

How Homestead Presbytery's Grant Program Works

The Congregational & Leadership Development M&M Task Group

The Congregational & Leadership Development M&M Task Group (C&LD) manages two types of grant opportunities on behalf of Homestead Presbytery.

- **Congregational Development Grants** – Grants have been used in the past to support such goals as: a youth mission trip, the Stephen Ministry, a computer system, a church electronic sign, music for a bell choir and youth program, a projection system for a sanctuary, and a puppet ministry. There is a **limit of \$500** per church per year.
- **Leadership Development Scholarships** – Scholarships have been used to help cover costs of attending: Synod School, interim pastor training, Winter Pastors' School, Barnabas Project training, and Logos Ministry Encounter Training. There is **"normally" a limit of \$500** per teaching elder or ruling elder per year.

To apply for a grant:

- Go to the "Homestead Presbytery" website;
- Click on "Presbytery Office";
- Click on "Forms";
- Locate "Scholarship Application" or "Grant Application" under the listing of "Other Forms";
- Complete the applicable form and click "Send", which is located at the bottom of the page. (Make sure that it is clear for what purpose the grant will be used. Occasionally, applications have been returned to the sender for more information, which slows the process of providing a grant.)
- The application for a grant then makes its way to the moderator of Program & Grants, then to C&LD.
- When the application is approved by C&LD, its moderator completes a Presbytery "check request form" and sends it to the Presbytery Treasurer for the check.
- The Treasurer will send the check to the recipient at the address provided on the application. If there is no response within a reasonable time (usually a few days), contact the Presbytery office.

Expectations of Presbytery: A scholarship recipient may be asked to lead a workshop based on the attended event during the Education Hour of a Presbytery meeting. A grant recipient church is expected to report the results of the funded activity to Presbytery in the form of a report at a Presbytery meeting (during Program & Grant Committee report), an article in the Homesteader, or an alternative method. That report will include pictures and an explanation of how the grant widened ministry beyond the individual church.