



Coaching for Sessions 2024 Grant Application

Grants up to \$1,000

APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED VIA E-MAIL BY April 5, 2024 TO:

Cheryl Battaglia financialadmin@pbygenval.org

The Session Coaching Grant is for intentional coaching support for a Session of a church and the pastor/leader to achieve their desired goal(s). Six (6) 1.5 hour gatherings for team coaching of the session plus 6 hours of individual coaching per leader of the church will be offered. The experienced coach will be from outside PGV and is a member of the Synod of the Northeast Coaching Network. The coach will come alongside the team to provide guidance in helping the team achieve their desired outcome.

Criteria for Coaching for Sessions Grants

- Demonstrates enthusiasm of the session in partnership with the pastor to engage in a coaching process.
- Demonstrates effort toward transformation or greater vitality for the congregation.
- Application is complete. All questions must be answered thoroughly by the session.
- All attachments are included.
- Commitment to submit a final report or status update by March 15, 2025.

Questions about the grant process may be directed to: Rev. Judy Hay judyhay.jh@gmail.com

Name and Address of Applying Congregation

Clerk of Session: *(Name, phone, e-mail)*

Pastor: *(Name, phone, e-mail)*

Primary Contact person(s) for project *(Name, phone, e-mail)*

Date Submitted (to financialadmin@pbygenval.org)

Amount Requested *(grants for coaching will be up to \$1,000)*

COACHING GRANT QUESTIONS (answer each question thoroughly)

- Describe any previous experience pastor and or/session have had with coaching.
- Why do you believe coaching will be beneficial for the session and pastoral leader?
- What outcomes will make the coaching experience worth the time and energy for the session and pastor to invest in?
- How will the pastor and session partner throughout this process?
- How might coaching support efforts to live out your congregation's current mission/purpose?
- How will you evaluate the outcome or success of the experience?
- How will this grant make a positive difference for the congregation?
- You may include additional information that you feel is important for consideration (up to one page)

REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS

Do you anticipate any income or support from other sources for this experience? Provide details.

Current identity statement or mission statement from applying Congregation.

Letter of endorsement from session (include acknowledgement of the coaching process and recognition of Final Report requirement)

Letter of endorsement from pastor

Vision of the Healthier Congregations Team:

"Equip and empower congregations and neighborhoods to support one another for the risky work of discerning how to share God's love more fully in our community, build healthier relationships, explore new ways of being church together, and live as a sign of hope for the world."

Final Report or Status Update (due no later than March 15, 2025)

*A brief follow-up report regarding the use and outcomes of the funds received is a condition of all 2024 Presbytery grants. If you are selected to receive a 2024 grant, you **MUST** submit a follow-up report. If the coaching process is still ongoing on March 15, 2025, then provide an update report using the questions below as a guide.*

An important part of our grant process includes reviewing the impact of the projects and highlighting our grant recipients through our communication networks. We are eager to encourage and support actions which build relationships, explore new ways of being church, serve the community, and live as a sign of hope for the world. Receiving and sharing this good news within the Presbytery also helps inform our decision-making regarding grant distribution.

Please respond to the questions below in narrative form.

Feel free to include additional information.

- ⚙ Who was touched by the coaching experience?
- ⚙ How did this grant energize or transform your congregation or community?
- ⚙ What were you hoping to accomplish?
- ⚙ What did you learn from this experience?
- ⚙ What surprised you?
- ⚙ What next steps will you pursue?
- ⚙ Please share a story of where you saw God in this project.

Submit your 2024 Grant Report to Cheryl Battaglia financialadmin@pbygenval.org by March 15, 2025