



Emerging Mission Needs Funds of Beaver-Butler Presbytery *Guidelines and Grant Application*

The Emerging Mission Needs Funds of Beaver-Butler Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church (USA) have been established by the Presbytery for the purpose of assisting the congregations, ministry units, committees, and organizations of the Presbytery develop and initiate programs and projects in response to the changing needs of our communities, congregations, and the Presbytery.

The following guidelines have been established by the Presbytery for the use of Emerging Mission Funds:

1. These funds shall be administered as *grants* (not loans) for Emerging Mission projects.
2. Grants shall not exceed \$10,000 for any one purpose, and shall be one time only.
3. Grants shall not exceed fifty percent of the total funding for any project. The intent is for presbytery to function as a partner in mission with our people and our congregations, rather than as a foundation.
4. Grants shall be considered for either of two basic purposes:
 - a. Presbytery mission causes, as defined by the following criterion: “There shall be significant participation in the project by members of Presbytery and, at a minimum, two local Presbyterian congregations.”
 - b. Congregational mission support, to assist congregations of Beaver-Butler Presbytery with start-up expenses in response to an emerging mission need. In addition to the merits of the project, congregational eligibility will be determined by the following criterion: “The congregation demonstrates partnership in the life and work of the presbytery through its sharing of human and financial resources.”
5. Grants shall be limited to projects that respond to one of the four points of our presbytery’s Vision Statement.
6. Grants shall be reserved for situations in which there are no other Presbyterian funds available for the project at any level of the Presbyterian Church (USA).
7. Grant requests shall demonstrate the employment of a viable planning process that includes adequate project definition, objectives, evaluation, funding and personnel.
8. Grant recipients shall be accountable to the presbytery for the use of these funds, and if projects do not materialize as expected, shall return all unused grant funds to the presbytery.
9. Requests for grants will go through appropriate elements of the presbytery organization for review and approval, and are subject to final approval of the Presbytery.
Requests for grants will be submitted to the Resource Development Unit of the Presbytery for review and final approval by the Presbytery

BEAVER-BUTLER PRESBYTERY

Vision Statement

GROUNDING IN JESUS CHRIST, BEAVER-BUTLER PRESBYTERY WILL:

- § **RADIATE GOD'S LOVE**
- § **LIFT UP GOD'S PEOPLE**
- § **SHARE GOD'S GIFTS**
- § **TRANSFORM GOD'S WORLD**

We envision our members and congregations participating together in vibrant and inviting expressions of the Gospel. Through a faithful and joyous sharing of leadership, resources, and training, trust will be encouraged as we celebrate a rich diversity of gifts and ministries. Empowered by the Holy Spirit through prayer, we will be drawn irresistibly into spiritual enrichment and growth in our congregations, and increased mission and outreach into our communities and the world.

Mission Statement

Even as we are grounded in Jesus Christ who is the same yesterday, today, and forever, we also believe that it is the Christ who makes all things new. Jesus Christ comes alive in us as we worship God and proclaim the gospel of salvation; seek the truth in humility through the Holy Scriptures; and demonstrate the love of Christ by engaging in ministries of service, nurture, spiritual fellowship, and social righteousness.

(Hebrews 13:8, 2 Corinthians 5:17, Revelation 21:5, Book of Order G-1.0200)

WE RADIATE GOD'S LOVE BY:

Sharing the faith that is common to all Christians,
Fostering attitudes of trust and respect,
Affirming the diversity of who we are and what we do within the unity of the Holy Spirit.

WE LIFT UP GOD'S PEOPLE BY:

Nurturing our children, youth, and adults toward mature obedient discipleship,
Supporting our churches and pastors in life and ministry,
Communicating what God is doing in our churches, the Presbyterian Church (USA), and the world.

WE SHARE GOD'S GIFTS BY:

Using the gifts and resources entrusted to us for the good of all,
Introducing one another to fresh expressions of faith,
Working together on special projects and activities to the glory of God.

WE SEEK THE TRANSFORMATION OF GOD'S WORLD BY:

Bringing the good news of Jesus Christ to those who do not know Him,
Challenging God's people to risk being different from the world and making a difference,
Renouncing sin and evil through the incarnation of the love and ministry of Jesus Christ.

(Adopted by Beaver-Butler Presbytery January 25, 1997)

Instructions for Emerging Mission Funds Grant Application

General Information

We are eager to learn about your project opportunity and goals. This written application is the primary means by which we can get to know you and the project you are asking us to help support. Please clearly communicate in the application who you are, what you are doing and why you are doing it. Do **not** submit generic proposals or an incomplete application as they will not be considered. Feel free to contact us if you have specific questions regarding the application or the Emerging Mission Needs process.

Guidelines for the Narrative Responses

1. Background information on the emerging need.

Please place things into context for us. Tell us who you are, a little bit of the history of the congregation or organization sponsoring the grant and some of the other projects, programs, or ministries currently sponsored. Describe the area in the congregation, community, or group where the mission need has emerged. Help us understand some of the issues and opportunities you see in your place. Include any statistical or demographic data that may be helpful in understanding your context.

2. Project summary/purpose and use of the grant.

Now that you have set the state with background information, tell us what you want to do and you hope to do it. It is important that you include the following details: people targeted, project goals, duration of project, specific means of achieving goals, evaluation process and plan for sustainability.

3. Ways in which the project meets the vision and mission statement of Beaver-Butler Presbytery.

Study the Beaver-Butler mission statement and then tell us how your project will meet one of more of our goals as a people grounded in Jesus Christ to Radiate God's Love, Lift up God's People, Share God's Gifts, and Transform God's World.

4. Ways in which a Beaver-Butler congregation and/or organization will be involved in the project.

We are eager for Beaver-Butler Presbyterians to have an opportunity to engage their world in the name of Jesus Christ. Tell us how your project will help members of your congregation or organization be directly and personally involved in Christian mission.

5. The total project budget and other sources of funding.

Emerging Mission Funds grants shall not exceed fifty percent of the total funding for any project. The intent is for presbytery to function as a partner in mission with our people and our congregations. Please submit a copy of your proposed project budget and tell us about how you intend support the project beyond any grants from the Emerging Mission Fund

6. A project timeline.

Tell us about the time frame for this project from implementation stage through either completion or to the period of sustainability when Emerging Mission Funds will no longer be necessary. Please show specific objectives to be reached during each time period.

7. Expected outcome and method of evaluation and assessment.

Tell us what you expect as an outcome of this project and how you will evaluate and assess its successes and accomplishments.

Application Instructions

- § Do not staple, bind or laminate any portion of your application as we make several photocopies for review purposes.
- § Keep a copy of the original application for your records.
- § Be sure to include a letter of endorsement from Session of a Beaver-Butler congregation, or a committee, ministry unit or other recognized organization within Beaver-Butler Presbytery.
- § Mail the application to the Presbytery Office.
- § Please allow up to four months for a final decision on your project.



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Emerging Mission Needs Grant Application Form

A. GENERAL INFORMATION *(Please type or print clearly)*

Name of Sponsoring Church or Organization: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ FAX: _____ Email: _____

Name of Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ FAX: _____ Email: _____

Amount Requested: _____ Grant Name: _____

B. NARRATIVE INFORMATION

Submit no more than a ONE PAGE response to each of the following:

8. Background information on the emerging need.
 9. Project summary/purpose and use of the grant.
 10. Ways in which the project meets the vision and mission statement of Beaver-Butler Presbytery.
 11. Ways in which a Beaver-Butler congregation and/or organization will be involved in the project.
 12. The total project budget and other sources of funding.
 13. A project timeline.
 14. Expected outcome and method of evaluation and assessment.
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C. ENDORSEMENT

Submit a written endorsement from the Session of a Beaver-Butler congregation, or a committee, ministry unit or other recognized organization within Beaver-Butler Presbytery.