

Good Works Fund Guidelines Presbytery of New York City

*...and let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works...
(Hebrews 10.24, RSV)*

The Good Works Fund consists of certain revenues derived by the Presbytery from the transfer, sale, or other disposition of property under a proposal adopted by the Presbytery at its January 31, 2017 meeting. The Fund may be used for new or existing church development, new or existing mission projects, new or existing young adult initiatives, and for supplementing staff to assist with such projects within the Presbytery.

Project applications should demonstrate how the project addresses the first objective in the Presbytery's strategic plan, the fostering of spiritual growth and renewal. Projects should also draw from the other stated objectives for the Presbytery, including strengthening congregations, nourishing leadership, making a public witness, cultivating responsible stewardship, supporting communication and the sharing of information, promoting youth and their needs and interests within the community of faith, and carrying out the Presbytery's vision of evangelizing about God's gracious love.

The funds may be used either to provide seed money for a new initiative, ideally with some matching funds, or support the continuation of a successful initiative to maintain its momentum. Ongoing successful projects with demonstrated results may receive priority during deliberations within the Good Works Committee.

Projects should focus on missional objectives, not on capital improvements.

Applications for funding can be made by a collaboration of two or more congregations, or two or more Presbytery committees, or a Presbytery committee and a congregation. Project proposals may support programs with organizations external to the Presbytery, such as, non-profit organizations or other faith-based institutions. Applications should identify these collaborators and the terms of their partnership. While collaboration is not required, the committee particularly considers projects that are truly collaborative, in the creative sense, and projects that address the needs of virtual/digital community engagement. Preference will be given to applications from congregations of 100 or fewer members and/or from congregations with an annual budget of \$250,000 or less. Funding will be limited to amounts up to \$25,000 for one year per grant, with distribution split into two payments for awards exceeding \$10,000.

The Good Works Committee is comprised of two representatives from each of the following Presbytery committees: Committee for Congregational Ministry and Nurture, Commission on Ministry, Justice Ministries Committee, and the Commission on Mission, Budget and Corporate Responsibilities. Representatives to the Good Works Committee are not eligible to sponsor or to vote on an application from their respective Presbytery committee or congregation.