

# Fund Your VISION

## Grant Guidelines

Do you have a vision of how to share and spread **The Good News** with those outside the walls of the church if you only had the funding? The Presbytery of San Francisco has made **\$1,000,000**, available to Presbyterian churches in the West Bay Region for turning vision into reality.

**Fund Your Vision** grant proposals will be evaluated, on a first come, first served basis, according to the strength of their adherence to criteria listed on the application form as well as the dollar amount of their budget. The funding request may be for whatever amount is desired, but eligible grants with a soft cap of \$50,000 or less are much more likely to be recommended for approval. Applications must be completed in a maximum of three pages using 12-point font and submitted electronically to [fundyourvision@sfpby.org](mailto:fundyourvision@sfpby.org).

All proposals must be signed by the Clerk of Session, affirming Session approval. Proposals from individuals and non-profit groups will be accepted, but must be endorsed by the Session of a West Bay Region congregation.

Three rounds of fifteen proposals will be recommended for consideration each year until **Fund Your Vision** has been depleted. Each congregation may submit only one proposal per round. The Western Region will meet three times per year to vote to approve, reject or revise each of the recommended proposals. Each congregation will be afforded one vote, regardless of how many congregation members attend the meeting. Summaries and the full text of the grant proposals will be made available to all members of the Western Region ahead of the vote. The grant application must be 3 pages or less, but feel free to reallocate the space if you'd like to answer some questions longer and some shorter. You must fully describe how the project fits into one of the six ministry areas for Fund Your Vision, including a new category in Round 3:

- Housing/Shelter/Homelessness
- Micro Loans/Grants
- Food Insecurity
- Immigration and Refugees
- Youth and College Ministry
- Systemic Change to Dismantle Structural Racism

The following criteria are desirable, but not required. Projects addressing one or more of these are more likely to be funded.

- Will your project be sustainable after the grant expires? (One time projects will be considered if they are part of a larger, sustainable ministry.) What is the overall feasibility of securing adequate funding, e.g. from additional sources?
- Describe your creative approach for doing ministry. Is this a new approach to an existing ministry or a creative brand new ministry?

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- What existing resources can you utilize to identify and formulate ways of doing ministry? How can you use information, imagination & initiative to derive greater value from these resources?
- Describe the regional impact of your project. Primary consideration will be given to applications focusing on Bay Area needs, especially in the West Bay Region vs. national or international projects.
- If your project is a joint ministry, describe your partnership with another congregation or faith-based non-profit agency.