

FUND YOUR VISION PROPOSAL SUMMARY

The Preferential Option for the Homeless

Submitted by: **Korean Presbyterian Church of San Francisco** Session Approval: **February 18, 2021**

Amount requested: **\$25,000 (+ additional \$25,000 for year two)**

Categories addressed by this proposal: **Housing/Shelter/Homelessness**

The proposal from the Korean Presbyterian Church of San Francisco, located in the Mission, seeks to substantially expand their existing program of providing coffee hospitality and seasonal outreach to homeless people in the area since 2015.

The expansion will enable providing care packages to more people on a monthly basis and will increase the number of church volunteers actively engaged in the program. In addition to offering food, the expansion will provide goods, such as blankets, socks and underwear, jackets/raincoats, masks and sanitizer to many more people in need. These interactions will provide volunteers the opportunity to build relationships with the homeless people, offering a listening ear and conveying God's love through prayer and assistance.

Involving more volunteers from the church through fundraising, care package assembly, and direct outreach to homeless people will also help the church volunteers learn about the social issues that confront homeless people.

Recommended by Fund Your Vision Panel: ☒ **Yes** ☐ **No**

Amount recommended: **\$48,700** (Remaining monies in the Fund Your Vision Grant Program at the end of Round Four will be insufficient to request further proposals. Therefore, the FYV Grant Panel is recommending partial funding of the second year of this request.)

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Project Name: The Preferential Option for the Homeless

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Name of Church(s) Submitting Grant: Korean Presbyterian Church of SF

Date of Session Approval: February 18, 2021.

Clerk of Session: Seunghwan Lee

Project Description:

1. This project fits with the **Housing/Shelter/Homelessness ministry** area as it provides foods and necessities for the Homeless.

Korean Presbyterian Church of San Francisco (KPCSF) is located in San Francisco's mission district, where there are numerous homeless people. This church has been serving coffee and cookies to the homeless every Sunday since 2015. Usually around 15 homeless visit my church. In addition, KPCSF used to reach out them and give care packages such as blankets and socks, for every important feast (Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas, etc.).

I think people who have suffered the most since the Covid-19 pandemic would be homeless. Volunteers who served them were cut off, and no one wanted to meet them because of the risk of infection. Also, many centers which help the homeless has been shut down to reduce the Covid-19 pandemic. However, in this difficult time, it is the essence of Christianity to care for the marginalized like the homeless. Upon receiving the grant, KPCSF will expand our volunteer team for this project and deliver care packages on a regular basis. And by upgrading the existing tea time for homeless, we will continue to provide better quality coffee and cookies them.

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2. This project is sustainable because we have some donors who support this ministry in my church. Until now, we have been carrying out this service without outside help. So, even if the grant runs out, we can manage to sustain this service. Of course, by receiving the grant, we will be able to upgrade current ministry, serving more people more often. Even if the funding runs out, we will try to keep the project as long as possible by making adjustments to suit our financial situation. When the grant is depleted, we will fundraise for church members and outsiders twice a year.

Above all, this project will have a very good impact on the Mission District where KPCSF is located. As I mentioned earlier, there are many homeless in this area. We want to convey the love of Christ while delivering the food and goods they need. We don't just hand out packages, we will build a relationship with the homeless. We will try to heal emotional and spiritual wounds as well as provide for their physical needs. For this, our team tries to talk to them, listen to them, and pray for them. By doing so, we want to show them the love of the living God and help them recover and rehabilitate their lost hope. In Sum, our ultimate goal is not just to deliver foods and goods, but to convey God's love.

3. The important key is people. In order to complete this project, we need several steps. First of all, we need people who plan when, where, how, and what to do. And there should be people who execute what they planned. That is, we need people who prepare the goods, people who pack the prepared goods, and people who distribute the packages. No matter how much money we have, if people do not participate, it will be meaningless. However, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, many people are afraid of meeting someone else who they don't know. Therefore, it would be difficult to recruit volunteers. In order to solve this problem, I would like to talk about the importance of serving a homeless, during worship and Bible study. Through these, I will motivate people to participate this project.

KPCSF is a church of immigrants from Korea. Usually, immigrant churches aim to soothe the loneliness of leaving their hometown. Although this is one of the important functions in the immigrant church, but it is not the only factor. I believe every church should be the sign of

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the kingdom of God serving the world. I will encourage as many people as possible to participate in this project by telling them the importance of serving the world.

Project Timeline:

Start Date: As soon as we got the grant.

End Date: Until KPCSF exits.

Financial Description:

Amount Requested for One-Year Project from Fund Your Vision: \$25,000

Total Project Budget: \$50,000

Budget Justification Narrative.

5. We want to have **\$25,000 per year** for two years, **totaling up to \$50,000.** Here is the detailed budget.

Coffee and Food (\$5,000), Jacket (\$5,000), Masks (\$2,500), Sanitizer (\$2,500), Underwear (\$2,500), Socks (\$2,500), Raincoat (\$2,500), Blanket (\$2,500) **Total: \$25,000 per year.**

When the project budget is beyond the grant request, we will close the gap by Church's budget and congregation's donation. (\$5,000 per year)

Project Impact

1. The greatest effect is the change in the perception of congregation of my church. Immigrants are people from outside. They have benefited from many people who have already lived in the United States. And through this, many immigrants have achieved the American Dream. Unfortunately, immigrants are stingy giving back the love they received. They tend to refrain from sharing their successes with outer world. I am hoping that this project will change the perception of our congregation's mind. Through this project, immigrants will recognize the

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importance of going out into the world and showing love to their neighbors. This will have a good effect on the maturity of our church.

2. I believe that this ministry will not only provide them with foods and goods for daily use, but also will give them an opportunity to experience God's love. A homeless is not a meaningless person, but a precious being made in the image of God. Through this project, we will let the homeless know that they are precious beings made in the image of God.

In the future, my church will go beyond the ministry of simply distributing food and goods to the homeless. We will help them rehabilitate and grow into good members of society. Now this project is the first step towards that great ministry.

3. In order to evaluate this project we will have a interview both volunteers and the homeless. First, we will ask volunteers how this ministry has affected their lives, and we will interview homeless about what they have realized and what has changed through our service. Moreover, we will keep track the amount of people we serve. Based on this statistic we will keep expand our project. Thanks.