



# Congregational Vitality Grant Application 2024

Grants up to \$1,000

*The **Congregational Vitality Grant** is focused on supporting congregations trying to live into something that is new to them, seeking to engage their church with a way, place, people, or ministry that they have not engaged before. Congregations are invited to deepen their ministry, imagine new ways to be the church together, and begin new initiatives that lead to the development, redevelopment, and renewal of congregational life.*

## **APPLICATIONS MUST**

- Be submitted via Email to Cheryl Battaglia [financialadmin@pbygenval.org](mailto:financialadmin@pbygenval.org) **by April 5, 2024**
- Be complete. Answer each question thoroughly.
- Include all required documentation.

**QUESTIONS** about the grant process may be directed to: Rev. Judy Hay @ [judyhay.jh@gmail.com](mailto:judyhay.jh@gmail.com)

## **Name/Title of Project:**

**Name and address of Applying Congregation**

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

**Date Submitted** (to [financialadmin@pbygenval.org](mailto:financialadmin@pbygenval.org))

**Amount Requested** (*grants may be up to \$1,000*)

**RESPOND THOROUGHLY TO EACH QUESTION BELOW:**

- 1) Describe this project or program. What is the plan?
- 2) What are you hoping to accomplish? Describe the expected outcomes or benefits of this project.
- 3) Who will be “hands-on” for this project? How will congregation members be actively involved?
- 4) Where and when is it expected to occur? What is the anticipated timeline?
- 5) How do you imagine this grant might energize or transform your congregation?
- 6) How does this project live out your congregation’s current mission/purpose?
- 7) How will this project reflect God’s love?
- 8) What possible impact might be observed in the community because of this project?
- 9) How will you evaluate the outcome(s) or success of the project?
- 10) How will the funds from this grant be specifically used?
- 11) Will you seek matching funds or additional resources/donations? Describe.

**Project Itemized Budget**

- *Include projected income and expenses for this proposed project/program.*
- *Include any anticipated income or support from other sources.*
- *Indicate how the funds will be utilized by the congregation(s).*

**Letter of endorsement from session** (be sure to include acknowledgement of support for the project and of the Final Report requirement)

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: (due no later than March 15, 2025)**

*A brief follow-up report regarding the use and outcomes of grant 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.*

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 and/or as a short video presentation.**

*Feel free to include additional information. Photos would be appreciated if possible.*

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

***Submit your Final Report 2024 Congregational Vitality Grant to Cheryl Battaglia  
[financialadmin@pbygenval.org](mailto:financialadmin@pbygenval.org) by March 15, 2025***