

2024 Presbytery of Chicago Mission Grants

Each year, the Presbytery of Chicago's Mission Committee funds projects and programs in churches throughout the Presbytery, with a particular emphasis given to helping churches who might not be able to fund these projects and programs on their own. Past projects have included: feeding programs, camping and campus ministries, educational events, and more. This funding is available due to the generosity of many faithful Presbyterians who came before us and we are deeply grateful for their contributions to the ongoing ministry of this Presbytery.

What to know before applying for a grant:

- We expect congregations to financially contribute to the projects they are proposing, both for a sense of shared partnership as well as stewardship of the Presbytery's funds. The percent of the total project's budget your congregation would be asked to cover typically depends on your church's overall budget – please see below for details:
 - **Annual budget less than \$500,000 - \$15,000 maximum grant**
 - Your church would need to contribute 10% of overall cost of project
 - **Annual budget between \$500,000 and \$1 million – \$10,000 maximum grant**
 - Your church would need to contribute 25% of overall cost of project
 - **Annual budget greater than \$1 million – \$5,000 maximum grant**
 - Your church would need to contribute 50% of overall cost of project
- The project you are requesting funds for must be ministry your congregation is directly involved in. These funds may not be sent to another organization.
- Funds toward building maintenance or property improvements may not exceed 10% of the overall request, even if those improvements are vital to the success of your project.
- Applications must be submitted by your church's session rather than by individual members of your congregation.
- An incomplete application may not be considered or approved by the committee until it is completed.

Documents required with your application:

- POC Mission Committee Funding Application (Pages 2 & 3 of this document)
- A budget document specifying how this grant money would be spent
- A copy of your church's annual financial statement
- If your project involves children under the age of 18, you must attach a copy of your church's safe boundaries policy and a certificate of insurance showing that your insurance carrier is aware of this ministry involving children and youth.

How to apply:

The Mission Committee meets four times per year to evaluate applications and award funding.

Application deadlines are January 31, April 30, May 31, and October 31, 2024. Applications received after those dates will be considered during the following quarter. To apply, please send each of the documents listed above to mission@chicagopresbytery.org.

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

POC Mission Committee Funding Application

Basic Congregational Information

Name of Congregation:

Address of Congregation:

City, State, Zip Code:

Website and/or Facebook Link of Congregation:

Total Annual Budget of Your Congregation:

Contact Person:

E-mail:

Phone Number:

Secondary Contact Person:

E-mail:

Phone Number:

Project Information

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1. Please describe your ministry project – goals, timeframe, who is attending, etc.

2. Why does your congregation feel called to this particular project?



3. How would this grant help you achieve your goals? *(Remember to attach itemized budget)*

Total budget for the project/event *(required)*:

Total amount of funds requested *(required)*:

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, whether upon its conclusion or the end of the year:

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.**

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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Contact Person:

E-mail:

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