

PSWR TRANSFORMATION GRANTS

General Description

The Transformation Committee celebrates that the Spirit of God is *always on mission*, creating new expressions of love and belonging among new people, groups, and cultures, and that our faithful response is to be continually open to new ways of doing and being the church. Toward this end, the PSWR Transformation Committee grants project funds of up to \$5,000 for congregations seeking to follow the Spirit of God into new areas of ministry in accordance with one or more Regional goals:

The PSWR Regional Church Goals are

- To be one church
- To be a missional church
- To work toward vital, healthy, growing congregations
- To equip leaders in the PSWR with effective administration skills and to expect excellence in all aspects of administrative leadership

Grant Amount

The maximum grant award for any project proposal is \$5,000 with a maximum of two grants over a three year period. The Transformation Committee of the Region will be responsible for reviewing and awarding grants.

Grant Deadlines

Grants applications must be received by February 1, June 1, and October 1 and will responded to within 30 days of those deadlines. Emergency grants may be considered on a case by case basis. Contact the Regional Minister for more information. Under some circumstances, the Committee may consider another amount based upon the need.

Funding Eligibility Criteria:

All Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) congregations within the Pacific Southwest Region are eligible to apply for funding. The project may be in conjunction with other churches or organizations, but the application must be initiated by a Pacific Southwest Regional congregation.

Project Criteria:

Priority will be given to projects that meet **most** of the following criteria:

- Projects that address the goals of the region (see “General Description” above).
- Projects that stretch the congregation to minister to new demographics of people.
- Projects that stretch the congregation into new methods of mission and ministry.
- Projects that positively impact the greater community (locally or globally).

Funding Limitations

Funding will **not** be considered for the following:

- New or existing staff expenses.
- Projects that duplicate goods or services in the community.
- Projects that attempt to shore-up unsustainable existing ministries.
- Capital expenditures such as buildings, fixtures, building renovations.

Application Process:

To apply for a grant, complete the attached application and e-mail or mail to the address provided below. Please direct all questions you may have about the application to the same address, or by calling the Regional Office at (626) 296-0385.

Contact Information

The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) PSWR

115 E. Wilshire Ave. Fullerton CA, 92832

Email: assist@docpswr.org

Grant Updates & Reports

Depending on your project timeline, follow-up grant reports are due no less than six and no more than twelve months after funding is approved. In addition, brief quarterly updates on your progress may be requested by the committee.

TRANSFORMATION GRANT APPLICATION

Name of Congregation: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

Primary Grant Contact: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Role or Title: _____

APPLICATION NARRATIVE

1. CONGREGATIONAL DESCRIPTION: Briefly describe your congregation; its mission, ministries, history, and current demographics.
2. PURPOSE: Briefly describe your proposed transformation project, addressing each of the following: its purpose, focus demographic (who you hope to serve), and time frame.
3. INPUTS: Briefly describe the resources (i.e. personnel, expertise, facilities, outside partnerships, etc.) your congregation possesses that will contribute to the success of this project.
4. ACTIVITIES: Please specify and briefly describe what new activities (i.e. classes, gatherings, podcasting, direct services, etc.) this project will create.
5. GOALS: Please specify no less than three *quantitative outputs* you will measure (i.e. attendance, downloads, goods delivered, etc.) and what goals you will set for each.
6. OUTCOMES: Briefly describe what *qualitative outcomes* (positive change) you hope to realize in your congregation or among your target population (or both) as a result of this project.
7. BUDGET: Please include a proposed line-item budget for your project. Please note: if you are requesting \$5,000, but the total project will cost \$10,000, please include your line-item budget for the whole \$10,000, indicating how you expect to fund the remaining portion.