

Freedom Rising SEED Grant Application

This document was developed to be used by you to prepare your application for submission. Once you start the online application, you may go back to previous screens but you will NOT be able to save and return at a later date. You must complete the application in one sitting.

Following is the required information and questions found on the application.

IMPORTANT: Before proceeding any further, please make sure you have access to an electronic copy of your balanced budget. You will be required to attach this document later in the application process.

PROCESS INFORMATION:

- Application Deadline: May 31, 2018
- Applicants are eligible to receive a one-time grant of up to \$5,000
- Applications will be reviewed upon receipt
- Finalists will be invited to participate in an interview with the steering team
- Recipients will be notified of their award by September 10 and all recipients will be announced publicly at the meeting of Pittsburgh Presbytery on September 20 at [Crestfield Camp & Conference Center](#)

Program Name

Sponsoring Church or Parent Organization

Date

Primary Contact Person

Position within Organization/Ministry

Address of Primary Contact

Phone of Primary Contact

Email of Primary Contact

Secondary Contact Person

Position within Organization/Ministry

Address of Secondary Contact

Phone of Secondary Contact

Email of Secondary Contact

- Who will be leading this program/ministry, if different from the sponsoring church/organization?
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Please limit your reply to ONE PARAGRAPH for each of the following questions:

- What is the mission statement of your ministry/program?
- Describe in detail the population you are seeking to serve.
- What is your geographic proximity to those you are called to serve?
- Do you already have an established connection with those you are called to serve through a Freedom Rising grant? If so, please describe. If no, please describe your plan for recruitment/outreach.
- Describe how you plan to structure your ministry/program to meet the needs of those you are called to serve.
- For how much money are you applying? (Amount must not exceed \$15,000.)
- How would a seed grant be used to develop this ministry/program?
- Are there any other resources you would need from Freedom Rising?
- How do you see your ministry/program playing a role in the implementation of the Freedom Rising mission?
- Is your ministry/program sustainable beyond these funds?

Please provide a balanced budget for your ministry/program including other sources of funding. (You will select electronic files to upload.)

Freedom Rising adopted a Mission Statement and Core Values in 2016 to ensure that any initiative developed through Freedom Rising is consistent with the spirit and mandates of the Overture adopted by the 222 General Assembly of the PCUSA on Addressing the Worsening Plight of African American Males. Our Mission Statement and Core Values are attached for your review. [Click here for the full text of the overture.](#)

We are prayerfully seeking partners to implement this vision within our region. To ensure that any program supported by a grant through Freedom Rising is consistent with our mission and values, please answer the following questions about your ministry or program. Please keep your replies for each question limited to ONE PARAGRAPH each.

- How does your ministry/program serve African American males in Allegheny County, specifically recognizing and honoring the rich diversity among African American males, ages 6-19?
- How does your ministry/program seek to develop and energize leaders for the Church and for the world?
- How does your ministry/program bear witness to the gospel of Christ's love for all of humankind and Christ's welcome to those who have been marginalized?
- How does your ministry/program demonstrate an ongoing commitment to act against issues of racism, violence and poverty?

- How does your ministry/program plan to collaborate with Pittsburgh Presbytery and the PCUSA while intentionally reaching out to others?
- Is there anything else that would be helpful for the committee to know when reviewing your application?