

Congregational New Ministry Start-up Grant (fka Mission Initiative 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 and support the congregations of Grace Presbytery in the creation of new and innovative ministries within the congregations and communities that they serve. These funds are intended to be "seed money" that will enable congregations to create new ministries, and as such, they will be limited to one year of funding.

Maximum amount of grant: \$3,000

The Congregational Support Committee reserves the right to fund grants at levels that might differ from the requested amount.

Restrictions on use

Funds granted in these initiatives 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.

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

Congregational New Ministry Start-up 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

If you receive a grant, you will be required to share your experience with the presbytery. You will be assigned a liaison from the committee who will assist you in sharing your progress in this new ministry through presentations, articles, events and through consultations with other churches considering similar programs.

Instructions for Grant Application Submission

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:

<https://www.gracepresbytery.org/resources/documents/>

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

**Grace Presbytery
Congregational New Ministry Start-up 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_____

2. Description of the New Ministry Start-up

a. Briefly describe (maximum 250 words) the purpose of this proposed new ministry start-up, including who this new ministry will engage?

b. How will you measure the success of the new ministry start-up? Please include a general timeline for the implementation of this new ministry.

3. Detailed Start-up Plans

a. Share a little bit of how your congregation discerned and developed this new ministry start-up plan.

b. Identify who (i.e. the committee, work group, or ministry) will evaluate the success and the learning from this new ministry start-up at the end of the initial funding period.

4. Continuation Plans

How will you evaluate your new ministry start-up and develop next steps towards the continuation or sustainability of this effort?

5. 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 _____

6. 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