

Presbytery of San Francisco

Allocation of Funds for New Mission Work through Missional Partnerships of the Central Region

The central region will use our allocated Fund 2 monies of \$1,000,000 in grants (such as 25 of \$40,000) **to create, nurture and expand concrete mission partnerships from our region.**

These monies will be granted as per an agreed-upon decision-making process involving: a common list of values, an established protocol of peer-review, and require an established quorum for approval.

Ministry Projects in which we will invest our resources of time, money and human skill shall respond to one or more of our established values. They shall be:

- either an existing ministry with an established track record in need of expansion OR a new and exciting opportunity for mission-ministry;
- doable/feasible as well as viable/sustainable efforts;
- share the Gospel / Reach the unreached with the gospel message;
- advance the proclamation of the gospel through justice-related actions or ministries relating to material, social, or relational well-being;
- be a joint ministry of collaboration among at least two or more congregations (approved by the specific sessions) of our region, aiming for a maximum participation of faith organizations and other organizations in an endeavor that is local and/or international;
- respond to a root cause or need in a hands-on or collaborative manner;
- not simply be the replication of a ministry which already exists and is successful;
- have a measurable impact or outcome;
- excite and involve a core group of people from our region in ministry, mission, and relationship-building.

Ministry Proposals will be peer reviewed by at least 3 people from the central region (coming from at least 3 congregational communities). A pool of such peer-reviewers will be trained (possibly by already successful outside sources such as the SF Foundation). Such peer review will occur at regular meetings of the Central Region, to occur at least as often as the Presbytery of San Francisco meets. Proposals must be submitted at least 3-4 weeks in advance of such the meeting at which it is to be considered. The goal of such review is not merely to approve or disapprove, but to advance and encourage ministry creation and implementation through peer encouragement.

The intent of such proposals (grants) will be to empower the fleshing out of a ministry proposal, taking into account realistic material and human needs, potential challenges, measurable goals, training needs and articulated objectives. Should a proposal not be approved, concrete suggestions will be made in view of perfecting the proposal for approval.

The proposal (grant) application will be finalized by a peer group and adopted by majority vote of the region at a meeting with a quorum. It shall include project names, cost, material

needs, human needs, a narrative of objectives, a list of measurable goals, and description of support of ministers and the ministry. This application will be readily accessible online.

A quorum shall be defined as:¹

- A majority of congregations in our region must send at least one representative.
- Voting commissioners per congregation are assigned as in all presbytery meetings.
- Members-at-large or Honorably Retired teaching elders have voice and vote but do not affect quorum.
- We established the policy that a simple majority would rule our votes.

There shall be some sort of peer review of the project at a determined interval of the grant proposal (at 1 or 2 year marks). This shall be done by at least three peer reviewers, not necessarily the three that initially approved it.

Monies shall be distributed, received and accounted for as per the Framework for Decision Making and Fund Distribution of the Presbytery of San Francisco.²

There shall be some sort of action for recourse and reimbursement should funds be used for other purposes than intended as per the approved proposal. The session of churches that sponsored or served as the primary collaborators of the proposed ministry shall be held fiduciarily responsible for any such loss or financial abuse.

The time invested by Ministers of Word and Sacrament in the work of Peer Review shall be recognized as part of their regular work load by all sessions of the Central Region.

Members of the Peer-Review Pool shall serve for a renewable specified term (set of time) and provided free of charge any and all necessary training.

¹ This was established and adopted at the Central Regional Meeting of May 23, 2018.

² This was (shall be) established and adopted by the Presbytery of San Francisco, November 13, 2018.