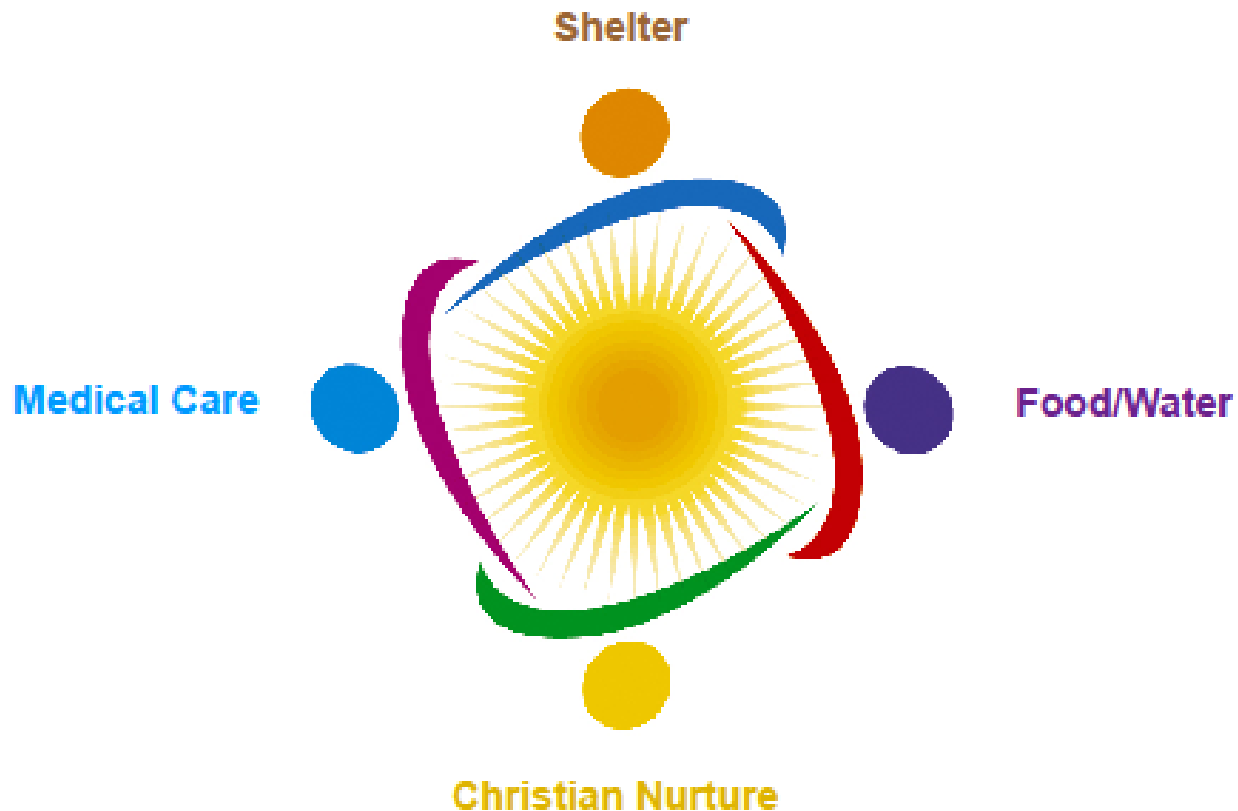


First Presbyterian Church

Charleston, WV

Grant Application for Mission Funds



STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

*... to do good, to be rich in good works,
generous and ready to share.
1 Timothy 6:18*

In 2007, the congregation and friends of First Presbyterian Church in Charleston, West Virginia, raised funds to repair our historic, 100-year-old building. The scope of our campaign included a pledge to share a portion of these financial gifts for similar projects in our community, both local and beyond. To that end, we are seeking to allocate grants to charitable or 501(c)3 agencies for specific projects which address four global needs:

- Shelter
- Food/Water
- Medical Care
- Christian Nurture

Geographically, the Church will award 50% of available funds within our West Virginia community, 25% in our national community and 25% internationally. Our assistance will go to all age groups, children, youth and adults.

Grant Request Guidelines

The purpose of the grant request should fulfill one or more of the four areas of need noted above (Shelter, Hunger/Thirst, Medical Care and Christian Nurture).

- The project should result in tangible economic and social benefits for the community, while mindful of environmental and economic issues in its implementation.
- Funding should be used primarily for “bricks and mortar” over administrative, operating or salary costs.
- The project should result in direct assistance to clients, enabling and empowering them to improve their situation.
- The sponsor should have a significant connection with First Presbyterian Church or its members.
- First Presbyterian Church congregation members should have ample opportunities to participate in the implementation and completion of the project, accommodating a variety of schedules, skills and expertise.

Additional Award Criteria

Priority may be given to certain requests based on additional criteria, such as:

- The potential to attract and the scope of generating matching funds
- A resulting community benefit that is economically available to all, or based on income-based fees
- A collaborative effort or coordination with multiple organizations, agencies, etc
- A broad impact on the community as a whole, over a select few

Restrictions

First Presbyterian has a finite amount of money to place in the community. We will award grants on a one-time basis until our funds are fully allocated. We do not intend to fund certain activities:

- General operating budgets, salaries, staffing costs or ongoing support for daily business activities
- Fundraising
- Funding endowments, trusts or capital campaigns

Evaluation Process, Deadlines and Expectations

A sub-committee of the First Presbyterian Mission Division along with members of the congregation (The Mission Task Force) will review applications and make funding recommendations to the Session. The Session is responsible for all funding approvals and grant awards. Completed grant applications should answer all questions and include all of the required material outlined on the Application Form for consideration.

Applications will be accepted beginning February 14, 2010. The cut-off date for applications is April 30, 2010. We hope to be able to respond to all requests in June 2010. If you have questions about the application, please contact the church office at (304) 343-8961 and a member of the Mission Task Force will return your call.

5. What is the project's budget? Explain when First Presbyterian's funds will need to be available.

6. How will First Presbyterian's financial resources be used? What additional resources will contribute to the project's success? Under what conditions will those additional resources be available?

7. How will First Presbyterian's congregation members participate in the project?

8. How will the project be sustained beyond completion?

9. What additional information do you believe will be helpful in making our decision?

Please attach the following required information:

- 501(c)3 Determination Letter
- By Laws and Charter
- List of board members and officers
- Most recent year's budget