



April 3, 2023

Dear Colleagues in Ministry,

The Commission for Nurture and Outreach (CNO) of the Presbytery of Scioto Valley offers a program to assist congregations that seek to be missional churches within the Presbyterian Church (USA). The Neighborhood Mission Grant program *honors the way your congregation reaches out in the name of Jesus Christ to your neighbors and community.*

The Commission's criteria for Neighborhood Mission Grants are:

- The mission project is financially supported by the congregation and is **evaluated and endorsed by the Session.**
- Only one project per church per year will be considered.
- Funding priority will be given to churches submitting requests for first-time projects. Second consideration will be given to recurring projects that add a significant new dimension of service. **New project proposals can be submitted at any time during the calendar year, but it is best to submit prior to September 1.**
- **Recurring projects will only be considered after September 1.**
- The project involves members of the congregation in “hands-on” ministry that builds a relationship between the congregation and the community.
- The project is consistent with our Christian faith and is compatible with the mission of the Presbytery of Scioto Valley, which includes being a Matthew 25 mid-council promoting the dismantling of structural racism and eradicating systemic poverty.
- The project supports life-affirming ways which allow people to maintain dignity, act on their own behalf, and be partners in activities that affect their lives.
- Grants may not normally be used for construction, capital improvements, or furnishings.
- Grant requests must not exceed \$2,000.

Applications are typically reviewed at CNO's monthly meeting, and, if approved, funding is typically distributed within one month of approval. Applications will be funded by CNO contingent upon available mission funds given by congregations through the presbytery annually. Therefore, we urge your congregation, and all the churches of our Presbytery, to increase pledges to the Basic Mission budget of our denomination. This funding is the source for our total mission budget within the Presbytery, including Neighborhood Mission Grants.

Once your project is complete or well underway, please send a brief report to the Commission on Nurture and Outreach at PSV Commission for Nurture & Outreach, 4131 N High St., Suite B, Columbus, OH 43214 or email **Stephen Hills** at stephen.m.hills@gmail.com

If you have questions, please address them to Stephen Hills, Chairperson of the Commission on Nurture and Outreach at: stephen.m.hills@gmail.com

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The Presbytery of Scioto Valley Neighborhood Mission Grant Application

(This application can be submitted at any time.)

Mission Statement of Presbytery of Scioto Valley

“Inspire, strengthen, and challenge congregations for Christ’s Mission.”

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Project Overview:

Church: _____

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Mission project evaluated and endorsed by Session:

Date Signature of Clerk of Session

Title of Proposed Project:

Total budget for the project (including funds requested from PSV): _____

Amount requested from PSV (Maximum is \$2,000.00): _____

Duration of proposed project (one year, etc.): _____

Anticipated start date for proposed project: _____

Total number of people and demographic (e.g., youth, senior adults, etc.) to be served:

Brief description of project (no more than two sentences): _____

***NOTE:** Include any additional information that will help in understanding the ministry and need associated with this mission project. Feel free to expand on any item on a separate piece of paper or the back of this form.*

Project Specifics:

1. Is this your first time to request a Neighborhood Mission Grant?
Yes _____ No _____

If “No”, please attach a synopsis of the last mission project for which you previously received a Neighborhood Mission Grant and include an accounting of how the grant funds were used and spent. Be specific and, if possible, include stories or anecdotes.

2. How will your congregation (and other congregations/organizations) be involved in this Mission Project? Be as specific as possible, e.g., include financial giving, activities, estimated numbers, etc.

3. How do you plan to make the project financially sustainable, including drawing in new funding sources?

4. Complete the following budget information. Expenses might be such things as supplies, food, money passed through to another organization, etc.

Neighborhood Mission Grant Application Budget Form

Project Title: _____

Sources of Revenue/Support (e.g., Neighborhood Mission Grant, the congregation, local entities, etc.)	Amount
Total Revenue/Support	
Expenses	Amount
Total Expenses	
Revenue Less Expenses	