



Blackhawk Presbytery

Supporting thriving faith communities in northern Illinois

Mission Grant Program

Blackhawk Presbytery offers grant funds for projects that support the presbytery's vision and mission and that of the Presbyterian Church (USA). These funds are available to Blackhawk Presbytery churches, entities, and recognized networks and partnerships. The Mission Grant Program is funded through contributions to Blackhawk Presbytery's mission funds and is administered by the Mission Committee.

Criteria

- All programs/projects must support Blackhawk Presbytery's vision as well as the vision and mission of the Presbyterian Church (USA).
- Programs/projects may be focused locally, regionally, nationally or internationally.
- Funding is intended for development or one-time costs, not for ongoing operational expenses.
- Community outreach projects must be congregation-based and focused on reconnecting with the community (not intended to support local area social service programs).
- Network or partnership projects must benefit the whole presbytery (not intended for operational expenses or to fund people to attend conferences). In general, Networks and Partnerships are expected to be self-funded; projects will be considered for funding in special circumstances.

Additional Criteria for Peacemaking Funds

Projects requesting support from Peacemaking funds must relate to peacemaking in at least one of the areas identified in the Peacemaking Program's *Commitment to Peacemaking*: worship, prayer & bible study, peacemaking in families & community living, community ministries, study & response to global issues, global security, and making peace with the earth. For the *Commitment to Peacemaking*, see the website*.

Accountability Requirements

- Applicants must provide a statement of expected project outcomes that align with the presbytery's vision and/or the vision/mission of the Presbyterian Church (USA).
- Applicants must demonstrate a commitment and ownership of this project by providing financial and/or in-kind support of at least 50%.
- Recipients must submit a mid-year and final report.
- Recipients must provide a presbytery meeting display describing their project and its outcomes.

Procedure

We prefer to receive applications via email. *Download this application from www.blackhawkpresbytery.org/MissionCommittee. Send the completed application to the Mission Committee, c/o Blackhawk Presbytery, P.O. Box 199 Oregon, IL 61061, email to office@blackhawkpresbytery.org or fax it to 815.732.7325.

Funding Calendar

Application deadlines are 30 days after each stated Presbytery Meeting (5 times per year – February, April, June, September, November). The Mission Committee's policy is to read the request one month and to vote after a second reading the following month, however they reserve the right to waive this policy as necessary.

Questions?

Please contact the Mission Committee Moderator or Presbytery office at 815-732-6111.

(please turn over for application form)

**PRESBYTERY OF BLACKHAWK
MISSION GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION**

I. IDENTIFICATION OF CONGREGATION AND PROJECT

Church Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Contact Person from Congregation: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Project Name: _____

Total Amount Requested: _____

Is this the first time you have requested mission grant funds for this project? yes no

Is this a request for Peacemaking funds? yes no

II. CRITERIA (please use a separate sheet to respond to these questions)

1. Describe the project/program for which you are seeking a grant, highlighting its local/regional/ national or international impact.
2. State how this project/program supports the vision of the Presbytery of Blackhawk and/or the Presbyterian Church (USA).
3. How will this project/program be funded or become self-sustaining after the grant expiration?
4. If this is a request for Peacemaking funds, describe how this project meets the criteria for use of Peacemaking funds.

III. REQUIREMENTS (please use a separate sheet to respond to these questions)

1. Provide a statement of expected project outcomes.
2. Attach a copy of the proposed or current budget for this project.
3. What is the congregation's financial and/or in-kind obligation for this project?
4. What portion of the total project budget does this grant request represent?

IV. ENDORSEMENT

This project has been endorsed by the Session

Presbyterian Church and City

Signed: Moderator or Clerk of Session

Date of Endorsement