



Memo

TO: Presbytery Grant Applicants
FROM: Presbytery Council
DATE: May 2, 2007
SUBJECT: Project Grant Packet

Indian Nations Presbytery is delighted to offer a variety of grants and scholarships to support the presbytery's strategy for transformation. Grants provide supplemental, short-term, and start-up funding for new congregations, transforming congregations and congregational-based ministries that reflect the church's commitment to inclusiveness, diversity and ecumenicity. Scholarships provide funds to help church leaders increase their effectiveness in ministry.

USE THE ATTACHED FORM TO APPLY FOR A PROJECT GRANT.

PROJECT GRANTS provide one-time funding (seed money) to a ministry sponsored by a congregation or a group of congregations. By definition, a "project" is a proposal for a new mission venture that is consistent with

- a) the church's mission plan and
- b) the presbytery's core values and priority goals.

Project grants are designed to encourage creativity and flexibility in meeting specific mission needs. Proposals that qualify for project funding include, but are not limited to, activities designed to address specific community needs; workshops, educational events and retreats designed to equip church leaders for mission; events that promote missional relationships; and mission work trips.

Project grants are **not** available for acquisition of capital assets, funding a church's continuing ministry, or providing staff support (beyond seed money for a new venture). For assistance in funding existing congregational ministry, please use the *Church Partnership Grant* forms available at www.okinp.org. Grant recipients will provide a detailed report, including financial transactions, to the presbytery within 30 days of completion or as requested by presbytery council.

Denominational Resources

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) offers a variety of mission program grants. Information and application forms are available at www.pcusa.org/missionprogramgrants. **If you are applying for a mission program grant through PC(USA), there is no need to complete a separate presbytery application form. The PC(USA) form is the only form required.**

Application forms for presbytery grants and scholarships are available online at www.okinp.org. Please call the presbytery office if you need assistance with this application or have questions about financial resources for congregational mission.

**INDIAN NATIONS PRESBYTERY
Project Proposal**

Date Prepared _____

Project Name _____ Church _____

Duration of Project (not to exceed one year) _____

Amount of financial support requested from presbytery _____

Pastor/Project Director _____

Address/City/State/Zip _____

E-mail Address _____ Phone _____

Additional Contact Person _____ Phone _____

Members of Planning Team _____

Sponsoring Churches/Organizations _____

Instructions: In narrative form, please respond to the following. Use additional sheets as necessary.

1. **Vision** for the project.
2. **Demographic information:** Summary of information about target group (not to exceed one page).
3. **Ministry Plan:** Describe the plan for the project, including any key events/programs.
4. **Goals & Objectives:** Describe way results will be measured.
5. **Income & Expense Budget:** Display projected (balanced) income and expense; identify source of funds.
6. **Insurance Coverage:** Attach copy of rider showing appropriate insurance coverage.
7. **How does this project relate to presbytery strategic priorities?**
8. **If this proposal is a mission trip, have other churches in the presbytery been invited to participate?**
9. **Oversight of Project:** Describe how sponsoring organizations will provide oversight and encouragement to this project. (See reverse for sponsor endorsements.)

Please send proposal to
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Project proposals require council action, so please allow sufficient time to process your request.

Sponsor Endorsement

Each sponsoring church/organization, please sign below and provide helpful information as appropriate.

At the _____ (date) meeting of _____, the foregoing project was reviewed and approved.

Amount of financial support approved _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Additional Sponsor Endorsement

Each sponsoring church/organization, please sign below and provide helpful information as appropriate.

At the _____ (date) meeting of _____, the foregoing project was reviewed and approved.

Amount of financial support approved _____

Signature _____ Date _____

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Council action _____ Amount approved _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Pastor/project director, please sign the following agreement:

Funding Agreement

If this project is approved, the planning team agrees to present a detailed report, including financial transactions, to the presbytery within 30 days of completion or as requested by presbytery council. Project funds will be handled in accordance with policies and procedures of Indian Nations Presbytery and the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Members of the planning team may not benefit financially or materially (beyond reimbursable expenses) from any funds granted to the project. Financial records are subject to audit or review by the presbytery or its agents.

Signature _____ Date _____



STRATEGY FOR TRANSFORMATION

Indian Nations Presbytery adopted the following core values and priority goals in June 2004. These recommendations go beyond reorganization and move the presbytery toward the spiritual dynamics of **Transformation and Revitalization**.

CORE VALUES

1. To pursue the Great Commission, “to go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you,” in a way that affirms both justice and evangelism as essential to Christian witness.
2. To honor the Sovereignty of God in all area of our lives and our life together.
3. To be an inclusive and diverse community united by our common commitment to Jesus Christ as Lord.
4. To develop healthy congregations as the primary place where disciples are made, so that Christ’s ministry flows into the world.
5. To encourage mutual accountability between clergy and laity and between congregations and the presbytery.
6. To respond to the needs of Christ’s world by being faithful stewards of all God’s gifts.
7. To be willing to surrender some of our autonomy, in order to build a vibrant, enthusiastic community, investing ourselves so that all become stronger than any of the parts

PRIORITY GOALS

1. To discover our common ground in the Gospel and to design our life and work in presbytery so that we become a community of mutual support for clergy, lay leaders and congregations through:
 - Presbytery meetings which give priority to worship, story sharing, and mutual exploration of areas for corporate spiritual growth.
 - A collaborative work environment of mutual trust and respect, in which we learn to engage in positive dialogue in areas where we differ.
 - Cluster meetings where mutual learning and support are encouraged.
2. To regain the initiative in supporting the revitalization of congregations which are committed to reversing a pattern of decline and to initiate the planting of new congregations so both might reclaim a healthy understanding and approach to evangelism.
3. To support sessions and congregational leaders who are seeking transformation both in their personal lives and in the corporate life of their congregation; i.e. those seeking to move from the membership business into the discipling business; from the “education of” to the “formation of” Christians.
4. To aggressively seek out and/or develop quality pastoral leadership for local congregations through utilization of commissioned lay pastors, tent-making pastors, intentional interim pastors, healthy inquirers and candidates, and installed pastors.
5. Where appropriate, provide resources and leadership training to congregations seeking to become multicultural, seeking to reach the younger generations, and seeking to use the Internet for communication and education.
6. To engage in ecumenical and interfaith cooperation in ministry to expand outreach to address community needs wherever possible and appropriate.