Grants for New Ministries

**Purpose**

The New Ministries Team (NMT) of the Presbytery of the Cascades seeks to participate in a new movement of the Spirit by encouraging existing ministries to grow and inspiring individual leaders and congregations to imagine new kinds of ministries for a new era of church. We exist to steward efforts in the Presbytery to begin new churches and ministries, and to encourage existing congregations to revitalize their mission through developing new ministries. New ministries are expected to articulate their mission and vision in terms of their faith.

**Process**

Fill out the Grant Application for New Ministries and submit it by email. Be sure to attach all relevant documents and secure approval from the Session of the church or equivalent leadership of the sponsoring organization.

Applications are accepted year-round and reviewed on an ongoing basis. Grant recipients are announced at the end of April, July, and November.

Applicants who are receiving a **Seed Grant from 1001 New Worshiping Communities** of the PC(USA) are eligible to receive a matching grant from the NMT.

See <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/1001-2/mission-program-grants/> for more information. Other proposals are evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

**Support**

Besides the disbursement of grant funds, the Presbytery of the Cascades, through the NMT, will offer support and guidance, helping grantees find assistance for such needs as goal setting, skills training, and coaching.

**Expectations**

Grantees must be committed to promptly respond to communications from the NMT, **submit a follow-up report and evaluation within a year, assist the NMT in sharing the project's story and vision with the Presbytery, and secure appropriate certification, training or mentoring.**

**Grant Reporting/Accounting\***

The grant recipient (“Grantee”) shall keep adequate and complete records of the use and administration of the grant. Upon the full expenditure of the grant and/or within one (1) year, whichever occurs first, the Grantee shall send a complete and accurate report to the Presbytery of the Cascades (“Grantor”). The report shall include the beginning balance of the grant and all subsequent disbursements. For each disbursement, a copy the vendor, recipient, entity, employee or independent contractor, invoice or receipt shall be provided of the expenditure or service purchased or provided. The Grantee shall retain all records for a period of three years from the date of the reporting. **Grant accounting should be sent to**: accountingmanager@potc.life

**Contact**

Email questions and applications to office@potc.org with the subject line "NMT Grant Application - (Project Name)."

Grant Application for New Ministries

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| **Date of application:** |  |
| **Name of project:** |  |
| **Amount requested:** |  |
| **Sponsoring church or other organization:** |  |
| **Grant Applicant name / phone:** |  |
| **Grant Funds Administrator\* name / phone:** |  |

Is this your first request for funding for this project? YES NO (If no, please give a brief history of previous funding).

Is this a 1001 New Worshiping Communities matching grant application? \_\_ YES NO

Describe the project (in less than 100 words).

Describe the specific need(s) this project is designed to address.

Describe how the project aligns with stated short- or long-term mission goals of your congregation or the Presbytery. Attach established mission statements if applicable?

Describe this ministry's connection to a Presbyterian community or congregation.

Describe this ministry's connection to a community or organization beyond the church:

What training or experience do you or your organization have that is relevant?

What will success look like? Describe the evaluation process for this project?

Will this be its own 501c3, under another nonprofit organization, or other classification?

If awarded, to whom should the check be made out to?

Attach a project budget detailing expenses and all funding sources (this or other grants, sponsors, donors, community partnerships, in-kind donations).

List other grants you have applied for or plan to apply for, including foundation name, amount requested, and the status of your application (planning to apply, applied and expect to hear on date, or request denied):

Attach any other relevant information about the project.

Please print the following page to provide the requested signatures.

Please print this page & provide the following signatures.

Signature of Grant Applicant Date

Grant Applicant (print name)

**If sponsored by a church, include the signature of the Clerk of Session below:**

The Session of Church approved this application for funds in a (regular/special) meeting moderated by

on (date).

Clerk of Session signature Date

Clerk of Session print name

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