

GRANT FUNDING GUIDELINES 2016



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I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The Presbytery of Geneva will consider projects which may be a specific new program of a local congregation, or may be a project/agency/or ministry which is an extension of that congregation's service in their wider community.

With funds available from 2 Cents-A-Meal offerings, Peacemaking offerings, and Mission Project Grant money, the Presbytery of Geneva hopes to be supportive of session proposals which serve the needs of people within the area encompassed by the Presbytery. We especially welcome projects which address hunger issues and peacemaking. Some proposals will be supported on an ongoing basis, while others might be supported for a short time, or even just once (e.g., Habitat for Humanity – 3 year limit). In some cases the Resource Team will consider supporting a specific program rather than the ongoing work of a large agency (e.g., Hospice or Planned Parenthood). This year the Resource Team on Grants of the Presbytery will review proposals presented and suggest support for those which it judges best fulfill the following guidelines.

II. PROCESS FOR APPLICATION

Proposals are to be reviewed, approved, and sponsored by a session for presentation to the Resource Team on Grants. Successful grant applications will receive fund distributions in two parts, this year in May and November. This application should include the following:

1. Completed application form (attached)
2. The endorsement of a Session, which must complete the enclosed form.

III. PRIORITIES FOR SUPPORTING PROJECTS

The Presbytery of Geneva is interested in supporting a variety of proposals with the following areas being of high priority:

1. Does the project witness to, and is it consistent with, the Gospel of Jesus Christ?
2. Will it strengthen the local church(es) transformation efforts?
3. Does this project address issues of hunger in our communities and if so, in what ways?
4. Does this project address issues of peacemaking in our communities and if so, in what ways?
5. In what ways does this project strengthen, create, or sustain important partnerships?
6. In what ways does this project provide opportunities for individuals or groups to be changed by an experience of God at work in the world?
7. Is this a creative, bold, and innovative use of mission dollars?
8. In what ways does this partnership with the Presbytery of Geneva assist the congregation to fulfill its own mission and vision?
9. Is there a possibility for leadership development within the project and/or the sponsoring congregation(s)?

IV. CRITERIA FOR EVALUATING PROPOSALS

A. Models of Partnership

The project should demonstrate a clear connection between the congregation(s) and the local community. Projects that demonstrate effective use of partnerships in order to bring health/ well-being to the Body of Christ are of particular interest. Projects should demonstrate a variety of funding sources which support the partnership efforts.

B. Experiences of Transformation

The proposal should make a significant difference in the lives of people. The involvement of the local congregation(s) should demonstrate a sense of living out discipleship to Jesus Christ.

C. Bold Initiatives

Whenever possible, the project should represent a new way to further the mission of the congregation(s) and a new way to involve people in the local community. Creative ideas are welcomed.

D. Support for those in Mission

The proposal should demonstrate that the Presbytery of Geneva's involvement is a critical component in supporting the congregation(s) to fulfill its mission and vision.

E. Leadership Development

The proposal should demonstrate a capacity to secure, sustain, and promote local leadership, volunteer and professional, required to make the program effective.



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