

Purpose and Description

Shenandoah Presbytery is “a Community of Christ for worship, nurture, and mission.” Worship is the life and breath of a congregation. It is both what we do and who we are, and how we join our whole selves: body, voices, spirit, to the Triune God.

Shenandoah Presbytery wants to join you in a new thing:

“Behold: I am doing a new thing. Do you not perceive it?” Isaiah 43:19.

The Innovations in Worship Grant is not designed to help you keep doing what you have been doing. These monies are to help congregations/worshipping communities reach out in new and creative ways with the love of God, life of Christ, and power of the Holy Spirit.

In order to facilitate congregations’ innovations in worship, the Presbytery has made available these funds: **Congregations may apply for up to \$1,000 annually, for a maximum of three years.** This is a financial needs-based grant. Congregations must show support for this innovation (financially and otherwise) from the Session and congregation.

Report Your Grant Accomplishments

Funds are to be used as requested within the grant year. An initial report of the use of the funds is to be submitted to the Committee on Vitality and Transformation at the address listed above within 3 months of receiving the funds. A second report is to be submitted after 6 months detailing the use of the grant monies and the successes/failures experienced.

A second and/or third year grant request requires a new application detailing the specific needs/desires that justify the application for more monies.

Reports about the effect of the innovation must be made to the CCVT for each grant. Video, photos, feedback from ministry, congregation members and Sessions are all appropriate.

Eligible Activities

- Purchase of materials and/or equipment that will enhance the experience of worship.
- Stipends for soloists and/or presenters who are out of the realm of ordinary worship routines. Salaries and wages will NOT be approved.
- Other – be creative!

Eligible Applicants

- Congregations and other worshipping communities within the bounds of Shenandoah Presbytery.

Conditions and Terms of Award

- Grants will be considered and awarded quarterly.

Grant Proposal - Part I

Name of Church / Ministry

Address

City

State

Zip Code

Contact Person

Phone #

Email

Date Approved by Session

Signature of Clerk

Grant Proposal – Part II

Please provide a narrative description of your congregation's (worshipping community's) request. In your narration, please address all five of the following areas:

1. The purpose of the request: Describe the goals of your project that would benefit from the Innovation in Worship Grant. How will this grant enable your congregation's worship? How does this align with your congregation's mission and purpose? How will this be innovative for your congregation?
2. Work plan for the grant year: _____: Outline your strategies, plans, steps, and activities to carry out the congregation's goals.
3. Budget: Include a budget plan for the total proposed project and the specific amounts requested from the Session, the Congregation, as well as the Innovations in Worship grant, and any other sources.
4. Evaluating the project: How will you measure the outcomes of this worship innovation? How will you report your findings to the Committee on Vitality and Transformation?

Submit Your Application

Mail to:

OR

Email to

Shenandoah Presbytery – CCVT
P. O. Box 1146
Harrisonburg, VA 22803

Communications Administrator
shenpres@shenpres.org

3 & 6 Month Grant Report

Name of Church Responding: _____

Contact Party Name: _____

Contact Party: Phone Number _____ Email _____

Date: _____

3 Month

1. Have you purchased any equipment and if so where did you purchase it?

2. Have you completed the project the grant money was applied? If so, can you please supply photos or a video of the completed project?

3. What are your takeaways? What advise would you give another Church about to do this same project? _____

6 Month

1. Have you completed your project? If not why not?

2. How successful was the project? How did it benefit your Church and/or Community? _____
3. What went right and what would you do differently?

4. Is there any additional information you would like to share with the CCVT Committee? _____

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