



GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS NETWORK New Covenant Grant Information

Application reviews will begin: October 1, 2020

ELIGIBILITY

New Covenant Grants are available to congregations within the Synod of the Covenant. Congregations, institutions and organizations associated with PC(USA) congregations within the bounds of the Synod of the Covenant may apply using the application form found in this document. The purpose of the grant must specifically be Christian in focus. Preference will be given to projects that serve primarily Presbyterians or a Presbyterian institution.

Projects must directly address at least one of the three mission priorities of the Synod of the Covenant:

- **Congregational Development and Transformation:** Projects focused on transformation of a congregation, defined as “Transformation of an existing congregation is the redirection of its ministry in light of significant changes among its membership, the community to be served, or both; transformation includes a planned effort and intent to refocus the congregation’s ministry, under the direction of the Presbytery (PC(USA))”
- **Multicultural and Justice Ministries:** projects directly affecting and addressing issues of injustice and discrimination in society, through education, advocacy, and hands-on mission and service
- **Ministries in Higher Education:** support for ecumenically-supported ministries on the campuses of colleges and universities within the Synod, campus ministries at our three church-related colleges (Alma, Muskingum, and Wooster), and congregational ministries directed toward students in higher education.

Grants are awarded on the strength of the application and preference will be given to applications from congregations which have not previously been awarded grants. Continuing grants for completion of a project may also be considered. Individuals or outside 501c3 organizations are not eligible. The grant awarded may be up to \$5000.00 annually. Grants must be applied for every year. Evidence of institutional or congregational financial support for the project is strongly recommended.

Grants may be used for either capital expenditures or programs materials and costs. A status update is due to the committee at 6 months post award of the grant, and a formal evaluation of the project is due within one month following completion of the project.

INSTRUCTIONS

Applications will be reviewed beginning **October 1, 2020**. Applications and all requested materials, as well as an endorsement letter from pastor or moderator/clerk of session, must be submitted together to receive consideration by the grant review committee. Application must include a letter of endorsement from the Presbytery leader (Executive or General Presbyter or Stated Clerk). Late or incomplete applications will not be considered nor will they be carried forward automatically. Applicants will need to reapply for the next cycle to be eligible for funding.

Applications can be completed and uploaded at www.synodofthecovenant/grants, or completed applications should be emailed to grants@synodofthecovenant.org.

Please contact the Synod Grants and Scholarships Committee using the following information:

Grants and Scholarship Network, The Synod of the Covenant

grants@synodofthecovenant.org

419-754-4050



Grants and Scholarship Network
NEW COVENANT GRANT APPLICATION

Church Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Person responsible for administering the grant: _____

Pastor: _____

Clerk of Session: _____

Area addressed: _____

First time application? _____ **Date of prior grant:** _____

Request for continuing grant? _____

As attachments to this application, please provide:

1. A detailed description of the project, including the community to be served (including approximate number), the timeframe for the project, the goals to be accomplished, and why this project is needed (up to 1500 words).
2. A statement as to how the project relates back to the mission and vision statements and strategic plans of the organization (up to 500 words).
3. A detailed description of the plans for evaluation, including benchmarks for success (up to 500 words).
4. Any supporting documents (from partner organizations, evidence for success from other similar projects, etc.)
5. A list of persons responsible for administration of this grant, their roles and responsibilities and contact information.
6. A description of the site of the Project (including addresses).
7. A proposed program budget including personnel costs, operating costs and timing, other sources of income, the amount of grant requested, and the budget total.
8. Letter of affirmation from Pastor and/or Stated Clerk of associated congregation.
9. Letter of endorsement from the Presbyter, and if one is not in place, Stated Clerk.

SIGNATURES

Responsible Party (Name)

Date

Rev. Dr. Chip Hardwick
Interim Executive, Synod of the Covenant

Date

*Note: Complete grant application must be received by **October 1** and must include the following materials:*

- *Application form*
- *Attachments answering application questions*
- *Letter of affirmation from Pastor and/or Stated Clerk of associated congregation.*
- *Letter of endorsement from the Presbytery leadership.*

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Grant Approved? _____

Amount of Grant: _____

If no, state reason: