

Presbytery of Los Ranchos Congregational and Partnership Development Grants

(Administered by the Strategic Coordinating Team)

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GRANT DESCRIPTION

To be missional means that we are sent as Christ was sent to love the world that God loves. One role of presbytery is to stimulate missional congregations, partnerships, and networks.

PURPOSE OF THIS GRANT

The purpose of this grant is to stimulate missional partnerships and networks by investing in experiments that facilitate either:

Congregational Development: Equipping churches to maximize their missional potential (faithful, fruitful and fellowship; see attached); and/or

Partnership Development: Bringing churches together to engage their communities through evangelism, social justice, peacemaking, Christian formation and discipleship, racial-ethnic ministries, and worship.

GRANT CRITERIA

Grants from the Strategic Coordinating Team will be awarded based on the following characteristics:

1. Fits the goals, values, and delivery system of presbytery's culture (see next page for a description of PLR's "values" and "culture");
2. Proven ministry effectiveness or promise of future effectiveness, e.g. conversion growth, compassionate service, peacemaking, multiplicative, discipleship;
3. Proven administrative effectiveness, e.g. ability to deliver outcomes; accuracy, control and timeliness of financial reports;
4. Ability to increase the leadership capacity of the organization;
5. Ability and willingness to communicate the organization's story throughout PLR and beyond;
6. Likelihood that the project will be self-sustaining following grant period;
7. Collaboration with, or investment by, other partners; and
8. Degree to which the applicant's congregation supports the broader mission of the presbytery.

GRANT PERFORMANCE

All grant recipients must submit a final report detailing accomplishments, challenges, and uses of funds. Continued funding of grants may be conditional on accomplishing stated objectives. By applying for this grant, applicants commit to interpreting their ministry in Open Space sessions and other presbytery forums, as requested by the SCT.

HOW TO APPLY FOR CONGREGATIONAL AND PARTNERSHIP DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

Grant applications should be submitted to SCT, Presbytery of Los Ranchos, attn: Rev. Tom Cramer, tcramer@losranchos.org. Applications are available on line at www.losranchos.org.

Culture and Values of the Los Ranchos Presbytery*

OUR CULTURE

The hallmark of the Los Ranchos Presbytery culture will be *as a learning community that fosters effective missional congregations*. The primary activity of our Presbytery will be to equip, serve, resource and challenge congregations and their leaders to become more missionally effective based on the following three values:

OUR VALUES

Faithfulness: We hold each other mutually accountable for fulfilling our ordination vows, upholding our theological tradition and pursuing the Great Ends of the Church.

Fruitfulness: We are committed to pursuing honestly and actively what will further the Kingdom of God in breadth and depth using whatever tools are necessary. We will consistently measure and monitor our effectiveness.

Fellowship: We covenant to live out the Christian life together by pursuing trusting, healthy, edifying relationships expressed in missional partnership between our presbyters, congregations and members (pg. 5).

* As Envisioned in "Flipping the Presbytery from 'The Meeting' to 'the Mission,'" approved by Presbytery, May 19, 2009.

Congregational and Partnership Development Grants GRANT APPLICATION

If possible, please complete this application online at www.losranchos.org. The information you provide is necessary for our presbytery to serve you as a mission partner.

Please contact the **Rev. Tom Cramer** (tcramer@losranchos.org or (714) 956-3691 Ext. 112) with any questions you may have, including questions about due dates. We look forward to a partnership that continues to grow as we seek to be good stewards of God's resources.

DUE DATE: Applications are received throughout the year, with a normal evaluation period of two months or fewer.

Date:

Your Name:

Your Title:

Name of Church/Organization/Agency:

Address We Should Use to Send Support:

Address of Organization (if different from above):

Email Address:

Website of Church/Organization/Agency:

Your Phone Number:

Mobile Number:

Fax Number:

Please send us a current photo that represents your ministry. If possible, attach an electronic copy that we can use to promote your ministry. If your ministry is new, please write "start up" or "not applicable" next to the item/question.

- 1. Indicate whether your grant application is for a) Congregational Development or b) Partnership Development.**
- 2. Briefly describe the project for which you are seeking funding.**
- 3. What is the dollar amount of your request?**
- 4. Briefly describe the goals and accomplishments of the project over the past year.**
- 5. What were some of the discouragements/difficulties faced by the project during the past year?**
- 6. What are the goals and objectives for the project?**

7. **Please provide a budget, which demonstrates funding to meet the above goals and a budget for the project, if different. Highlight income from other organizations (name and amount) to this project.**
8. **Provide last year's budget and actual income and expenses for this organization and project.**
9. **Have you had any recent significant changes in finances (new sources or a decrease in income, new budget items, etc.)?**
10. **How often and by what means do you make contact with those who partner with you in your ministry and finances?**
11. **What opportunities would there be for churches or individuals of our presbytery to be directly involved in your ministry?**
12. **Please write us a brief personal interest story which will give our presbytery a feel for how God is working in your ministry.**
13. **May we post any/all information from this application on the internet?
Send it out in update emails?
Publish it on our website?
Please let us know specifically what we should and should not post.**

Presbytery of Los Ranchos reserves the right to post information about your project on the website and to send out update emails. If financial information for the project is posted, it will be password protected. THANK YOU for taking the time to complete this application. Please return your response to the address below:

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Anaheim, CA 98910
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Please also review the Grant Description (p. 2) for information about the culture and values of the Presbytery of Los Ranchos.