



**PRESBYTERY OF BALTIMORE
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT GRANT
APPLICATION FORM – 2022
Deadline: April 29, 2022**

Name of Congregation: _____

Ministry Group: _____

Contact Person Information:

Name _____

Role/Position in Congregation (pastor/ruling elder/deacon/other) _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

How much your church is requesting: \$ _____
(Dollar amount up to \$7,500)

Date of Session approval to submit this application: _____

1. What is the Community Engagement or Community Organizing effort for which you would like funding? What do you hope to accomplish?

2. Describe the current context for this effort and if it is new or on-going. Share the history of this project? When did it start? What new initiatives will you be added to the project? If this is an ongoing project will you be adding new initiatives?

3. Please describe the community you intend to reach and where they are located in relationship to your church.
4. Please describe your basic approach to establishing and/or deepening the relationship between the people in your congregation and the people in the community described in Q#3. (You may wish to refer to the evaluation criteria at the end of this document.
5. As a grant recipient of the Commission on Reconciliation, please consider how your community engagement furthers the goals of the Commission. How does your proposed ministry **work toward reconciliation** overall and, in particular, how does it seek to address any of the following? (check all that apply)
- to dismantle racism,*
 - to alleviate suffering*
 - to bear public witness to the reconciling love of Christ*

Please explain:

6. Please **describe the expenses** to be covered by the grant and attach a budget of projected expenses. Please provide as much detail as possible. *An optional budget worksheet is included in the packet.*

7. Please **describe the anticipated sources** of funding for this effort (all financial and in-kind support anticipated to be provided by your congregation, community organizations, local businesses, foundations, individuals, and any other Presbytery or church-based funding – if any). Please attach a list of anticipated sources of funding. *An optional budget worksheet is included in the packet.*

8. Has your congregation applied for any other grants from the Presbytery of Baltimore in the past year? YES NO

If yes, was funding received? YES NO PENDING

If funded, what is the purpose of the grant?

9. How important is this Community Engagement Grant funding to this initiative? Would you accept partial funding, if we are unable to provide the full amount requested? And if you were partially funded, how would that impact the initiative?

10. How will you determine if you are successful? (Based on your answer in Q.#1)

11. How will you document the experiences and learnings (meeting notes, photos, video, social media, other)? This award includes two reporting periods: Interim Report due March 31, 2023 and Finale Report due June 15, 2023. Reports shall include above mentioned documentation along with a project evaluation sent to Jose Lopez (staff) at jlopez@baltimorepresbytery.org.

Applicant's Signature, Name & Date

Session voted and approved the submission of this application

Clerk of Session's Signature, Name & Date

SAMPLE BUDGET WORKSHEET

Proposed Budget		
Congregation:		
<u>Funding/Income</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Amount Requested in this application		
Other Presbytery Funding (if applicable)		
Other Funding sources*:		
Total anticipated funds for this effort		
<u>Expenses** (by category)</u>		
Total anticipated expenses for this effort		
<i>Difference</i>		

*Examples of funding sources: your congregation, partner organization, businesses, individual donors.

**Please include an explanation for each of the expenses in section 6 of the application form.

Enduring Witness Fund 2022 Community Engagement Grants

Application deadline is 4/29/2022

Grants will be awarded May 31, 2022

Purpose

Community Engagement grant funds are intended for community outreach, more specifically for community organizing and community engagement by congregations in the Presbytery of Baltimore. There is \$25,000 total available to be awarded by the Commission on Reconciliation. The grants will be awarded up to \$7,500 per applicant.

Faith-based community organizing is the way a congregation partners with its local community to work for change/transformation, together. It involves deep listening and leadership development to move toward joint action. This is a specific form of community engagement which is built on relational meetings, power analysis, action and evaluation.

Community engagement is a broader term to reflect ways in which a local congregation works collaboratively with and through groups of people affiliated by geographic proximity, common interest, or shared circumstances to address issues affecting the well-being of the community members.

Use of Funds

- Funding may be requested for new initiatives or to strengthen current community organizing and community engagement activities. Funds, therefore, may be used for training or mentoring activities in addition to expenses incurred in direct engagement.
- Grants will be awarded on an annual basis. However, applicants will be allowed to apply for additional funding in subsequent years.

General Guidelines

- Congregations should use the attached application form with the appropriate signatures and date of Session endorsement.
- Only one application per church will be accepted.
- A point person should be designated who is able to speak about the proposal and answer any follow up questions.
 - Questions about the grant application process may be directed to Karen Brown (chair) at karenbrown2248@gmail.com or Jose Lopez (staff) at jlopez@baltimorepresbytery.org.

Evaluation Criteria

- Is intentional in building relationships between members of the congregation and members of the local community outside the congregation.
- Demonstrates an approach of “working with” the community, not doing something “for” or “to” the community.
- Issues or needs identified are for the sake of the community.
- Embraces the work of reconciliation through efforts to dismantle racism, alleviate suffering and/or bear public witness to the reconciling love of Christ. Applicant must clearly demonstrate how proposed engagement furthers at least one of these areas.