

2012 ENHANCEMENT GRANT APPLICATION

Pittsburgh Presbytery

Application Information

- 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 2010 church budget and current financial statement
- Deadline: April 29, 2011. *This is a firm deadline! No applications will be received or considered after this date.*

IMPORTANT NOTE: If you do not hear from a staff or ACT Team member by May 13, 2011 that your application has been received for consideration, please call Cindy Miller at 412-323-1440 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 (cmiiler@pghpresbytery.org) and one (1) hard copy 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.
- If you have any questions please call your pastor to the presbytery:

Small Churches: Rev. Carol Divens Roth (412-323-1400, ext. 316)

Medium and Large Churches: Rev. Dr. Douglas Portz (412-323-1400, ext. 318)

Administrative Commission for Transformation (ACT) members: Rev. Elizabeth Broschart, Pastor Robert Henry, Rev. Dr. Karl McDonald, Douglas Mitchell, Sylvia Nanji, Rev. Dr. Douglas Portz, Rev. Carol Divens Roth, Rev. Lawrence Ruby, Rev. Marsha Sebastian, Rev. Michael Wilson and Mary Yearsley

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 \$3-4,000) _____
- 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 _____

Church Contact _____ Phone _____

Size of grant requested for 2012 (\$3-4,000 maximum) _____

Funding for Enhancement Grants comes from Presbytery mission giving.

Per Capita paid for the last 3 years:

2010 _____ 2009 _____ 2008 _____

Mission giving to Presbytery for the last 3 years:

2010 _____ 2009 _____ 2008 _____

Other mission giving for the last 3 years:

2010 _____ 2009 _____ 2008 _____

Amounts of Presbytery funding for the last five years:

2010 _____ 2009 _____ 2008 _____

2007 _____ 2006 _____

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	2008	2009	2010	2011 (goal)
Average Worship Attendance				
Church Membership				
Average Church School Attendance				
People directly served in mission				

Narrative Section (Please use additional pages as necessary.)

1. How does your congregation bring others to Jesus Christ? What is the evidence of your success in this area?
2. How does your congregation participate in mission?
3. Describe the worship experiences offered by your congregation. How have they been instrumental in bringing people to Christ and nurturing them in their spiritual lives?
4. Describe how you have challenged your congregation to be faithful stewards.
5. Funding comes from each congregation's active participation in presbytery's mission through shared benevolence. Describe your congregation's commitment to funding Pittsburgh Presbytery's mission.
6. Describe the role of prayer in your congregation.
7. What objectives do you have for the future?
8. What barriers stand in the way of your congregation bringing people to Christ, offering vibrant worship, and participating in mission?
9. For what would you use this grant?
10. 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?
11. Is there any additional information the Transformation Commission should have?

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?)

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.