



*Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. John 21:5-6*

## **GUIDELINES AND APPLICATION FOR THE 2018 COVENANT FUND**

**Application Deadline: Friday, June 7, 2019, 5:00 p.m.**

### **APPLICATION CRITERIA & PROCESS:**

- Applications will be made available on **Friday, April 5, 2019**
- New initiative proposals should demonstrate creative approaches to ministry and mission that show an understanding of how the world and church are changing, imagines and risks doing ministry in a new way, and encourages collaboration and partnership.
- Applications must be a church/entity or multi-church/entity initiative. Churches/entities wishing to request Covenant Fund support for initiatives must be current in their per capita and general mission payments.
- Grant applications must be authorized by the session of a congregation or a council of the Presbytery. Preference will be given to those applications that include supporting funds from the church/entity.
- New initiative proposals will be considered for only three consecutive years. Applications must be submitted each year, with each subsequent year declining in potential award amount to demonstrate progress in new funding partners and self-sustaining financial models.
- Only mission or ministry programs will be considered – no capital expenditures or church budget support.
- Maximum amount granted: \$15,000.
- New initiative proposals will include budget, measurable goals, built-in evaluation process, and defined outcomes.
- Applicants will be assigned a liaison from the Commission on Resources and Communications to assist in the application process and follow-up on ministry initiative should the grant be awarded to the applicant.
- A Covenant Fund Grant Review Cohort, consisting of leadership from various Presbytery commissions, Presbytery Leadership Collegium, and Presbytery's Executive Staff will review and evaluate all new initiative proposals after the application deadline.
- Funds will be distributed to recipients of Covenant Fund Grants on receipt of agreement letters.
- Submit applications to: [databaseadministrator@presbyphl.org](mailto:databaseadministrator@presbyphl.org)
- For application questions, please email the Associate Presbyter, Rev. Greg Klimovitz at [gklimovitz@presbyphl.org](mailto:gklimovitz@presbyphl.org)

**REQUIREMENTS FOR COVENANT FUND GRANT APPLICANTS:**

1. Ministry Narrative Responses
2. Budget and Financial Narrative
3. Letter of endorsement from Clerk of Session or Regional Commission Convener

**IDENTIFICATION:**

**Title of Ministry/Project/Program:**

**Name of Church (group, organization):**

**Address:**

**City/State/ZIP:**

**Telephone:**

**Email address:**

**Contact Person:**

**Position/Title:**

**Telephone:**

**Email address:**

**Amount Requested: \$**

**Is this proposal a New Initiative (Yes or \*No):**

*\*If existing, how long has this ministry/mission existed, and what is new about this proposal?*

**Have you been the recipient of a \*previous Covenant Fund Grant?**

*\*If yes, how many years previous?*

**MINISTRY NARRATIVE:**

*All responses should be limited to approximately 250 words.*

**Describe your current ministry context:**

**Describe the goals of your new ministry plan, short term and long term if appropriate:**

**How did the idea for this plan come to fruition?** *(Pastoral vision, session decision, lay ministry lead, etc.)*

**Describe the group you intend to serve. Did you survey the intended community to assess their current needs/desires?**

**How will your ministry plan fit in with the theological concept of ‘casting your net to the other side of the boat’?**

**How is the proposed new initiative innovative and reflective of the mission of the Presbytery of Philadelphia?**

*“The Presbytery of Philadelphia is a covenant community whose primary ministry and mission is to serve its churches by connecting and developing its leaders and empowering and supporting its congregations so they may best exhibit the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the world. Confident that God is always faithful to us, we prayerfully abide, dwell, and build with one another, excited and hopeful about God’s wide-open possibilities for being church in the world today.”*

**How will you evaluate the impact and effectiveness of the ministry and share your story with the Presbytery of Philadelphia?**

**FINANCIAL FRAMEWORK:**

List of funding partners who will work with you presently and in the future:

What is the proposed budget for the plan?

If you were to receive the Covenant Fund Grant, what percentage of it would make up your proposed budget?

How much money does your Session/Congregation plan to contribute to this new ministry initiative?

What plans do you have in place for fundraising, partnership, and sustainability?

What is the plan for utilizing paid staff in conjunction with volunteers?

**COVENANT FUND PROJECTED BUDGET**

**Church / Organization Name:**

**Budget Categories:**

**Income**

**Covenant Fund Request:**

**Session/Congregation Contribution:**

**Other Sources (specify):**

**Total Projected Income \$**

**Expenses** *(please itemize expenses below, e.g. materials, operating expenses, training, etc.)*

**Total Projected Expenses \$**