



BISBEE COMMUNITY MISSION GRANTS

OUR MISSION: "The Presbytery of the Cascades' Community Mission Grants program seeks to provide grants for projects which strive to strengthen the bonds of community, neighborhood and family. We wish to encourage and promote ecumenical ministries, interdenominational and interfaith cooperation."

OUR FUND: In 1991 Kathrine Bisbee left funds in the Oregon Community Foundation the earnings from which are be distributed annually to three organizations, including Cascades Presbytery. The Bisbee Grants Team awards these grants, each year selecting an area of focus. Typically, the grants run up to \$1,500.

OUR 2023 FOCUS: Bisbee Grant funds are available for pre-and-post-emergency or disaster-related projects.

Is your church prepared to be transformed into an Emergency Shelter? Are you considering how to be prepared to shelter your members and fellow community members after a major natural disaster? Do you need a disaster preparedness plan? What is emergency/disaster planning?

The basic structure for disaster planning includes phases of comprehensive emergency management: preparedness, response, and recovery. Well-conceived emergency preparedness and response plans not only save lives, they often also contribute to resilience and post-disaster recovery by lessening the impact of a disaster.

Start now thinking about how your church building and members will respond during a natural disaster or other emergency. Give consideration to the supplies necessary to accommodate those that will take shelter in your building and how you will care for the people once they are there.

Deadline to submit your grant application is August 15, 2023. See the Presbytery website for more information <https://cascadespresbytery.org/grants/>.