

2018 ENHANCEMENT GRANT APPLICATION

Pittsburgh Presbytery

Application Information Section

- The completed application should include the following:
 1. Session Approval /Information Section (this page)
 2. General Grant Information Section (this page)
 3. Church Information Section (page 2)
 4. Narrative Section (page 3)
 5. Copy of 2017 church budget and current financial statement
- Deadline: September 13, 2017
IMPORTANT NOTE: If you do not hear from a staff or Administrative Commission for Transformation team member by September 20, 2017 that your application has been received for consideration, please call Cindy Miller at 412-323-1400 X 321.
- **Grants are awarded on a one-year basis. Churches are eligible to receive Enhancement Grants for two consecutive years but must reapply annually.** (Grant applications for the next year are usually available on the presbytery website by the end of January of the preceding grant year.) Churches may apply for an exception to this rule with an explanation of how this money is critical to the ongoing work of reaching people for Christ in their community.
- One (1) electronic copy of the completed application is to be emailed to Cindy Miller (cmiller@pghpresbytery.org) and one (1) hard copy (**PLEASE ONLY ONE SIDED AND NO STAPLES!**) mailed to: Cindy Miller, Pittsburgh Presbytery, 901 Allegheny Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15233. Please contact Cindy at 412-323-1400 X 321 if you are unable to submit an electronic copy.
- Please download, share, and review the online article about providing ministry to your community from the presbytery website at http://www.pghpresbytery.org/forms/pdfs/act/resurrection_of_urban_church.pdf
- If you have any questions, please contact ACT chair: Rev. Judi Slater (412-469-0750 / judislater@gmail.com)
 ACT Team Members: Laura Bentley, Rev. Rebecca DePoe, Rev. Tyler Domske, Pastor Robert Henry, Rev. Brian Janssen, Douglas Mitchell, Rev. Lawrence Ruby, Rev. Marsha Sebastian, Rev. Dr. Judi Slater (chair), Rev. Gavin Walton, and Rev. Steve Werth

Session Approval / Information Section

- The entire application was presented, read and approved by Session on (date) _____
- Name (or signature if possible) of Moderator or Clerk _____
- When does the Session meet? _____

General Grant Information Section

- Total Amount Requested (maximum \$4,000) _____
NOTE: 2018 funds are awarded on a 4-to-1 ratio. ACT will grant \$4 (up to \$4,000 maximum) for every \$1 raised by the applicant church. For example, if the church raises \$1,000 and is approved, ACT will grant \$4,000. The contributing portion of the congregation can include in-kind support in addition to financial support. Examples of acceptable in-kind support are costs of meals and volunteer hours given by members of the congregation provided in relationship to the proposed project. We encourage congregations to seek support from partners to generate the applicant's portion.
- Purpose of Grant (identifying phrase only; details on page 3) _____

Church Information Section

Date _____ Church PIN # _____

Church Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

E-mail _____

Pastor _____

Clerk of Session _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Church Contact _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Amount of grant requested for 2018 (\$4,000 maximum) _____

Funding for Enhancement Grants comes from Presbytery mission giving.

Per Capita paid for the last 3 years:

2016 _____ 2015 _____ 2014 _____

Mission giving to Presbytery for the last 3 years:

2016 _____ 2015 _____ 2014 _____

Other mission giving for the last 3 years:

2016 _____ 2015 _____ 2014 _____

Amounts of Presbytery funding for the last five years:

2016 _____ 2015 _____ 2014 _____

2013 _____ 2012 _____

Churches benefiting from Enhancement Grants are asked to consider mission donations to ACT in the future so other churches may benefit from this support

Numerical Growth of the Congregation	2015	2016	2017	2018 (goal)
Average Worship Attendance				
Church Membership				
Average Church School Attendance				
People directly served in mission				
Number of baptisms	X	X		X
Number of deaths	X	X		X

Narrative Section

1. **GRANT PURPOSE:** For what would you use this grant?
 - a. How will the ministry be sustained beyond the grant?
 - b. How will transformation be measured and what will define success?

2. **CONGREGATION:** Describe your congregation in a sentence or two and provide answers to the following questions (one sentence for each question is sufficient).
 - a. How does your congregation bring others to Jesus Christ? What is the evidence of your success in this area?
 - b. How does your congregation participate in mission?
 - c. Describe how spiritual life is nurtured in your congregation.
 - d. Describe how you have challenged your congregation to be faithful stewards.
 - e. Funding comes from congregations actively participating in the mission of the presbytery through shared benevolence. Describe the commitment of your congregation to funding the mission of Pittsburgh Presbytery.
 - f. Describe the role of prayer in your congregation.
 - g. What barriers stand in the way of your congregation sharing the gospel?
 - h. Is your congregation engaged in a partnership with another congregation(s)? If so, what is the nature of the partnership and how has it had an impact on your ministry?

3. **COMMUNITY:** Someone once said a community that fails to define itself will not survive. With that in mind, please answer the following community related questions (one sentence for each question is sufficient):
 - a. Who is the community you are trying to serve?
 - b. How did you identify this community? What resources (census, statistical such as Crabtree assessment, MissionInsite, anecdotal, etc.) did you use?
 - c. How did you discover this community has a need for what you are describing? Tangibly justify what you are describing.
 - d. How does this ministry align itself with the message of Jesus Christ, the message of deeds, words, hands and feet?
 - e. What is the long-term plan for this ministry?
 - f. How will this ministry be with and walk with the community, which is the ministry model of Jesus Christ, instead of doing for the community?

Follow-up Section

We agree to provide the following information at the end of the grant year:

1. What was the purpose for which the grant money was awarded?
2. How was the money specifically used? (Example: If the money was awarded to purchase media equipment, what equipment was purchased and how is it being used?)
3. What impact did this have on helping your church reach out to the community? (We would appreciate feedback on specific numbers when possible. (Example: If your grant was awarded to start an After School Program, how many children are participating in the program?))
4. What were the results of this grant based on the measures for sustainability, transformation, and the definition of success you described in your initial application?

In addition to evaluating the effectiveness of this grant, we hope to highlight for the presbytery some of the good ministry these grants have helped make possible. We would like to share the joy of God's work among us through the ministries these grants have supported. Please take pictures throughout the year of the ministry or program supported by this grant. We would like to share the fruits of your ministry! (Please send your pictures in JPG format with a descriptive caption to Cindy Miller at cmiller@pghpresbytery.org)