



Self-Development of People PRESBYTERY OF GENESEE VALLEY

GRANT PROCESS

Are you a member of a group that has an idea which would help your community?

If so, the Self-Development of People of the Presbyterian Church (USA) may have funds to help you turn your idea into a project.

What is Self-Development of People?

Self-Development of People (SDOP) is a ministry that affirms God's concern for humankind. We are Presbyterian and non-Presbyterian people, who would like to see a world with less poverty and oppression. We are united in faith and action to help people in our community develop projects which improve their lives and the lives of their neighbors and we provide mini-grants as seed money for those projects.

What does Self-Development mean?

Self-Development is **NOT** charity. Self-Development is about learning new ways to help all God's people reach their full potential. Self-Development is the spiritual, social, political, and cultural freeing of persons to be who God intends them to be. For us it is a partnership with persons who have felt the sting of injustice and oppression who have decided to do something to change their situation. It is Christ's Church in action, made possible by the One Great Hour of Sharing offering which is received each year by many churches.

What is required?

Self-Development funding is unique and very limited in scope. It is only for groups of individuals who are not yet economically self-sustaining and grants are to be used for projects that are owned and controlled by the people who benefit directly from them. While congregations and other organizing groups are encouraged to help groups develop and submit proposals, the proposals must be presented, owned, and controlled by those receiving the grants.



How to Apply - There are two types of funding available--local and national.

Local funding is provided through the Self-Development of People Committee, Presbytery of Genesee Valley. The Committee is currently accepting applications for funding up to \$7500 (average grants are approximately \$2,000). An application form and grant criteria are available from the Presbytery Office at 242-0080, or can be downloaded from the Presbytery website <http://pbygenval.org/committees/self-development-of-people/>.

WE ARE NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

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Organizations may be eligible for extended funding over \$7500. through the National SDOP Committee. If you think your group may qualify or you know of a group who may, see more information at www.pcusa.org/sdop/applicationprocess.htm. You may download the Domestic proposal form at that site.