

**PRESBYTERY OF SAN FRANCISCO
PARTNERSHIP WORKING GROUP**

PEACEMAKING FUND GRANT PROGRAM GUIDELINES

Peacemaking Fund Grants are small grants made available to qualifying Presbyterian Church (USA) (“PC(USA)”) congregations within the Presbytery of San Francisco (“Applicant Church”). The funds for these grants originate from Peacemaking Offerings received on World Communion Sunday in October and other days in participating congregations in our Presbytery. The Presbytery’s Partnership Working Group reviews applications and awards Peacemaking Grants on a semi-annual basis. One of the main purposes of the Peacemaking Grants is to provide supplemental assistance to fund local congregational programs and projects (“Projects”), including but not limited to:

- Assisting in raising awareness and empowerment for peacemaking in the Applicant Congregation or its local community in this Presbytery;
- Enabling mission work that has a concrete impact on peacemaking;
- Improving an Applicant Congregation’s physical capacity or building in a manner that directly improves its ability to engage and fulfill its programs related to the first two bullet points listed above.

Minimum Criteria and Requirements

1. The Applicant Congregation must have contributed to the PC(USA) **“Peace and Global Witness Offering”**¹ during the year prior to the date of its Peacemaking Grant application.
2. The Applicant Congregation must also pledge or agree to contribute financially to the Project.
3. Peacemaking Grants will be awarded only to Projects that directly engage or impact the Applicant Congregation or its community within the Presbytery.
4. The Applicant Congregation must have a ***Project leader(s), team, or committee.***
5. **Preference** will be given to the following: **Projects involving a partnership between the Applicant Congregation and at least one other congregation**, which may include congregations in other denominations, or **Projects that can lead to partnerships in the future.**
6. In its application, the Applicant Congregation must address each of the minimum requirements in items 1 through 5 above and the following additional factors:

¹ The Presbytery’s share of Peace and Global Witness Offerings is the source of the Peacemaking Grants. In addition, local congregations retain 25% of their offering.

- i. How its Project meets the requirement for local impact in the congregation or the local community.
- ii. How the Applicant Congregation and its partner congregation(s) will contribute financially to the Project.
- iii. A statement of vision, goals and strategies to demonstrate the Applicant Congregation's attempts and/or commitment to engage in **peacemaking**
- iv. A plan for sustainability of the Project until its completion.

If the Applicant Congregation is unable to meet any of these requirements, it will be asked to please provide an explanation.

Deadline: Peacemaking Fund Grants are awarded on a semi-annual basis. Unless otherwise announced by the Partnership Working Group, the deadlines for applications are January 15 and June 30 of each year.

Follow-up: A member of the Partnership Working Group will be in dialogue with each recipient congregation about how its implementation of Projects funded with the Peacemaking Grant is progressing, including any successes, challenges or need for additional support.