

Criteria for Thank Offering Grants

The Thank Offering has a long tradition with Presbyterian Women (PW)

To qualify, a program must

- Have a clearly defined purpose that meets basic human needs. The purpose must be in accordance with mission goals and policies of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
- Provide a form of aid that relates directly to the people being served
- **Be a creative project less than three years old or an existing project moving in a new direction**

A proposal must

- Tell how your project will improve the lives of people to be served-now and in the future
- Indicate how your project will work with women, children, youth, young adults, racial-ethnic people, and/or persons with disabilities to enhance their quality of life
- List all other sources of money being requested and/or already awarded for this project
- Tell how the program will continue after the grant (if received) is spent
- Explain the process to be used to report progress and to measure success
- Provide written endorsement from a presbytery or synod of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Please allow 6 weeks to obtain an endorsement from the presbytery or synod in the PC(USA). If outside U.S.A., a written endorsement of an indigenous church that is in relationship with the PC(USA) must be provided. Written endorsements from a congregation, a PW in the Congregation Coordinating Team, a PW in the Presbytery Coordinating Team, or a PW in the Synod Coordinating Team are encouraged, but not required.
- Be signed by the Proposal Writer and a Board chair or other responsible person;
- Notify Cindy Goodman at cindy.goodman@pcusa.org, if other funding for the project has been received. Notification must be received before February 1.

Grants awarded

- Must be a one-time grant, although the project may not be complete in a single year. The project must be underway within twelve (12) months of receiving funds.
- May not be used for payment of current debt, for creating or maintaining revolving loan funds, nor to fund a permanent endowment. Funds requested cannot be used as part of a general operating budget.

Grant recipients

- Must return an interim report and all supporting documentation before the second payment will be made. The first payment will be 70% of the total amount awarded and will be sent by May. Upon receipt of the interim report by September 1, the remaining 30% will be released by December 30. **The second payment will be forfeited if the interim report is not received.** Return one and two year follow-up reports once received, to the PW office.
- Must notify the PW office of any change of leadership or address by contacting Cindy Goodman at cindy.goodman@pcusa.org or by fax at 502/569-5741
- **Priority will be given to applicants that have not been previously funded by the reative Ministries Offering Committee**

Assembly instructions

Twelve (12) separate packages need to be assembled and include:

1. application form
2. endorsement letter
3. budgets (must be in U.S. currency)
4. completed W-9 form (for domestic projects)
5. completed Statement of Confirmation of Identity by Third Party (for International project)
6. proposal form checklist

Do not use any type of folders or binders while assembling the packets and do not attach the cover letter to the application.

Staple **top left corner** of each package and mail to
Presbyterian Women
Attn: Cindy Goodman
PW Associate for Special Offerings
100 Witherspoon Street, Room 3060
Louisville, KY 40202

Timeline

Filing date September 15 (postmarked)
Decision February
Funding First payment (70% of grant awarded) - May
 Second payment (remaining 30%) - by December 30 if the interim report is received by
September 1 Interim report due by September 1 (The second payment will be forfeited if the interim report is
not received by September 1)

Applications which are clear, typed, completely filled out and with all relevant endorsement, documentation, budget (s), method of payment form, bank letterhead if requesting a wire transfer, and/or background information, will be processed for grant consideration. Grant applications that do not have an endorsement with the application and do not indicate when the PW office will receive one, will not be considered.

For national applicants, the application will not be considered if the endorsement is not on the Synod or Presbytery letterhead and signed by the appropriate person.

For Office Use only Grant # _____



Creative Ministries of Presbyterian Women

Thank Offering Application

Application Must Be Typed

Deadline for Application in PW Office: September 15

Request Range: \$5,000 - \$50,000

Organization Name: _____

Project Name: _____

Project Address _____

Street

City

State

Zip Code

Country

Website: _____

Presbytery

Synod

Church or Council (if outside U.S.A.)

Start-up date for project _____

End of project (if applicable) _____

Project must be underway within twelve (12) months

Questions to be Answered

1. Please provide a mission statement from your organization and a purpose statement that directly relates to the proposed project. (A mission statement is defined as a cross between a slogan and an executive summary. It should say who your company is, what you do, what you stand for and why you do it.)
2. Briefly list the activities of your request and how it will meet basic human needs.
3. This is a creative project less than three years old This is an existing project moving in a new direction
4. Explain how a one-time grant will help this project and assist the persons served. Does this project impact the lives of women, children, youth and young adults, racial-ethnic persons or persons with disabilities?

Total Cost of Project \$ _____ **Amount Requested \$** _____

5. What expected changes, either long-term or short-term, would receipt of the funding allow?

6. Specifically, how will a grant from Presbyterian Women be used?

7. How will the program continue once the grant money (if received) is depleted?

List other sources of funding being sought for this project. * Very Important *** If funds are received, written notification must be sent to cindy.goodman@pcusa.org by February 1.**

<i>Funding Source</i>	<i>Amount Requested</i>	<i>Assured to Date</i>	<i>Date Decision Expected</i>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

8. Describe your process for evaluation and accountability.

9. Identify date(s) of previous applications for Birthday or Thank Offering funding and the amount of award.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Amount of Award</i>	<i>Name of Project</i>	<i>Birthday or Thank Offering</i>
_____	_____	_____	_____

10. Attach a project budget (in U.S. currency) that shows specifically how the money will be spent.

Name of proposal writer _____

Name of board chair or other responsible person _____

Address _____

Address _____

Telephone (____) _____ *Fax* (____) _____

Telephone (____) _____ *Fax* (____) _____

Email address _____

Email address _____

Signature (required) _____

Signature (required) _____

Date _____

Date _____

Relationship to project _____

Relationship to project _____

Reminder! Application Deadline: September 15

INSTRUCTIONS TO THANK OFFERING RECIPIENTS

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Method of Payment

Please indicate the method of payment you prefer.

Check Payable to: _____
Mail to: _____
(Including country) _____

Note: If check is mailed to a bank account for deposit, provide documentation from the bank stating recipient's bank account name and number and whether or not there are limitations on acceptance of US Dollars.

Wire Transfer Provide documentation from the bank on bank letterhead with the following information:

- Name of Bank
- Bank address (including country)
- Bank's ABA #
- Account Name
- Account Number
- Corresponding Bank and address (if applicable)
- Whether there are any limitations on acceptance of US Dollars.

For Projects in the United States

Request for Tax Payer Identification Number (substitute W-9)

Furnishing your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) and making appropriate certification on this form will prevent payments from being subject to backup withholding and possible \$50 penalty imposed by the IRS. Complete the information related to your tax status.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Check only one box.

Tax status: Not Profit Entity Name _____
501 (c) (3) Employer Identification Number _____

Church/Corporation Name _____

Employer Identification Number _____

Under the penalties of perjury, I certify that the information provided on this form is true, correct, and complete.

Signature _____ Date _____

Often the Creative Ministries Offering Committee needs the expertise of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) National Staff in specific areas. How would you best describe your project? Please check one box only that best describes the primary focus of your project (you must check one box). If you do not see a category that best describes your project, please check other and write beside it what you feel best describes it.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Agriculture</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Children</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Community Organizing</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Criminal Justice</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Disabilities</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Domestic Violence</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Education</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Evangelism</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Family</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Health</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Homelessness</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Housing</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Hunger</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>International</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Leader Development</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Older Adult</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Racial Ethnic</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Women</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Youth</i> | Other _____ | |



For International Projects

STATEMENT OF CONFIRMATION OF IDENTITY BY THIRD PARTY

This form is a statement, to be signed and notarized by a third party, attesting that the payee's name and address are correct and legitimate.

Return this completed form to the address listed below
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)
Presbyterian Women
Attn: PW Associate for Special Offerings
100 Witherspoon Street, Room 3060
Louisville, KY 40202-1396

Payee's Name _____

Payee's Address _____

Including Country _____

I certify that the information provided on this form is true, correct, and complete

Name _____

Signature _____

Title _____

Date _____

PROPOSAL FORM CHECKLIST

Please initial each item

- _____ Twelve **separate** packages have been assembled with the application form (**signed by the proposal writer**), endorsement letter on the Presbytery or Synod letterhead and signed by a representative of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Synod or Presbytery, if overseas, an indigenous related church, project budget (**in U.S. currency**) and an overall operational budget (**in U.S. currency, if applicable**), a completed W-9 form (**for domestic projects**) or a completed Statement of Confirmation of Identity by Third Party (**for international projects**)
- _____ No supporting documentation has been added to the application
- _____ A category has been checked
- _____ The mission statement and purpose statement has been given (number 1 on the application form)
- _____ The endorsement letter from a Presbytery or Synod of the PC(USA) has been included in each package and is on the appropriate letterhead
- _____ A project budget (in U.S. currency) and an overall operational budget (if applicable) has been included in each package
- _____ A completed W-9 form or a completed Statement of Confirmation of Identity by a Third Party has been included in each package
- _____ The proposal writer and a board chair or other responsible person has signed the proposal
- _____ All correspondence from the PW office will be sent to the **proposal writer only**. If there is a change in leadership address, the PW office will be notified immediately by sending an email to: cindy.goodman@pcusa.org or by fax at 502/569-5741
- _____ A website for the organization has been given and an **email for the proposal writer** has been given