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.

Youth - Guidelines

Monies will be used to help local congregations grow in ministry with youth through training and program development. For purposes of this funding, youth related programs are those that work to support ages 11 through 27. Funds can also provide scholarship opportunities for youth to participate in Church of the Brethren programs like work camps, Christian Citizenship Seminar, National Youth Conference, and Brethren camps.

Maximum funding is $5,000 and the congregation is expected to cover 40% of the total cost of the request. A report following the event, or every six months for program development, will be expected.

If congregations want to collaborate on a grant for program development or training, as an incentive, the maximum percent of grant coverage will be raised to 70%, leaving 30% of costs to be split by participating congregations.

Purpose: What will the funds be used for? (If no youth, the project may address building a youth program)
Goals. Objectives. Time Line. Budget. Evaluation: Please share about these items. A detailed budget is required to assist in determining appropriate amount of funding. If you have documents with this information they may be emailed to frontdesk@pswdcob.org.

Long answer text

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

Short answer text

How will the congregation raise the 40% of funds they are responsible for?

Long answer text

Number of youth who will benefit from the funding:

Short answer text

How will this event be publicized within the congregation? *

Long answer text