

**PRESBYTERY OF SAN FRANCISCO
PARTNERSHIP WORKING GROUP**

HUNGER FUND GRANT PROGRAM GUIDELINES

Hunger Fund Grants are small grants made available to qualifying Presbyterian Church (USA) (“PC(USA)”) congregations within the Presbytery of San Francisco (“Applicant Congregation”). The funds for these grants originate from offerings collected through participating PC(USA) congregations. The Presbytery’s Partnership Working Group (“Partnership Working Group”) reviews applications and makes Hunger Grant awards on an annual basis, unless otherwise announced. One of the main purposes of the Hunger 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 addressing hunger and food shortage needs;
- Enabling mission work relating to hunger that has a concrete impact on the Applicant Congregation or community;
- 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 annual **“2 cents a meal”**¹ offering during the year prior to the date of its Hunger Grant application.
Or
The Applicant Congregation must have contributed directly to the **Presbytery Hunger Fund** during the year prior to the date of its Hunger Grant application.
2. The Applicant Congregation must also pledge or agree to contribute financially to the Project.
3. Hunger 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.**

¹ For 2 cents a meal offering, local congregation retains 30%, Presbytery Hunger Fund retains 40%; and the remaining 30% is sent to General Assembly.

5. **Preference will be given to 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:
 - 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 to the Project.
 - iii. A statement of vision, goals and strategies to demonstrate the Applicant Congregation's attempts and/or commitment to engage in **addressing hunger needs or food shortage.**
 - iv. A plan for sustainability of the Project until its completion.
 - v. If the Applicant Congregation is unable to meet any of these requirements, please provide an explanation.

Deadline: Hunger Fund Grants are awarded on an annual or semi-annual basis, as determined by the Partnership Working Group. Unless otherwise announced by the Partnership Working Group, the deadline for applications is **June 30** of each year, or, in the discretion of the Partnership Working Group, June 30 and December 31 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 any Projects funded with the Hunger Grant is progressing, including any successes, challenges, or need for additional support.