

The Presbytery of Scioto Valley  
**Neighborhood Mission Grant Application**

Faithful Risk Taking and Evaluation

“As a body of Christ, the Presbytery of Scioto Valley is a trusted and responsive spiritual community building connections and creating vitality across and within each of diverse congregations.”

The Commission for Justice, Outreach, and Education (CJOE) 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 create more equitable and just communities. Transformative justice is relational; it is restoring people’s relationships with God, with each other in community, and with the broader structures of society.*

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.**
- The project deepens 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 involves members of the congregation in “hands-on” ministry of companionship which allow people to maintain dignity, act on their own behalf, and be partners in activities that affect their lives.
- 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 will be considered three times a year: **February, June, October.** Applications must be received by the first day of those months to be considered. Recurring projects will only be considered in October, if there is money available.
- Grants may not normally be used for construction, capital improvements, or furnishings.
- Grant requests must not exceed \$2,000.

An application for funding follows and **can be submitted at any time throughout the year.** Applications will be reviewed at CJOE’s monthly meeting [in the three months indicated above](#) and, if approved, funding is typically distributed within one month of approval. Applications will be funded by CJOE 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 complete the attached evaluation to the Commission on Justice, Outreach, and Education at PSV Commission for Nurture & Outreach, 4131 N High St., Suite B, Columbus, OH 43214 or email **Mary Gene Boteler** at [mgboteler@gmail.com](mailto:mgboteler@gmail.com).

If you have questions, please address them to Mary Gene Boteler, Chairperson of the CJOE at: [mgboteler@gmail.com](mailto:mgboteler@gmail.com) or 740.704.0983

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

Date of Application: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Requested: \_\_\_\_\_

**Church Information**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Church

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone:

\_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail

**Mission Project Evaluated and Endorsed by Session:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Signature of Clerk of Session

**Project Information**

1. Name of the project: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Is this your first time to request a Neighborhood Mission Grant? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_  
If “No”, please attach a completed Project Evaluation Form for the last project for which you previously received a Neighborhood Mission Grant.
3. Total budget for the project (including funds requested from PSV):
4. Amount requested from PSV (Maximum is \$2,000.00):
5. Anticipated start date for proposed project:
6. Duration of proposed project (one year, etc.):
7. Brief description of program (3-5 sentences)
  
8. Total number of people and demographic (e.g., youth, senior adults, etc.) to be served:

9. Describe the context giving rise to the need, including the background of the project's development.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
10. Describe how your congregation (and other organizations) will be involved in this project. Be as specific as possible, e.g. include financial support, activities, estimated numbers. etc. and how the project will be a ministry of companionship.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
11. Describe how this project deepens our Christian faith and is compatible with the mission of the Presbytery of Scioto Valley, which includes being a Matthew 25 mid-council promoting more equitable and just communities.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
12. How do you plan to make the project financially sustainable, including drawing on new/additional funding sources?

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

**Neighborhood Mission Grant Application Budget Form**

Project Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Sources of Revenue/Support	Amount	Notes
Congregational Contribution	\$	
Requested Neighborhood Mission Grant	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
Total Revenue	\$	
Expense Items		
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
Total Expenses		
Revenue Less Expenses	\$	

Please email completed grant application to:  
 Mary Gene Boteler at [mgboteler@gmail.com](mailto:mgboteler@gmail.com)

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## Neighborhood Mission Grant Project Evaluation

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**Please complete this evaluation form at the conclusion of the project. If the project is ongoing, please provide an evaluation 6 months into the program.**

An important part of our grant process includes reviewing the impact of the projects **and to gather and share insights that can be used to help and inform other projects.** We are eager to encourage and support actions which build relationships, explore new ways of being church, serve the community, and live as a sign of hope for the world. Feel free to include additional information. Photos would be appreciated if possible. Submit your completed evaluation and survey to the Commission for Justice, Outreach, and Education (CJOE) at PSV, 4131 N. High Street, Suite B, Columbus, OH 43214.

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Name of the project: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Evaluation \_\_\_\_\_

Grant Amount \_\_\_\_\_

Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone:

\_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail

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Part 1 - In narrative form, in no more than two (2) attached pages, please respond to the following:

1. Who was touched by your project or program?
2. Describe how the project improved the lives of people served and how those served were involved with the project.
3. What did you learn from this project and what surprised you?
4. How have you met or not met your goals?
5. Describe progress and/or setbacks from the past year;
6. What signs of God’s presence and activity do you see as you reflect on the project?
7. How did this grant energize or transform your congregation or community?
8. How did you or will you share your project and learnings with your home church, your community, your presbytery and your synod.
9. What are the next steps for your congregation and how will you implement what you have learned through this project. If you were to expand or continue this project, what would that look like?
10. How will the future be different because you implemented this project?

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**Neighborhood Mission Grant Project Evaluation  
Part 2 Survey**

**This survey is to help the Commission for Justice, Outreach, and Education (CJOE) review how it is doing in serving congregations requesting Neighborhood Mission Grants.**

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1. Was the information and guidelines for applying for the grant, clear, easy to understand and helpful?

Very                  Mostly                  Somewhat                  Not

2. Was the Neighborhood Mission Grant application easy to use and were its questions clear?

Very                  Mostly                  Somewhat                  Not

3. Was the Evaluation Form helpful to you in reviewing and evaluating the effectiveness and benefits of your project?

Very                  Mostly                  Somewhat                  Not

4. Was CJOE helpful during your application process?

Very                  Mostly                  Somewhat                  Not

5. Any additional comments or suggestions for CJOE?

***Submit your completed evaluation and survey to the Commission for Justice, Outreach, and Education (CJOE) at PSV, 4131 N. High Street, Suite B, Columbus, OH 43214.***