

Church Redevelopment Grants

The Church Redevelopment Fund is a grant program established to enable congregations to explore new areas of ministry and vitality to deepen and broaden their witness. The fund is created from the monies received by Peaks Presbytery from churches dismissed to other denominations through the Gracious Dismissal Process.

The type of projects that will be considered in this program will have a goal of building relationships, provide a spiritual growth component, and/or missional components oriented to the community in which the congregation is placed. A timely example of use of the grant money would be for technology needs to provide hybrid worship opportunities. Grants will be awarded based upon the potential for effective congregational development and community engagement.

Guidelines

- Applications will be considered for projects endorsed by sessions of congregations in Peaks Presbytery. The Church Development Committee will be responsible for the review of grant requests.
- No more than one project per year will be funded from a particular congregation.
- Each Church Redevelopment Grant will be awarded for minimum of \$500 and a maximum of \$5,000. Grants may be renewed for an additional two years, with a maximum of \$10,000 total support over the life of the grant.
- Church Redevelopment Grants are not intended to replace or supplement other forms of Peaks Presbytery support such as campus ministry, CEDEPCA, community outreach grants or Two Cents a Meal grants.
- Funds granted through the Church Redevelopment program may not be used for capital improvements (Building projects), 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 1, April 1, June 1, August 1, October 1.
- 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 the funds were spent in accordance with the application and outlining learnings and next steps shall be submitted within three months of disbursement or conclusion of the project.
- The Church Development Committee may require more frequent or additional reports at its discretion.
- Failure to submit requested reports will be considered in the application process for future grant requests to Peaks Presbytery, including community outreach and hunger grants.

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**Church Redevelopment Grant Application
Presbytery of the Peaks**

Project Title _____

Congregation _____

Contact Person _____

Contact Person email _____ **Phone** _____

Total Amount Requested _____

Summary of Project (attach a concise description of the project including the following):

- Start and Completion date
- Statement of need
- Process that led to the development of the request
- Does your ministry have a vision/mission statement? What is the project's relevance to the ministry and outreach of your congregation?
- Anticipated results
- Method to measure the effectiveness of the project
- Expected budget, including income from other sources and anticipated expenses
- Anticipated timeline for the project

Each grant application must be reviewed and approved by the session of the endorsing congregation. Please indicate the date the 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 Committee.

Signature of contact person

Date

Signature of clerk of session

Date

Submit completed application and supporting materials to the attention of the Church Development Committee, Presbytery of the Peaks, PO Box 2519, Forest VA 24551. Applications may also be emailed to office@peaks-presbytery.org.