



Ministry & Improvement Fund Application

This form allows congregations and pastors in the Pacific Southwest District of the Church of the Brethren (PSWD) to make application for monies available through the PSWD Ministry and Improvement Fund. Funds are available in the following areas:

- 1) **Facility Repairs and Improvements**
- 2) New Ministry Opportunities (existing congregations)
- 3) Pastoral & Leadership Support (Coaching for pastors & Annual Conference Attendee Support)
- 4) Youth (program development & participation support)

The first section below will capture needed contact information for all areas. Then you will be asked to select the specific area you are applying for and that will take you to the specific needs for those funds. You may apply for funds in more than one area, however a separate application will be needed for each area or project.

Facility Repairs & Improvements - Guidelines



While these funds are for physical repairs, improvements, and projects, it is the hope of the district that your congregation will prayerfully consider and discern the spiritual dimensions and aspects of these projects. We encourage you to consider how the spiritual aspects and physical aspects of these projects intersect.

- 1) The maximum total a congregation can receive through this grant is \$20,000. There is no congregational matching funds requirement.
- 2) As part of the application, please provide a detailed project budget and attach any estimates you have received for your project.
- 3) The district encourages each congregation to enter conversations regarding the impact any project will have on ADA regulations and compliance with an ADA specialist. The district can help foster these conversations.
- 4) Project area examples:
 - a) Cosmetic – interior and exterior painting, new carpets, benches, pews, chairs, lighting
 - b) Technology – projection system (screen, projector, and laptop), sound system, streaming capabilities
 - c) Structural/Property – New Roof, Sprinkler System, A/C/Heating System, Fencing
 - d) Investments – Solar Panels, Astroturf, Water Softening and Filtration System

What is the project? Please describe the work you are planning to do with a reasonable amount of detail. Also include a budget for the project including any quotes received on work or materials. Additional documents can be sent by email to frontdesk@pswdcob.org. *

Long answer text

What Project Area does this fall into (see guidelines section 4) You may select more than one area. *

- Cosmetic
- Technology
- Structural/Property
- Investments
- Other...

What is the purpose of the project? *

Long answer text

Why is this project important to the life of the congregation? *

Long answer text

What impact would not completing the project have on the life of the congregation? *

Long answer text

How will this project help revitalize and renew the congregation and lead to growth? *

Long answer text

How will completing this project reach and connect with your neighborhood? *

Long answer text

How is your congregation investing itself in this project? *

Long answer text

How has the congregation been engaged in the vision and development of this project? *

Long answer text

Please indicate the amount being requested: (do not include a \$) *

Short answer text