

## Presbytery of Great Rivers

### GUIDELINES FOR ACCESS TO MISSION INITIATIVE FUNDS

Revised January 2010

#### Application Forms

- Forms will be available in 2 places
  - ♦ Online
  - ♦ Upon request from the presbytery office

#### Form Submissions

- Forms will be submitted to the Presbytery office and will be reviewed by the Visioning Council at its earliest convenience. The applying congregation must supply a phone number to the Visioning Council for a person who is knowledgeable about the application and who can be available while the Visioning Council is considering the application.
- Some contingency should be in place for requests that are time sensitive.

#### Application Considerations

- The Visioning Council will consider ALL applications.
- Applications must be received in the Presbytery Office no later than one week before a Visioning Council meeting.
- The first priority will be given to fund those requests made by a session or by a group of sessions for projects that are being undertaken for the first time, or are a significant expansion of an already existing project where new populations are to be served, or services are to be provided to areas or address concerns and needs not previously addressed.
- The second priority will be given to those applications from a session or group of sessions for funding of a project or projects that have been in existence and the request is for "maintenance" support. Funds would be provided on a shared grant basis with no less than 40% of the total funds needed being supplied by the applicant. In addition there must be evidence provided that members of the congregation are invested in this project and that those funds in the support of the project of interest shall require a written explanation that describes their rationale as well as a statement describing how these funds relate to their theology of stewardship resources.
- Annually, no more than 30% of the mission funds available will be used by the VC to provide sessions and congregations with training and strategy support in developing their philosophy / theology of mission outreach and stewardship of resources.
- It was agreed by the Council that no applications will be considered in the future without personal communication with the applicant of the funds

#### Financial Awards

- Awards will be given at each presbytery meeting
- Congregations must be represented at the presbytery meeting to receive their money. They will be notified of application acceptance by phone and in writing as well as offered instructions about collecting their money
- Congregations will be asked to report to the presbytery on the achievement of their ministry goals within one calendar year of receiving funds.

#### Application Assistance

- You may contact Shelly Akins for assistance in completing the form. Her contact information is [shelly.akers@yahoo.com](mailto:shelly.akers@yahoo.com), 217-322-2532 (home)

Presbytery of Great Rivers  
**MISSION INITIATIVE FUNDING APPLICATION**

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MISSION STATEMENT:

*JOHN 14:12, "VERY TRULY, I TELL YOU, THE ONE WHO BELIEVES IN ME WILL ALSO DO THE WORK THAT I DO AND IN FACT, WILL DO GREATER WORKS THAN THESE".*

It is our prayer that this gift will be an encouragement to your church to be inventive and intentional in our collective mission to "be the church" and to be "good and trustworthy" servants of our Master.

Name of Project \_\_\_\_\_

Date of application \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Congregation/Sponsor/Council/Committee \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_ Home/Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person Address \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person Email \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Project \_\_\_\_\_

Project Description (50 Words or less)

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1. What are your goals and how will you accomplish them?

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2. Who is your target population? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Is this a new project or a substantial addition to an existing project? If so, in what way?

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4. How does the project work towards outreach goals in your community?

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5. How will these goals be met?  


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6. How are members of your congregation involved (or to be involved) in this project?  


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7. When will the project begin and when will it conclude?  


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8. Does your church have existing endowments or reserve funds? \_\_\_\_\_
9. Total amount: Endowments \_\_\_\_\_ Reserve funds \_\_\_\_\_
10. Are any of these funds being used to help finance this project? \_\_\_\_\_
11. Amount(s) \_\_\_\_\_
12. Who will provide an evaluation report to the Presbytery of Great Rivers?  


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13. Indicate other churches and/ or organizations with whom you will collaborate.  


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14. Amount requested \_\_\_\_\_
15. What percentage of the total project does this represent? \_\_\_\_\_
16. Additional income from your congregation and other sources:  
Congregation \_\_\_\_\_ Other sources \_\_\_\_\_
17. Please provide a **complete** budget for the project with this application.

If you have questions, please contact Amy Gardner by email at [agardner@greatriverspby.org](mailto:agardner@greatriverspby.org) or telephone 800-537-8592 / 309-683-6980.

**Be sure to save a copy of this application. Please send the completed form to  
Presbytery of Great Rivers  
1230 W Candletree Dr, Suite D, Peoria, IL 61614  
or by fax 309-683-6983**