



# Ministry Partnership Funds

**Ministry Partnership Funds** provide ways for the PSWD to come alongside congregations with financial resources that will help them in efforts of revitalization / renewal, being mission points in their communities, new ministries, and church planting. Since 2015, these funds are a part of the “Congregational Development Ministry” section of the District Budget with **\$45,000 available for partnerships in 2021**. Applications can be submitted throughout the year as congregations are ready to engage in a ministry, with response on funding usually by the end of the following month. Decisions on approval of Partnership funds will be made by the Congregational Vitality Task Group and reported to the Executive Board.

***Partnership Funds fall into four areas which are outlined below:***

**(1) Revitalization Cohorts** – Ministry Partnership funds for a congregation(s) that are wanting to engage an intentional model that would provide training for leaders and the congregation in focused work on revitalizing the local congregation. This could be an individual congregation, or two or more congregations that agree to work with the same organization or ministry assessment tool. Congregation will be asked to provide 1/3 of cost of participation, grant will cover 2/3 of cost to a maximum of \$2000 per year. If a group of congregations are working together the District Partnership will be \$2000 per congregation per year, with a maximum of \$8000 per group per year.

Application will indicate the revitalization program desired, cost information, background on the program, why program was selected by the congregation, and anticipated outcomes from engagement. Two reports will be required that provide updates on what is being learned and implemented in the church and providing stories of the impact the work has had on the life of the congregation.

**(2) Mission Congregation** – These funds would help to provide financial support to the general ministry of congregations where a significant portion ( 1/4 or more) of their ministry is with individuals and families whose incomes are at or below 1 ½ times the poverty level. Requests for funds will require documentation of poverty areas, number of participating households, and percentage of church budget that Partnership funds represents. Funds will need to be requested annually.

Mission District Ministry Partnership Funds would be available at the following levels:

5 to 7 households - \$3000

8 to 11 households - \$5000

12 to 17 households - \$7500

18 or more households - \$10,000

**(3) Coaching / Training** – Allows church to find a process coach or an event on growth / transformation / renewal that they can have a team from the congregation attend and then follow up on implementation and change within congregation. District Partnership Funds will be matching funds with those from congregation and individuals participating. Maximum of \$2000 per congregation per year. Congregations with budgets below \$75,000 will be asked to cover 20% of cost; budgets from \$75,000 to \$150,000 will be asked to cover 35% of cost; budgets over \$150,000 will be asked to cover 50% of costs.

Application will indicate the coaching / training program desired, cost information, background on the coach, why coach / training was selected by the congregation, and anticipated outcomes from engagement. A report will be required every six months that provides updates on what is being learned and implemented in the church and providing stories of the impact the work has had on the life of the congregation.

**(4) Ministry Opportunity** – This would provide District Partnership Funds when a Church has a vision and plan of how to engage their neighborhood with a ministry or missional opportunity. Goal is to support ideas for consistent engagement as a regular part of church ministry. These would be matching funds with those from congregation to move this ministry idea forward. Maximum of \$2000 per congregation per year. Congregations with budgets below \$75,000 will be asked to cover 25% of cost; budgets from \$75,000 to \$150,000 will be asked to cover 40% of cost; budgets over \$150,000 will be asked to cover 60% of costs.

Application will describe the ministry opportunity and plan for engagement, cost information, and anticipated outcomes from engagement. A report will be required every six months that provides updates on what is being learned and implemented in the church and providing stories of the impact the work has had on the life of the congregation.

***To apply for funds go to***

<https://goo.gl/forms/BS1tU7SiA90HfSoO2>

or

<https://www.pswdcob.org/churches/grants/>

and complete an application. If you have questions, contact the District Office for assistance. Congregations can apply for Ministry Partnership Funds in multiple areas.