



Presbyterian Mission  
**Self Development  
of People**

**What is SDOP ?**

# Overview

- Origin of Self Development of People
- What We Believe
- Who We Invest In
- Case Studies
- How To Get A Grant
- Small Group Discussion
- Close

# A Ministry & Mission

Self-Development of People (SDOP) is a MINISTRY which affirms God's concern for humankind. We are Presbyterian and others, dissatisfied with poverty and oppression, united in faith and action through sharing, confronting, and enabling.

The Mission of the Pittsburgh Self-Development of People Ministry Team is to assist grass-roots groups in identifying their direction and vision; then, with God's help, to develop projects that will be beneficial to both them and the community.

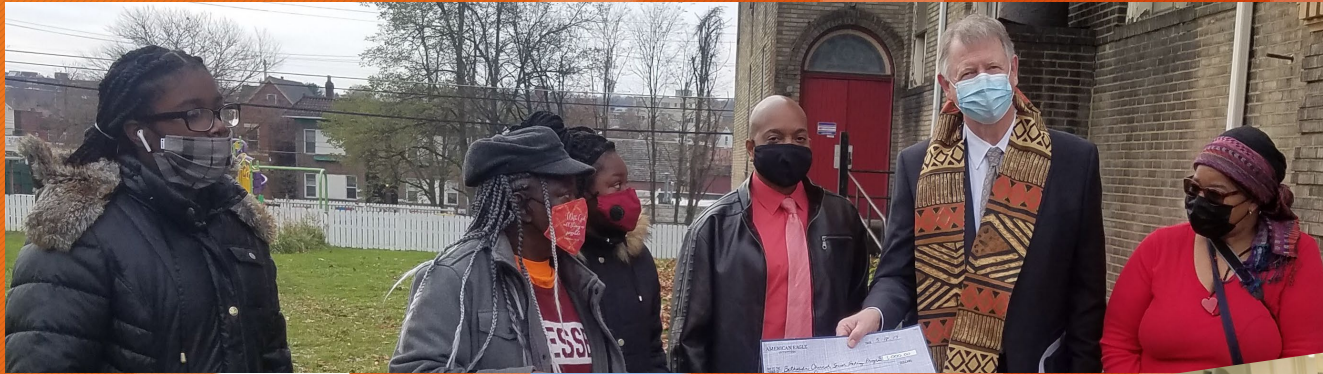
**We Promote Human Dignity**

# How the SDOP Ministry Works?

Self-Development of People (SDOP) enters into partnerships with community groups of low-income people that want to change their lives and communities.



# Self Development of People



# SDOP Core Strategies:

## **Promote Justice**

We believe that people are not poor because they choose to be but rather because we have unjust systems that unfairly restrict opportunities and choices and that oppress certain populations in the first place. Therefore, in order to alleviate poverty and injustices, we must create a more just world.

## **Build Stronger Communities**

We believe that we must build power within communities, trust them, and invest in them so that they can invest in themselves and their communities.

## **Seek Economic And Racial Equity**

We have faith that economic and racial equity is possible when we center the most marginalized voice among us and create long term solutions that address those needs/experiences



# ORIGIN of SDOP

- In 1969, James Forman spoke at the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church USA on the 'Black Manifesto' calling for reparations from white churches for current and historical injustices to people of color.
- In 1970, in response to the calling Self Development of People became a ministry of PCUSA.



# SDOP Established & Affirmed

Self-Development of People emerged out of the 1970 General Assembly. The mandate was **established by the 182<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly (1970)** of the former United Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and **reaffirmed and approved by the 199<sup>th</sup> General Assembly (1987)** of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)



# SDOP Mandate

The Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People shall assist the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in carrying out its global commitment to work toward the self-development of economically poor, oppressed, and disadvantaged people who own, control, and benefit directly from projects that promote long-term change in their lives and communities.

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SDOP is funded by  
One Great Hour of  
Sharing !!



# One Great Hour of Sharing

- What is One Great Hour of Sharing?
  - Presbyterian Congregations and Individuals
- How are Funds Distributed?
  - 32% Self Development of People (SDOP)
  - 32% Presbyterian Disaster Assistance
  - 36% Presbyterian Hunger Program
    - 4% addressing homelessness through community organizing



# Who We Invest In?

- Underserved Economically Challenged Groups of 10 Or More People
- Groups Who Organizing/ Collaborate to do Something About Their Condition
- Groups Who Want to Take Charge of Their Own Lives and Economic Future
- Groups Who Seeking Long Term Change for Their Own Lives or Communities
- Groups Who Control Programs They Own And Directly Benefit From



# Criteria for Funding

- Project Members Equally Share Ownership & Control
- Project Addresses/ Seeks to Offer a Long Term Correction of Conditions related to Poverty/ Oppression
- Project Criteria
  - Members are Actively Involved and Direct Beneficiaries (no Silent Partners)
  - Clear Goals & Objectives
  - Environmentally Friendly & Non-violent
  - Balanced Income/Expenditure Budget
  - Available Resources Description
  - Progress Evaluation/ Reporting



# Types Of Projects Funded

## **Capacity Building**

(Projects that build personal capacity to become self-sufficient)

## **Cooperative Economic Opportunities**

(Cooperative Projects benefiting group members economically)

## ➤ **Community Advocacy/ Organizing**

(Projects that address systemic issues/ systems that ignore the needs of impoverished communities)

## ➤ **Affordable Housing / Neighborhood Revitalization**

## ➤ **Water and Farming Project (for community-led efforts)**

## ➤ **Economic Development Programs**



## ➤ THREE Levels of Funding:

- Local Presbytery Level (Groups of 5 or more)
  - i.e., PGH SDOP offers Seed Grants
  - Download APP from [www.PGHPresbytery.org/justice-ministries/sdop/](http://www.PGHPresbytery.org/justice-ministries/sdop/)
- Local Synod Level (Groups of 10 or more)
- National Level (Groups of 10 or more)
  - For More Information Visit [www.PCUSA.org/sdop](http://www.PCUSA.org/sdop)



Presbyterian Committee on the  
**Self-Development  
of People**  
*People Investing in People*



**QUESTIONS?!**

# Next Steps

1. Talk to Your Group
2. Get Everyone Involved
3. Review SDOP Requirements
4. **Complete Local Application Form:**
  - Contact Your Local Presbytery SDOP Committee
  - Download application from  
[www.PGHPresbytery.org/justice-ministries/sdop/](http://www.PGHPresbytery.org/justice-ministries/sdop/)
5. Seek Advice to Strengthen Your Application
6. Submit Application Before September 10th



Apply...



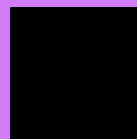
What is the Problem or Need Addressed?



What is the Project & How Will it Make a Difference?



Who is the Group & Who Makes Major Project Decisions?



How are Project Decisions Made & How are profits shared?

# Application Process

- PGH SDOP accepts Applications from Groups of Five or More who directly benefit from the Project
- Project Applications & Budget must be Submitted by September 10th to be considered
- PGH SDOP Committee Reviews Application
  - Project Site Visit (as needed)
- PGH SDOP Committee Decision

# Key Questions

- What Is The Project And Why Is It Needed?
- Who Owns (Initiated) And Controls The Project?
- Who Benefits Directly From This Project?





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# Self-Check

Test Yourself Evaluate the Examples that follow...

- Does the Project Proposal APPEAR to Meet SDOP Funding Criteria? If YES, Why? If NO, Why Not?
- Is the Project Missing Any Needed Information? If YES, Please Explain.

# YES or NO ?

1

**What is the project and why is it needed?**

- We are a grassroots, resident led organization of 300 members that seeks to improve and secure our neighborhoods from crime and related problems. Our community does not have an adequate supportive network system and/or facility; 90% of us are in a low or lower income economic category; and lack medical care and legal advice.

**Who owns (initiated) and controls the project?**

- The women and men of our neighborhood community initiated the supporting network system. The members of the community, through elected Board members, control the ongoing activities.

**Who benefits directly from this project?**

- The members of the community and their families.



# YES or NO ?

2

**What is the project and why is it needed?**

- This project is a beauty care business that provides professional care services to customers at reduced and special prices. We feel that this project is needed because it serves as a community-based facility that is aimed towards giving high quality services to people that wish to look attractive and professional.

**Who owns (initiated) and controls the project?**

- I, Ms. Jill own the project because the original ideas and foundation were set by me. Nevertheless, all three decision makers control the project because we serve as a team that has the common goal of working together and taking responsibility for succeeding or failing with this project.

**Who benefits directly from this project?**

- All members of Smart Hair Cuts will directly benefit from this project.

# YES or NO ?

- **What is the project and why is it needed?**  
The project is transportation. There are two different types of transportation needed. The first type would be transportation for the general public not limited to but including transportation for the economically disadvantaged for work, training, shopping and childcare. This would link with the county bus and the Greyhound. The second type is specialized transportation for the elderly, mentally impaired and physically disabled with medical destinations.

## **Who owns (initiated) and controls the project?**

- Eagle Non-Emergency Transportation is ran and owned by the 45 group members, they are the decision-makers. They control every aspect of the program through a voting process at monthly meetings. A board of seven directors was elected as agents by the members to run meetings and see that things they voted to be done were carried out.

## **Who benefits directly from this project?**

- The 45 members (mostly with families totaling about 100 people).



# YES or NO ?

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**What is the project and why is it needed?**

- Developing a youth-owned and youth-run mobile concession trailer to sell refreshments at sporting events (baseball, soccer, and local basketball) and at other events in rural communities that have no access to food vending. This project is needed because there are no opportunities for youth to seek gainful employment in this rural community besides babysitting or cutting grass (which is highly competitive among adults).

**Who owns (initiated) and controls the project?**

- The members of the organization Build UP Community (B.U.C) and its youth component, We Build Up Community Too (W.B.U.C.2) own and control the project.

**Who benefits directly from this project?**

- The direct beneficiaries of this project are the youth of the "W.B.U.C.2" organization.



# YES or NO ?

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- What is the project and why is it needed?**
- This project is a supportive housing program. We provide permanent housing to 15 homeless individuals. Our staff, of 6 mental health consumers, provides supportive help to the residents. Our current grant provides for all areas of the program, including operating and supportive monies.

**Who owns (initiated) and controls the project?**

- Individuals who had been homeless and are mental health consumers own and manage the project, as well as professionals such as an attorney and a mental health provider. The Board of Trustees controls the project. It is the board that makes decisions regarding the policies of the agency.

**Who benefits directly from this project?**

- The individuals who founded the organization and some of the board members who had been volunteers when the organization was founded benefit. In addition, some individuals who were formerly homeless clients became board members.



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