

CCV Grant Review Committee Report

The Congregational Development Fund was established by the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area to support innovative congregational ministry initiatives. This year, 20 congregations submitted grant applications to the Congregational Development Fund. The sum of all grants requested was 305,000 dollars, and the Congregational Development Fund had up to 100,000 dollars to award in this cycle.

The Grant Review Committee met on June 12 and June 26 this year to review the applications we received by the May 18 deadline. We reviewed and scored all of the applications on the same 10 criteria, which were based on the General Parameters for Decision Making on the Congregational Development Fund and Application Form. When the grant review committee finished scoring the applications, it compiled the scores and recommended to the Committee on Congregational Vitality and the Presbytery Leadership Team that the eight congregations scoring the highest on the rubric receive grants this year.

The projects which have been approved by the Presbytery Leadership Team for congregational grant funding this year are:

Red Wing: Equipment to support their existing virtual worship service.

Apple Valley: A Social skills curriculum to teach social emotional skills with children in their existing program who have diverse emotional and learning challenges.

Austin: Equipment to support “Movies On The Lawn” so Community members might join congregation members in outdoor activities, which will primarily be movies and family entertainment.

Buffalo: An art program to reach out to newly retired persons and elderly community members.

Plymouth: To provide needed plant upgrades to host a childcare program with subsidized tuition for low income community members.

Stillwater: Support for Art Spoke Summer Camp program for community children.

St Paul, Edgumbe: Install a meditation path with prayer stations on adjacent lot.

Plainview: To expand community prayer garden.