

BEAVER-BUTLER PRESBYTERY STRENGTHENING CONGREGATIONAL CONNECTIONS GRANT

PURPOSE

Trusting in Jesus' proclamation that "where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them" (Matthew 18:20), the Strengthening Congregational Connections Grant is available to assist congregations partnering together to use their energy, intelligence, imagination, and love in a **new** shared project of ministry and mission. A grant of up to \$500 per each participating PC(USA) congregation of the Presbytery may be available upon application. Applications for projects involving more than three congregations will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

PROCESS

- With at least one other congregation in the Presbytery, come up with a creative and compelling idea for a new ministry, mission, or fellowship event.
- Complete the attached application form and submit it to the Presbytery Office.
- Upon receipt, the Collaboration, Fellowship and Youth (CFY) ministry unit will consider the application at its next stated meeting and will respond shortly thereafter.

REQUIREMENTS

- The proposed initiative must facilitate at least two congregations of the Presbytery working to build the reign of God among Beaver-Butler Presbytery. Initiatives may be ecumenical and/or interfaith, but there must be at least two congregations of the Presbytery involved in leadership and implementation. Only one participating church needs to submit the application, and a representative from this church will be responsible for handling financial matters.
- The Sessions of all churches involved must approve the event and proposed funding.
- Each individual church may only receive one grant per calendar year. Applications will be accepted through November 30. CFY will evaluate the grant process at the end of the year for future consideration.
- Upon approval, the initiative may be shared so others can also participate.
- The event must happen within twelve months of receiving the funds.
- Following the event, photos/videos and feedback should be shared with CFY.

INFORMATION TO CONSIDER

- If you have an idea for an event but aren't sure who might make a good partner, share your idea with local churches to see if another congregation may be interested. The Presbytery Office and CFY can also help you make connections.
- The purpose of this grant is to fund **new** ministries, missions, or fellowship events. This does not mean something that's never been done before *anywhere*, but rather something new for this particular collective of congregations.
- If the proposal does not fall within the requirements and intent of this grant, CFY will be in conversation with you regarding possible revisions.

Questions regarding the application process may be directed to the Presbytery Office.

**BEAVER-BUTLER PRESBYTERY
STRENGTHENING CONGREGATIONAL CONNECTIONS GRANT APPLICATION**

Purpose: to assist congregations partnering together in a **new** shared project of ministry and mission.

Congregations Involved: _____

Contact Person (Who will answer questions about this application?):

Name: _____ **Title:** _____

Address: _____

Primary Phone: _____ **Text? Yes No**

Email Address: _____

Description of the *new* ministry, mission, or fellowship initiative:

(include who will be involved, when and where it will take place, plans for advertising, and any other information that may be helpful for CFY in the approval process)

Amount Being Requested: \$ _____ **Is this the entire cost of the initiative? Yes No**

Proposed use of the grant money:

(include or attach an itemized budget and information about other possible revenue sources)

Session Endorsements (Each Session must approve the initiative and proposed budget):

Church Name	Approval Date	Clerk of Session
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Completed applications may be submitted to: Beaver-Butler Presbytery - PO Box 279 - Zelienople, PA 16063-0279
OR office@beaverbutler.org