

2020 COMMUNITY OUTREACH BLOCK GRANT INFORMATION FOR POP CONGREGATIONS

The Presbytery of the Peaks has funds budgeted for Block Grants each year. These are for local community organizations such as tutoring programs, clinics, adult care, jail ministry or other community care programs. The money for these grants is dispensed by the Grant Workgroup of the Mission Committee. The committee anticipates from \$500 to \$1500 will be available for each grant in 2020.

PLEASE BE AWARE: It is the responsibility of your session to make sure that a local agency knows about the grant, knows about the deadline, and knows about the guidelines. It is also the session's responsibility to review the grant request, approve it, and then send it to the address below.

The procedure is simple.

1. **The organization submitting a request** should:
 - a) state in writing the amount of money requested
 - b) state how the presbytery grant money would be used to address the organization's needs
 - c) include a statement listing:
 - 1) the number of paid staff,
 - 2) total budget for the past year,
 - 3) a copy of coming year's budget,
 - 4) designation as a 501c3 or if not, are you affiliated with a church or organization that is a 501c3
 - 5) a copy of any literature related to the organization's general work
 - 6) the name, phone number and e-mail address for the contact person.

The requesting organization must send this information to the session for approval. The session will submit for consideration by the workgroup.

2. **The church moderator or a session member** should write a letter to the Grant Workgroup. This letter should include:
 - a) session endorsement supporting the organization's request,
 - b) the percentage of your church budget used to support this organization,
 - c) the number of church volunteers who work with this organization.

3. Submit the request to:

Presbytery of the Peaks, 108 Melinda Drive, Lynchburg VA 24502
postmarked by February 1, 2020 or electronically to:
office@peakspresbytery.org

The grants will be awarded in March of 2020. Both the church and the requesting organization will be notified of the Workgroup's decision. If a grant is awarded, funds will be sent quarterly through the Presbytery of the Peaks office.

Questions? Call the Presbytery office-1-888-557-3257