

## Presbytery of Monmouth Cents-Ability Grant Application

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**PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND OF CENTS-ABILITY:** The purpose of the Cents-Ability program is to raise awareness and funds in the fight against hunger. The Presbytery of Monmouth initiated the Cents-Ability program in November 2006.

**USE OF FUNDS:** Funds raised through Cents-Ability are used to fund hunger ministries in a partnership model: 40% for New Jersey hunger ministries connected to Monmouth Presbytery congregations and 60% for hunger ministries in the U.S. and around the world (to be chosen from Extra Commitment Opportunities of the Presbyterian Hunger Program). Grants will be awarded by the Cents-Ability Grants Committee, which consists of voting members from each participating congregation, assisted by the Hunger Action Enabler (voice but not vote).

**ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION CRITERIA:** Applications may be submitted by any organization located in New Jersey that is actively seeking to meet the needs of hungry people or addressing issues related to the political, economic, and societal issues that cause hunger. Applications will be considered if they meet the mission statement of the Presbyterian Hunger Program: *"To alleviate hunger and eliminate its causes."*

All congregations are encouraged to invite organizations they support to apply for a grant (to be endorsed by the Session).

Organizations not affiliated with a church that is a part of the Presbyterian Church (USA) should ask the session of the Presbyterian congregation in their community to endorse their request.

The Cents-Ability Grants Committee meets twice per year, usually in June/July (for grants to organizations connected with congregations in Monmouth Presbytery and November/December (for grants outside of Monmouth Presbytery). The Presbytery's Hunger Action Enabler will review applications to determine the quality of the program and the urgency of the need. She will make recommendations to the Cents-Ability Grants Committee, which will make the final determination regarding funding.

**Send Completed Applications to** Rev. Phyllis Zoon, email [phylliszoon@gmail.com](mailto:phylliszoon@gmail.com). Applications should ordinarily be submitted electronically in MS Word format. When this is not possible, send by mail to Rev. Phyllis Zoon, Sabbath House, 8 Front Street, New Egypt, NJ 08533

Please do not hesitate to contact Phyllis Zoon via e-mail [phylliszoon@gmail.com](mailto:phylliszoon@gmail.com) or phone 201-910-7047 for questions or assistance.

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Name of Church or Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Project (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Project Director or Contact at the Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Requested from the Cents-Ability program: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Church or Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Local church endorsement** The members of the Session of \_\_\_\_\_, meeting on \_\_\_\_\_, have reviewed the request of \_\_\_\_\_ for funding through the Presbytery of Monmouth's Cents-Ability program. We have voted to endorse this request and pass it on to the Hunger Action Enabler and the Hunger Action Program for further consideration.

Signed (clerk of session) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**For the congregation or organization that is applying for the grant: please provide the following information on additional sheets of paper.**

1. Brief description of project including the mission statement
2. How will you use these funds?
3. What gifts and skills does your leadership bring to the program?
4. What are your goals for the future and how will you measure your progress?
5. What are your current sources of funding? Please be specific.
6. Please attach a line item budget.
7. Please attach a copy of you tax exempt certificate.
8. Is there anything else you would like us to know?

**For the Session that is endorsing the request of another organization:**

Please describe your congregation's involvement with this ministry.

**NOTE: for projects that have been funded before and are ongoing, something less detailed would suffice, e.g., a letter to briefly describe the history and scope of the program, along with a current budget and any changes in sources of funding.**