

# VITALITY GRANT GUIDELINES

The Vitality Grants of Monmouth Presbytery are awarded once yearly to congregations or working groups that are beginning new initiatives to further the ministry and mission of our local congregations. The amount available for grants will vary from year to year based on the investment earnings of the Mission Fund.

Congregations or working groups may apply to the Mission Council who will award the grants according to the requirements and preferences listed below.

## REQUIREMENTS & PREFERENCES

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- Applications will be reviewed from congregations, congregational mission partnerships, working groups and other entities of the Presbytery of Monmouth.
- All applications must be in keeping with the mission and vision of Monmouth Presbytery:
  - *The purpose of the Presbytery of Monmouth is equipping ministers and congregations to strengthen God's people for ministry in obedience to Jesus Christ. Affirming the tenets of the Reformed faith, and governed by the polity of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), the Presbytery of*
  - *Monmouth holds these core values:*
    - *We follow Jesus Christ as disciples.*
    - *We seek unity amidst our diversity.*
    - *We facilitate the proclamation of the Gospel through our mission.*
  - *We understand a disciple to be one who gives generously, who serves faithfully, who reaches out to include others in the faith, and who regularly seeks spiritual growth through study, small groups, and private and corporate worship.*
- Applicants will be expected to provide matching funds, for example: congregational participation (monetary or in-kind) Presbyterian Partnership Groups, General Assembly, etc.
- Requests for funding must be received by September 30 each calendar year. Grant recipients will be announced at the November Presbytery meeting or no later than December 15. Effective date of the grant will be January 1 and should be completed within 18 months of the effective date.
- Grants are for one year only. Requests may be made each year for up to three years.

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- Preference will be given to applications reflecting a new initiative, that engages the local community, and for which “strengthening God’s people for ministry in obedience to Jesus Christ” is a significant goal of the initiative.
- Preference will be given to partnership applications with congregations working together with other entities (congregations, working groups, etc.) of the Presbytery.

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### APPLICATION PROCEDURE

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Email the attached application to the Presbytery office ([mluthringer@monmouthpresbytery.com](mailto:mluthringer@monmouthpresbytery.com)) on or before September 30. Digital applications (.pdf format) are preferred. Paper applications may be made by mailing them to the Presbytery office, or delivering them to the Moderator.

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Evaluation of the grant for a one-time event is required within 3 months of event; evaluation of the grant for yearlong programs is required by March 31 of following year. Requirements for the evaluation include: did the project accomplish the purpose; did the project meet Vitality Grant requirements; how the funding was used. If any funding was not used, please return it with the evaluation.

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## VITALITY GRANT APPLICATION

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Name of Project: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Congregation, Working Group, partnership, etc.)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Principal Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone of Principal Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Email of Principal Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you received funding from the Presbytery of Monmouth in the past three years? \_\_\_\_\_ If  
so, what was the nature and amount of the funding? \_\_\_\_\_

How much money are you requesting? \_\_\_\_\_

Please answer the following in paragraph form on another page:

1. Give a brief description of your project and timeline.
2. Describe the purpose of the project.
3. Describe how the project meets the Vitality Grant requirements.
4. Provide a budget of how the grant money will be used, and expected matching funds.
5. If this is a request for additional funding for a project funded in the previous year, please provide an interim report on the use of funds to date.

We understand that an evaluation of the grant for a one-time event is required within 3 months of event; evaluation of the grant for yearlong programs is required by March 31 of following year.

Date of session (working group or other board) approval of this application: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Clerk of Session or Working Group leader: \_\_\_\_\_

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