

2020 Application for Funds for Presbytery of Chicago

The Presbytery of Chicago is eager to fund great ideas and programs in churches throughout the Presbytery, with a particular emphasis given to helping churches who might not be able to fund these ideas and programs on their own. This funding is available because of the witness and generosity of many faithful Presbyterians who came before us and we are deeply grateful for their contributions to the ongoing ministry of this Presbytery.

Funding currently exists for a wide variety of ministries, some based on the restrictions and parameters created by donors, while others reflect the creativity and openness of 21st century ministry. We hope that these categories will spark your imaginations, rather than limit them. Consider:

- Funding for one-time events, outreach initiatives, or educational workshops
- One to three year mission opportunities, moving gradually towards being self-funded
- Support for ongoing mission opportunities that are generating positive results
- Charitable and religious works
- Peacemaking
- Camping and retreat opportunities
- Campus ministry
- Music ministry

To apply for funding for any of these categories, please fill out the form below and send it to the Presbytery's Mission Team at contactus@chicagopresbytery.org. In addition, please be aware of the following guidelines set forth by Chicago Presbytery's Mission Team:

- Applications must be submitted by your church's session rather than by individuals within your congregation.
- We will not finance "pass through" mission grants in which we write a check to you and then you write a check to another organization. Funds are intended to support current or future ministry being done by your particular congregation/congregations.
- No more than 10% of your requested funds can be used for "capital improvements", even if those improvements are vital to the success of your ministry project.

Finally, please be aware that there are also separate funds available for supplementing full-time pastoral salaries, scholarships for seminary students and future church leaders, and the PC(USA)'s Self Development of People program. If you or your congregation are interested in applying for any of those particular funds, we encourage to reach out to contactus@chicagopresbytery.org for those specific applications.

Chicago Presbytery Mission Team Funding Application

Basic Congregational Information

Contact Person:

E-mail:

Phone Number:

Secondary Contact Person:

E-mail:

Phone Number:

Name of Congregation:

Average Weekly Attendance:

Total Annual Budget of Your Congregation:

Are You Currently in a Capital Campaign?

Please attach a copy of your congregation's annual budget, balance sheet,
and most recent monthly financial report.

Project Information

Short description of your ministry project (250-500 words)

- Total amount of funds requested:
- Please attach an itemized budget for the project/event.
- Has this project received funding from the Presbytery in the past? Yes No
 - If yes, in which years and for how much?

- Please estimate a date when you can provide a report of the project or event (i.e. videos, slides, testimonials, etc.), whether upon its conclusion or throughout the year to your regional liaison from the Presbytery's Mission Team:
- Does this project involve children or youth under the age of 18? Yes No
 - If yes, you must include a copy of your congregation's safe boundary policy and a certificate of insurance showing that your insurance carrier is aware of this ministry involving children and youth.

How will you use this money? Share goals, timelines, desired outcomes and how volunteers will be used (250-500 words):

How will this help your congregation be a community of faith, hope, love, and witness? (250-500 words)

Are you in partnership with any other congregations or community partners in this effort? If so, please share the following information:

Name of Congregation/Partner:

Contact Person:

E-mail:

Phone Number:

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The Presbytery Mission Team meets four times per year to evaluate applications and award funding. Application deadlines are February 1, May 1, August 1, and November 1, 2020. Applications received after the above dates will be considered during the following quarter.

Please send this application and any relevant additional materials (budgets, boundary policy, further explanation of project) to contactus@chicagopresbytery.org.