-the-blank form. Please read and follow all applications instructions as directed. You can type directly onto the form, then save the completed form and print it.

This form is also available online at Grace Presbytery's website (www.gracepresbytery.org).

Applications may be submitted directly online through Grace Presbytery's website or submitted via email to cscgrants@gracepresbytery.org. Applications may be mailed to:

Grace Presbytery
c/o Tammy Stepka
6100 Colwell Blvd, Suite 100
Irving, TX 75039-3148

**Grace Presbytery
Mission in a Changing World Grant Application**

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1. Basic Information

Amount being requested \$ _____

Church Name(s) _____

Church Address(es) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip: _____

Mission Project Name/Title _____

Contact person (Who will answer questions about this application?)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ TX _____ Zip: _____

Primary Phone _____ Alternate Phone _____

E-mail address _____

PLEASE SCHEDULE GRANT VIABILITY & SUSTAINABILITY CALL PRIOR TO GRANT SUBMITTAL BY SCHEDULING SAID CALL VIA CSCGRANTS@GRACEPRESBYTERY.ORG

2. Description of the Mission Project

a. Please describe the purpose of this proposed Mission in a Changing World project.

b. How will you measure the success of the mission project? Please include a general timeline for the implementation of the project.

3. Detailed Project Plans

a. Share how your congregation discerned and developed this Mission in a Changing World project/need. Please include verifiable information or statistical information (such as Mission Insite or other data relevant to the city/county of the church and the need(s) addressed).

b. Describe who has been involved in the planning to date and how they will be involved with the continued development of this new mission project.

c. Identify who (i.e. the committee, work group, or ministry) will evaluate the success and the learning from this project at the end of the initial funding period.

4. Continuation Plans

How will you evaluate your Mission in a Changing World project and develop next steps towards the continuation or sustainability of this effort?

5. Financial Information

a. Please attach a proposed detailed expense budget for this project.

b. Please list all the anticipated sources of income for this project; including the amount that you are seeking from this grant.

6. Policies and Licenses

a. If your grant is for a mission project that focuses on children and/or youth, does your church have a Child Protection Policy in place? Yes No

If yes, when was it written? _____ When was it last updated? _____

If no, when do you anticipate the completion of such a policy for your church? _____

b. If your grant is for a new mission project that will include the projection or printing of music, videos, or other copyrighted materials, the church must have the proper licensing (CCLI, CVI, OneLicense) in place. Does your church have a license in place? Yes No

If so, which one? CCLI CVI OneLicense Other _____

7. Endorsement

Session Endorsement:

On _____, 20____, the Session of _____(church), of _____(city), Texas approved this grant application. The Session understands that should a grant be awarded to the congregation, it will be responsible for providing, in a timely manner, all record-keeping and/or evaluation reports requested by Congregational Support Committee of Grace Presbytery.

Clerk of Session (Print)

Clerk of Session (Signature) _____ Date

Moderator (Print)

Moderator (Signature) _____ Date

Grant currently suspended due to COVID-19