Presbytery of the Peaks

PO Box 2519

Forest, VA 24551

From: Grant Subcommittee/Justice and Mercy Commission

Subject:    **COMMUNITY OUTREACH BLOCK GRANTS FOR 2026**

The Presbytery of the Peaks has funds budgeted for annual Community Outreach Block Grants. Local community organizations providing **non-hunger related ministries** are eligible to apply (i.e. Tutoring programs, clinics, adult care, jail ministry or other community care programs). All hunger related ministries should apply for Two-Cents-a Meal grants.    The money for these grants is dispensed by the Grant Subcommittee of the Justice and Mercy Commission. Please note: **The grant request limit should be no more than $2,000.00.**

**PLEASE BE AWARE:  It is the responsibility of a Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) 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 forward it to the Presbytery Office.**

The procedure is simple.

1. **The organization** submitting a request should:
2. state in writing the amount of money requested,
3. state how the presbytery grant money would be used to address the organization’s needs, c. include a statement giving:

 1. the number of paid staff,

 2. total budget for the past year,

 3. a copy of the 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 organization’s contact person.

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

1. **The church moderator** or a session member should write a letter to the Grant Work Group.  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,

 d. the name and e-mail contact of the moderator or session member

1. **Submit the request to:**

Presbytery of the Peaks, Grant Subcommittee, PO Box 2519, Forest, VA 24551 **postmarked by February 1, 2026** or electronically to **office@peakspresbytery.org**

 The grants will be awarded in March of 2026.  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? E-mail office@peakspresbytery.org or call the presbytery office at 888-557-3257.