



## **MISSION PROGRAM GRANTS**

Jesus Christ commands his disciples to go into the world, preaching the good news and living a life that exhibits love for God, neighbor and self (Matthew 28:19-20). Grants are made available for organizing new churches and supporting presbytery efforts to build the capacity to continually transform existing congregations. Support for these faithful responses by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is, itself, obedience to Jesus Christ. It is an expression of the mission of the church to go into the world, sharing the Good News.

**New Worshiping Communities Seed Grant:** New Worshiping Communities may apply for a one-time grant of up to \$7,500. Matching funds are not required.

**New Worshiping Communities Investment Grant:** Twelve months after receipt of a Seed Grant, a one-time grant of up to \$25,000 is possible. Approval of Investment Grants is conditioned upon real progress having been made toward meeting the definition of a new worshiping community. Investment Grants ordinarily require a dollar-for-dollar match provided by the combined contributions of the partner congregation and presbytery and/or synod. In-kind contributions for the match are acceptable. Waivers of the match will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

**New Worshiping Communities Growth Grant:** The Growth Grant supports and encourages new worshiping communities whose process of faithful discernment has led them to establish a new ministry, responsive to the needs of a new group of people, with the ultimate goal of growing a viable, sustainable, Christ-centered, and PC(USA)-related new worshiping community. At least eighteen months after receipt of an Investment Grant, a one-time Growth Grant of up to \$25,000 is possible and will provide for the next eighteen months. Approval of a Growth grant is conditioned upon significant progress being made toward meeting the goals and objectives as outlined in the Investment Grant proposal. A dollar-for-dollar match provided through presbytery and/or synod is ordinarily required. In-kind contributions are acceptable and waivers of the match will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

**New Worshiping Communities Health Insurance Grant:** This grant program provides supplemental funding to the partner congregation and/or presbytery in support of new church organizing pastors or new worshiping community leaders who would not otherwise be able to afford health insurance. Presbyteries may apply on behalf of new congregations and new worshiping communities for an annual grant of up to \$1,500. This grant is twice renewable, for a total of three years, upon approval of an application each year.

**Note:** No one project may receive more than \$57,500 in total grant assistance. The Health Insurance Grant does not figure into this amount since it is designed to assist individual leaders.

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**Presbytery Grant for Congregational Transformation:** This is a one-time grant of up to \$50,000 in support of presbytery efforts to build the capacity and framework to encourage and enable continual congregational transformation. The first-year lump sum payment will be for up to \$30,000 and assuming satisfactory progress has been made toward meeting stated goals; a second-year lump-sum payment of up to \$20,000 will be disbursed. A dollar-for-dollar match provided through presbytery and/or synod is ordinarily required. Waivers for in-kind contributions will be considered on a case-by-case basis. This grant is not intended to provide funding for congregational-level transformation efforts.

**The Sam & Helen R. Walton Award:** In late December 1991, Sam & Helen R. Walton made a generous gift to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), through the Presbyterian Foundation, of six million dollars. This gift included an endowment in the amount of three million dollars, the earned interest to be used by new worshiping communities that have placed an emphasis on site acquisition.

An annual opportunity is offered to sessions, presbyteries and synods to nominate excellent new churches that are working in creative ways to bring the gospel to their local communities. Each selected awardee will receive a one-time financial award of up to \$50,000, which is made over and above funding received from other GA sources, i.e., Mission Program Grant and/or a Church Loan. The number of projects approved and the amount of the financial award is based in part on funds available.

**Loans for Capital Projects:** The Presbyterian Investment & Loan Program (PILP) is a nonprofit corporation of The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) that was created to provide low-cost loans to churches, governing bodies and related entities of the denomination for capital projects. For information please contact Jim Rissler, Judy Walton, Clare Lewis or Jason Peterson at the Presbyterian Investment & Loan Program (800) 903-7457 or <https://pilp.pcusa.org/>.

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**Grants and funding are only part of the story:** Obtaining a grant or other funding is one step toward the success of your project. To make funding work, you'll need to connect with people to properly plan, organize and execute the project. Here are some other PC (USA) offices and programs that can help:

**1001 New Worshiping Communities** (<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/1001-2/>) is a movement in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Across the PC (USA), God is raising up leaders in churches and presbyteries who are creating new worshiping communities. They are taking on new and varied forms of church for our changing culture. Primarily they are seeking to make and form new disciples of Jesus Christ, to change and transform the world.

**The Office of Evangelism** (<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/theology-formation-and-evangelism/evangelism/>) helps people, churches and presbyteries share the life of Jesus with each other, their communities, in the world and to grow disciples and develop leadership for the future.