



STRATEGIC COORDINATING TEAM SECOND ROUND GRANT FOR COVID RELIEF

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The Presbytery of Los Ranchos established a COVID-19 Relief Fund to provide financial support to its faith communities impacted by the COVID-19 emergency in April 2020. About thirty faith communities received a COVID Emergency Relief Grant and three churches received low-interest loans from this fund, totaling over \$201,000.00 in relief funding.

RESOURCES

Thanks to the mission giving of PLR congregations, wise stewardship by presbytery leaders, and the generous support of the Synod of Southern California and Hawaii, the presbytery establish the COVID-19 Relief Fund with the following initial resources:

\$500,000 \$124,600 from SCT Funds re-directed to COVID-19 Emergency Relief, supplemented from the PLR Investment Pool

\$150,000 Synod Grant

2020 Funding for COVID Relief

\$650,000.00 COVID Relief Fund (beginning balance)

(\$141,295.80) COVID Relief Grants

(\$ 60,000.00) COVID Relief Loans

\$448,704.20 Remaining COVID Relief Funds

SECOND-ROUND GRANT FOR COVID RELIEF - DESCRIPTION

In an effort to provide greater access and ease to apply for grant funds, the Second-Round Grant application is focused on the particular needs facing each faith community. This fund is intended to be used only for issues directly related to the COVID-19 pandemic, and to enable faith communities to maintain current ministries. While there is no minimum grant amount, please note that the majority of the first-round grants were in the amount of \$2,500. Please let us know what you NEED for your ministry. The maximum grant amount for the Second-Round Grant is \$20,000. The grant amount may be more or less than requested depending on funds available.

PROCEDURES

1. A completed "Second-Round Grant for COVID Relief" application shall be submitted by the faith community.
2. The application shall be approved by the session and attested to by the Clerk of Session (if a congregation), or in the case of a NWC or long-standing fellowship, it shall be approved by the leadership team or steering committee and attested to by the pastoral leader.
3. Applications, together with financial information documentation, shall be sent to dhaley@losranchos.org. The budget narrative is simply an overview of the operating budget and what is needed to make a balanced budget. Note, this grant is intended to provide relief for COVID-related issues, such as the following: rent, salaries, utilities, cancelled mission giving, custodial care, COVID-19 expenses (such as PPE, etc), office expenses, technology, other. Please indicate your need on the application and provide the details, so we can understand the particularities of your faith community.

4. Applications will be accepted through February 28, 2021. This deadline may be extended upon approval of the Presbytery or Presbytery Council.
5. All requests shall be reviewed and approved by the Strategic Coordinating Team. The SCT may request additional documentation.
6. Funds for grants will be transferred electronically. Upon approval for a grant, the presbytery's Business Manager will contact the faith community for banking information.
7. Upon acceptance of the relief, the grantee agrees to engage with the presbytery in a relationship that further explores the health, sustainability, and stewardship goals of the faith community.
8. All recipients will submit a Grant Use Evaluation Form six months after receipt of the Second-Round Grant.

If you have questions about the COVID-19 Emergency Relief program or need assistance in completing your application, please contact Debbie Haley at dhaley@losranchos.org.

