

Small Church Grants
Church Development & Evangelism Committee
New Hope Presbytery

Recognizing the unique gifts and challenges of smaller-membership congregations, the Church Development & Evangelism Committee of New Hope Presbytery has established ***Small Church Grants*** to enable congregations to explore new areas of ministry to deepen and broaden their witness.

Guidelines for Small Church Grants

- Applications will be considered for projects endorsed by sessions of chartered congregations of 150 members or less in New Hope Presbytery.
- No more than one project per year will be funded from a particular congregation.
- Each Small Church Grant will be awarded for a minimum of \$500 and a maximum of \$2,500. Grants may be renewed for two additional years, with a maximum of \$5,000 total support over the life of the grant.
- Grants will be awarded based upon potential for effective congregational development and community engagement, as funds are available.
- Small Church Grants are not intended to replace or supplement other forms of New Hope Presbytery support such as campus ministry funding, Passion Driven Ministries grants, or Hunger Grants.
- Funds granted through the Small Church Grant may not be used for major capital improvement expenses, debt retirement, or the securing of general on-going staff needs (including pastoral leadership).

Application Process

- Applications will be considered on a rolling basis. Deadlines for submission of grant applications are February 15, April 15, June 15, August 15, October 15, and December 15.
- A subcommittee of the Church Development & Evangelism Committee will review all grant applications and make a recommendation to the Church Development & Evangelism Committee.
- Disbursement will be made in one lump-sum payment to the endorsing congregation following approval of the application and submission of any requested supporting documentation.

Evaluation and Review

- A written report confirming that the funds were spent in accordance with the application and outlining any learnings and/or next steps shall be submitted within three months of disbursement or conclusion of ongoing project.
- The application subcommittee may require more frequent or additional reports at its own discretion.
- Failure to submit requested reports will be considered in the application process for future grant requests to New Hope Presbytery, including PDM and Hunger Grants.

Small Church Grant Application
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Congregation _____

Address _____

Project Name _____

Contact Person and Title _____

Contact Person Email _____ Phone _____

Total Amount Requested _____

Please attach a *concise* description of your project, which includes each of the following:

- Start and completion dates
- Statement of need
- Proposed course of action (what, when, where, and how will you do your project)
- Relevance to the ministry and outreach of your congregation
- Anticipated results
- Method(s) to be used to measure effectiveness of the activity
- A list of people expected to be involved in leadership of the project, noting their roles and affiliated organization (if not members of the endorsing congregation)
- Expected budget for the project, including any other sources of income

Please include a *current church budget and balance sheet or other financial report from within the last six months*.

Each grant application must be reviewed and approved by the session of the endorsing congregation. Please indicate the date that this application was approved: _____.

All funds approved and disbursed must be used for the purposes described in this application unless otherwise approved by the Church Development & Evangelism Committee.

(signature of contact person)

(date)

(signature of clerk of session)

(date)

Submit completed application and supporting materials to: René Baker, New Hope Presbytery, 2022 McDonald Lane, Raleigh, NC 27608 or rbaker@nhpresbytery.org.