

## New Mission Grant Applications for Church Sessions to Consider

Your presbytery Mission Committee seeks recommendations and grant proposals for mission outreach within Peaks Presbytery and mission opportunities outside our presbytery. A limited amount of money designated for mission outreach is available from Church Dismissal Funds. The total amount of these mission funds available in 2020 is \$32,000. Our presbytery has previously voted to allocate these funds 1/3 for mission outside the bounds of presbytery and 2/3 for missions within our presbytery (presbytery minutes August 20, 2016). Therefore, the mission funds available in 2020 will be \$10,656 for mission beyond our presbytery and \$21,364 for mission within our presbytery.

Here are some details about how your church Session may submit recommendations or submit an application for a seed grant for local mission service. The presbytery Mission Committee especially seeks to empower churches with smaller budgets who wish to work with at-risk children and youth in their neighborhood.

### Opportunity A: Recommend a mission cause outside the bounds of Peaks Presbytery

The mission can be in Virginia, in the United States, or an international mission work. Tell us what mission has inspired your congregation. Recommend a mission to receive some financial support from this mission fund.

A simple application form is attached. Applications are due by October 1, 2020. Note: Since this is the first year of seeking recommendations for using Dismissal Funds for mission, we do not know how many requests will be made. If presbytery funds three mission projects, that would be \$3,516 per grant. If presbytery funds 4 mission projects, that would be \$2,664 per project.

### Opportunity B: Apply for a seed grant to fund a mission outreach by your Session to serve at-risk children or youth in your neighborhood.

On February 17, 2018, Peaks Presbytery voted unanimously to encourage committees and the Cabinet to study and develop specific action for mission outreach to serve at-risk children or youth from neighborhoods where poverty is widespread. Following this direction from presbytery, the Mission Committee will receive applications for seed grants for congregations in Peaks Presbytery that have plans and a passion to serve at-risk children or youth in their neighborhoods. Several of our smaller membership congregations, which are located in economically disadvantaged neighborhoods, have a passion for serving neighborhood children and youth, but no start up funds. This seed grant fund would allow congregations to plan now for new mission outreach when the virus limitations are lifted. A simple application form is attached. Applications are due by October 1, 2020. All congregations may apply for a seed grant, but we especially encourage applications from smaller membership congregations.

## Application for Opportunity A: Recommend a mission cause outside the bounds of Peaks Presbytery

1. Name and address of mission organization (must be outside the bounds of Peaks Presbytery)
2. Amount of mission grant requested to assist the mission organization.
3. Why is your Session an advocate for this particular mission endeavor? What excites your Session or Mission Committee about supporting this mission organization or cause? How is your congregation involved in supporting this mission? Support with volunteers? Support with finances, or other support?
4. What is the total 2020 budget of the congregation? Total amount budgeted to fund mission endeavors in 2020?
5. Contact information. Name of church, contact person for this application, address, phone #, email address
6. The application requires Session's approval. What date did the Session approve this application?
7. Application deadline: By mail: send to Peaks Presbytery, 108 Melinda Dr., Lynchburg, VA 24502  
Postmarked by Thursday, October 1, 2020  
By email: send to [julie.dyke@peakspresbytery.org](mailto:julie.dyke@peakspresbytery.org) by Thursday, October 1, 2020

Application for Opportunity B: Apply for a seed grant to fund a mission outreach by your Session to serve at-risk children or youth in your neighborhood.

1. Describe your congregation's mission outreach plans or effort to serve at-risk children or youth in your neighborhood.
2. Amount of seed money requested.
3. How will the seed grant be used?
4. Is this a short-term mission program or something that could be sustained by the congregation or other funding?
5. Total annual budget of the congregation for 2020? Total annual budget to fund all mission endeavors in 2020?
6. This application requires Session's approval. What date did the Session approve the application?
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