



# GREAT ENDS GRANTS

PRESBYTERY of PHILADELPHIA  
Christ's Work Our Witness

The Great Ends Grants of the Presbytery of Philadelphia provide ministry funds to empower congregations, worshiping communities, and affiliated ministries to develop creative embodiments of the Great Ends of the Church, which are “the proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind; the shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God; the maintenance of divine worship; the preservation of the truth; the promotion of social righteousness; and the exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world” (Book of Order, F-1.0304).

The Great Ends Grants are categorized in four areas and/or funds of support:

- **Care and Compassion Fund (formerly Diakonos Fund)** provides grants to ministry initiatives that provide for the shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God. Initiatives that have been supported have ranged from hunger alleviation efforts, overnight shelters for individuals experiencing homelessness, urban gardens, care closets, community dinners, etc.
- **The Ministry and Leadership Development Fund** provides grants to ministry initiatives that explore new ways to equip congregations and ministry leaders in the “proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind” through their worship and work, words and deeds, and utilization of various mediums for community formation. Initiatives that have been supported have ranged from church officer trainings, ministry conferences and consultations, start-up funds for new media initiatives, website launch/development, etc.
- **Peacemaking and Advocacy Fund** provides grants to ministry initiatives in “the promotion of social righteousness...and the exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world.” Initiatives that have been supported have ranged from partnership with local gun violence awareness and prevention organizations, community organizing and service days, antiracism training events, etc.
- **The Youth Leadership Fund** provides grants for ministry alongside young people as they lean into any and all of the Great Ends of the Church, assured that in their present and future witness the kingdom of God is exhibited to the world. Initiatives that have been supported have ranged from participation in the Presbyterian Youth Triennium, youth leadership conferences and retreats, youth ministry leadership equipping events, collaborative fellowship gatherings, etc.

*Each applicant can apply for up to \$3,000 worth of funding through the Great Ends Grants.*

## APPLICATION CRITERIA AND PROCESS

- **Applications are to be received by the last Tuesday of each month** to be considered by the Commission on Resources and Communications at the next meeting on the second Tuesday of each month.
- Applications should be received no later than two months prior to the launch of ministry initiative;
- After each application is received by the Commission on Resources and Communications, a liaison from the commission is assigned to inquire further about the project and follow-up with applicant after the commission has reviewed the application;
- Great Ends Grants are for new initiatives;
  - A new initiative might be a project **built on a bare foundation** that seeks to utilize the gifts already present in a community to embody the good news of Jesus Christ in a particular time and place as we address concrete needs, build community, empower leaders, etc.
  - A new initiative might also be **an advancement to a pre-existing effort** that makes a long-standing initiative more holistic, expansive, and faithful to what it can mean to be the church in a particular time and place. The invitation to dream about new initiatives is an invitation to adapt ministry, guided by the Spirit, to the changing community in our pews and the changing world around us as participants in God's mission of reconciliation.
- All initiatives are required to submit a year-end report and evaluation;
  - To File Your Annual Report Online:**  
<https://presbyphl.org/grants/annual-report-form/>
- Each application should be endorsed by the Clerk of Session of a Presbytery of Philadelphia congregation and/or approved leadership within the Presbytery of Philadelphia, i.e. regional convener, board of directors of an approved ministry, etc.
- New initiatives will be considered for no more than two consecutive grants in two separate calendar years, with second year contingent on the submission of a year-end report and evaluation. The second year of funding should demonstrate progress in new funding partners and self-sustaining financial models.

### **To Apply for a Great Ends Grant Online:**

<https://presbyphl.org/grants/great-ends-grants/great-ends-grant-online-application/>

## SECTION ONE

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### Great Ends Grants Categories:

✓ Check all grant categories for which you are applying

CARE & COMPASSION    MINISTRY & LEADERSHIP    PEACEMAKING & ADVOCACY    YOUTH LEADERSHIP

**Name of Applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) of Affiliated Presbyterian Congregation, Worshiping Community, and/or

Partner Ministry: \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Person's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Contact's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

**Affiliated Church:** \_\_\_\_\_

Church Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Projected Start Date and/or End Date of the New Ministry Initiative: \_\_\_\_\_

## SECTION TWO

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Please submit typed responses to the following, with responses (maximum 300 words):

1. Describe the new ministry initiative and how this ministry aligns with the vision of the fund(s) you for which you are applying.
2. Describe your current ministry context and neighborhood where this initiative will occur.
3. How was this ministry discerned as a faithful expression of the gospel and witness of affiliated church, worshipping community, etc.?
4. How is this ministry new or an expansion of an already existing ministry?
5. Who are some of your potential collaborative partners from congregation, community, etc.?
6. How will you evaluate the impact and effectiveness of the ministry and share your story with the Presbytery of Philadelphia

**SECTION THREE**

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Please submit detailed budget, including other sources of income, and timeline:

Contribution of Applicant: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Contribution of Congregation/Worshiping Community: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Other Contributions: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total of All Contributions: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Total Budgeted Cost of Activity: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Amount requested from the Great Ends Grants: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Check to be made payable & mailed to: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature** of Applicant/Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION FOUR**

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Name of Church or Presbytery of Philadelphia Commission that Reviewed This Application:

\_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Clerk of Session or Approved leadership within the Presbytery of Philadelphia:

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Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail** Completed & Signed Application To:

The Presbytery of Philadelphia  
Great Ends Grants, Attn: Betsi Moise  
915 East Gowen Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19150

OR:

**Email** scanned/signed application to: Betsi Moise at [databaseadministrator@presbyphl.org](mailto:databaseadministrator@presbyphl.org)

Questions:

Betsi Moise at 215.242.1400, ext. 329 or [databaseadministrator@presbyphl.org](mailto:databaseadministrator@presbyphl.org)