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Racial Justice, Peace and Advocacy Working Group

2024 MATTHEW 25 GRANT APPLICATION

All grant applications MUST BE SUBMITTED VIA EMAIL BY JANUARY 31, 2024
for consideration of 2024 awards. Send to m25grant@pbygenval.org.
Grants are awarded no later than May 31 of each year.

Vision of the Racial Justice, Peace and Advocacy Working Group (RJPAWG):
To create a world where racial justice exists for all individuals and where peace and collaboration prevail among people and nations.

Mission of the Racial Justice, Peace and Advocacy Working Group (RJPAWG):
Working in solidarity to advocate for Christ's peace and racial justice.

Grant Amount requested (up to \$5,000) _____ Date submitted _____

Grant Application Requirements

The Matthew 25 Grant is used to financially support churches, ministries, institutions, organizations, and grassroots groups projects focused on dismantling structural racism and eradicating systemic poverty and income disparities **within the city of Rochester, NY**. The grant may be used to support projects and activities that:

- Dismantle structural racism by advocating and acting to break down the systems, practices and thinking that underlie discrimination, bias, prejudice and oppression of people of color; and/or
- Eradicate systemic poverty by working to change laws, policies, plans and structures in our society that perpetuate economic exploitation of people who are poor.
- Building congregational/organizational vitality by demonstrating evidence of purposeful mission and focused energy in working to dismantle structural racism and eradicate systemic poverty.

Please provide:

- Name, location and website of the applying congregation, individual, or group/organization.
- Identify a contact person's name, phone number, and email.
- The title of the grant and expected length of time covered by the grant.
- Indicate if this is a new or continuing project/initiative

Please submit the following information:

1. Specify **in detail** how you will use the grant funds to dismantle structural racism and/or eradicate systemic poverty. Identify the specific need you will be addressing.
2. What is the overall goal you hope to achieve with the grant? Be specific. Please also document how your group has the organizational vitality to accomplish these goals.
3. Include a budget with all proposed expenditures. (Please identify any sources of income beyond this grant).
4. Include a statement of Support/Recommendation preferably from someone who has benefited from your prior/current efforts (project/initiative). This can take the form of a letter, recorded video, etc.
5. If awarded, in what other ways could we partner with you to help the grant succeed?

NOTE: An important part of our grant application process is getting to know the applicant through an in-person meeting, preferably on-site, involving members of the RJPAWG. We will contact you to arrange this meeting as needed.

A brief follow-up report regarding the use of the grant and its outcome(s) is a condition of all 2024 Matthew 25 Grants. If you are selected for a 2024 Matthew 25 Grant you must submit a progress or final report by no later than April 30, 2025 for grants awarded in 2024.

Please include in your report answers to the following questions. Feel free to include additional information/pictures as appropriate.

- What were you hoping to accomplish? Did you accomplish this goal? Please be specific. Also, please identify what you hoped would happen but did not happen and the reasons this did not occur. Include any unintended outcomes that are significant.
- Who was touched by your grant project or program? Provide detail/numbers.
- Did this grant energize or transform you, your congregation/organization or group? Explain in what ways.
- What did you learn from this project and what are you planning to do going forward?

Thank you for your interest in a Matthew 25 Grant. Please contact us if you have questions. Send completed applications and inquiries to: m25grant@pbygenval.org.