



The Presbyterian Church in Canada

Grants Update

We know these are challenging times for congregations and communities across the denomination. The effects of social distancing continue to raise many important questions, including whether grants will be impacted.

The spring grant deadline will not be impacted by social distancing. Ministries and congregations of the PCC are encouraged to submit their applications by **April 15, 2020** for the following funds:

- Avondbloem Fund
- Chisholm Fund
- Special Projects Fund
- McBain-Barker Small Community Capital Fund
- The New and Renewed Ministry Fund

Churches have an important role to play during this time. In the coming days, ministry and outreach programs will be greatly needed to provide support to families and communities. The initiatives that are being planned today will help to sow the much-needed seeds of hope tomorrow.

FAQ

➤ Can I still submit a grant application for the spring deadline?

Yes! The Grants Committee meets via online teleconferencing, so guidelines about social distancing will not prevent the committee from meeting and reviewing grant applications.

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➤ If my grant application gets approved, will my grant payment be delayed?

No. If you are approved for funding for a program that is already underway, your grant payment will not be delayed. For capital projects and ministry programs that have not started yet, we ask that you please notify us as soon as it gets underway. Once we receive notification, it takes about two weeks to process the grant payment.

➤ **Am I still required to submit endorsement from my presbytery? What happens if my next presbytery meeting is cancelled?**

You can still go ahead and submit your online application even if your presbytery has not had a chance to review your funding request. While endorsement from presbytery is still required, we understand that it may be delayed as many presbytery meetings have been postponed or cancelled. If this is the case, please contact us directly to let us know. We will still ensure that your application is reviewed by the Grants Committee.

➤ **I have an idea for an outreach program that would help my community. What should I do?**

In the days ahead, many churches and ministries will find new hope-filled ways to reach out and support their communities. If you have a vision, start by creating a solid plan and then sharing it with your leadership and your presbytery.

If you are unable to submit an application before the April 15 deadline, don't worry. If there are funds remaining after the April review, additional applications will be considered if received by October 15, 2020.

➤ **How can I build a strong application?**

Share the vision! Help the Grants Committee to understand the ministry's vision by clearly communicating what the ministry understands to be their primary focus in the community and how it will help to transform the lives of those impacted by the ministry.

Once you have a vision, you will need to develop a clear plan. Remember, a vision without a plan is just a dream. Each ministry must demonstrate that they have a practical plan to carry out the vision. The Grants Committee will be looking for a description of each step the ministry plans to take to reach its goals. You are welcome to attach a supplementary profile or ministry plan to your application that explains the program or project in greater detail.

Don't forget - a detailed budget is required for all grant applications.

➤ **I still have questions. Who can I contact?**

If you still have questions, email Jennifer Astop, Grant Program Coordinator, at Jastop@presbyterian.ca or call 1-800-619-7301 ext. 298