



Presbytery of Arkansas & The Mission of the Church Committee
**GUIDELINES FOR FUNDING FROM
MISSION INITIATIVE GRANTS BUDGET**

THE PURPOSE of funding for the Mission Initiative Grant portion of the Mission of the Church Committee's budget is to assist congregations and ministries of the Presbytery of Arkansas in proclaiming the love of Christ beyond their walls; efforts that extend the power of congregations and ministries to serve the most vulnerable in our society are particularly welcome.

Application Process

1. The Mission of the Church Committee receives and acts on grant proposals three times a year. The three submission deadlines are as follows: April 15, July 15, and October 15.
2. A request to the Mission of the Church Ministry Area should include a written proposal, no longer than two pages detailing:
 - a. the amount of funding requested;
 - b. the need or needs the Session or Ministry wants to address with that funding;
 - c. a brief description of specific goals of the project and how the funds requested will be used;
 - d. a copy of the budget for the project;
 - e. total estimated costs and other sources of funding that are committed or have been applied for;
 - f. the date the Session or Ministry approved the request,
 - g. Session's or Ministry's designated contact for the project, including name, address, telephone number and email address;
 - h. name of Treasurer or other administrative official to whose attention the check should be sent.

The proposal should be sent as an attachment emailed to Peg Falls-Corbitt (fallsorbitt@hendrix.edu), Moderator of Mission Committee, AR Presbytery.

Please include the church or ministry name in the title of the attachment and subject line of email. For example: [church name].Mission Initiative Grant 2024

Other Details:

3. The Committee's budget is limited, and **requests of more than \$1,500 are generally not approved**. However, there may be occasions when a larger amount could be granted:
 - a. if the applicant can make a case for it, and
 - b. if they have made a good-faith effort to secure other funds but are still short of their goal.
4. The Mission of the Church Committee will give priority to requests where:
 - a. the applicant is addressing this need with their own gift or gifts;
 - b. other sources of funding have been secured or are being sought.
5. Please note that part of the mission of the Future of the Church Committee is to "*Assist churches to re-develop their mission and ministry*" and to "*Assist congregations seeking funding or grants*" to help in that process. The mission of that Committee and this one are somewhat similar but are not the same, and it may be that a request to that ministry area would be more appropriate.

The Committee reviews and acts on applications within 30 days of each deadline.

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