

## **Small Church Ministry Need Grants Basic Purpose and Principles**

### **Grace Presbytery's Statement of Mission**

*"Grace Presbytery claims God's mission as our calling: to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ who saves, redeems, and reconciles the world to God through ministries of witness, justice, and mercy. Grace Presbytery prepares and supports leaders to build vital congregations that reach seekers and those in need, nurture disciples, and send apostles of our Lord into the world."*

### **Purpose**

To assist smaller congregations (75 average worship attendance or less) of Grace Presbytery in enhancing current ministry or programs by funding the purchase of non-budgeted items for such use, including emergency funding needs.

### **Maximum amount of grant: \$1,000**

Special attention will be given to requests in the areas of technology, evangelism and education. The Congregational Support Committee of Grace Presbytery reserves the right to fund grants at levels that might differ from the requested amount.

### **Restrictions on use**

These grants may not be used for staff compensation or debt retirement, and are only available to churches with average worship attendance of 75 or less. A congregation may only apply once per year and may not receive funds in subsequent years to support the same ministry/program or emergency need.

### **Endorsement Required**

Grant applications shall be endorsed by the Session of the church that applies for the grant. If the ministry or program involves more than one congregation, all Sessions involved must submit an endorsement.

### **Diversity**

Ministry Need Grants will be awarded with sensitivity to the full diversity of Grace Presbytery (geographical, congregational, and cultural).

### **Policies and Licensing**

Congregations applying for grants will be required to have the appropriate policies and licensing in place (or in process) before their application can be approved and funds distributed.

Examples would be: 1) if the ministry includes children or youth, the church must have a Child Protection Policy in place and up-to-date; 2) if the ministry is to include projection or printing of

music, videos, or other copyrighted material, the church must have the proper licensing (CCLI, CVI, OneLicense) in place. Grants will not be funded if these provisions are not met.

### **Reporting**

If you receive a grant, you will be required to share your experience with the presbytery. You will be assigned a liaison from the committee who will assist you in sharing your progress in this new ministry through presentations, articles, events and through consultations with other churches considering similar programs.

### **Instructions for Grant Application Submission**

**Deadline:** The Congregational Support Committee will receive, review, and award Small Church Ministry Needs Grants on an ongoing basis throughout the year.

**Complete Application:** The grant application must be complete when submitted. This includes the Session endorsement and a detailed expense budget, as well as Child Protection Policy, and/or other relevant policies or licenses. An incomplete application may result in the application being denied.

**Typed or Online Submission:** This is a fill-in-the-blank form. Please read and follow all applications instructions as directed. You can type directly onto the form, then save the completed form and print it.

This form is also available online at Grace Presbytery's website ([www.gracepresbytery.org](http://www.gracepresbytery.org)).

Applications may be submitted directly online through Grace Presbytery's website or submitted via email to [cscgrants@gracepresbytery.org](mailto:cscgrants@gracepresbytery.org). Applications may be mailed to:

Grace Presbytery  
c/o Tammy Stepka  
6100 Colwell Blvd, Suite 100  
Irving, TX 75039-3148

## Grace Presbytery Small Church Ministry Needs Grant Application

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### 1. Basic Information

Amount being requested \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Church Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Church Address(es) \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Ministry or Program Need \_\_\_\_\_

Contact person (Who will answer questions about this application?)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ TX \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. Description of the Ministry, Program or Emergency Need

Briefly describe your congregation's current ministry, program, or emergency need and how the grant fund will be used.

### 3. Policies and Licenses

a. If your grant is for a mission project that focuses on children and/or youth, does your church have a Child Protection Policy in place?  Yes  No

If yes, when was it written? \_\_\_\_\_ When was it last updated? \_\_\_\_\_  
If no, when do you anticipate the completion of such a policy for your church? \_\_\_\_\_

b. If your grant is for a new mission project that will include the projection or printing of music, videos, or other copyrighted materials, the church must have the proper licensing (CCLI, CVI, OneLicense) in place. Does your church have a license in place?  Yes  No  
If so, which one?  CCLI  CVI  OneLicense  Other \_\_\_\_\_

#### 4. Endorsement

##### Session Endorsement:

On \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, the Session of \_\_\_\_\_(church), of \_\_\_\_\_ (city), Texas approved this grant application. The Session understands that should a grant be awarded to the congregation, it will be responsible for providing, in a timely manner, all record-keeping and/or evaluation reports requested by Congregational Support Committee of Grace Presbytery.

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Clerk of Session (Print)

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Clerk of Session (Signature)

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Date

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Moderator (Print)

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Moderator (Signature)

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