

## Grant Programs Presbytery of Greater Atlanta

Due to the generosity and stewardship of those who came before us, the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta (PGA) operates two grant programs focused on congregational ministry. Together, they embody the PGA's affirmation of faith in the future of our churches and the communities they serve. Grant programs are not meant to "pay for tomorrow." Rather, they are designed to provide supplemental resources that bolster the ability of churches to respond faithfully and creatively to today's needs and prepare for those of tomorrow.

Grant programs are limited to member churches and approved fellowships of the PGA (referenced collectively below as "churches"). While PGA applicants conducting ministry in partnership are encouraged to apply, worshipping communities of other denominations or faith traditions and community agencies are not eligible on their own.

Programs include **Diaconal Ministry Grants** and **Youth & Young Adult Ministry Grants**

1. **Diaconal Ministry Grants.** Diaconal service, as Jesus envisioned it, could take many forms. In Matthew 25, he specifically mentions providing food and drink for the hungry and thirsty, hospitality for the stranger, clothing for the naked, care for the sick, and visitation for the prisoner. The parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10.29-37) provides a powerful narrative image of "diakonia" as it depicts sacrificial service on behalf of one's neighbor through the binding of wounds and the provision of shelter and food necessary for healing and life. In light of the cluster of activities identified by Jesus as diakonia, this type of service can be characterized generally as *rendering aid* in response to human need and supporting the improvement of quality of life as much as that is possible. In our contemporary understanding, this includes facilitating individuals' ability to help themselves *and* addressing systemic injustices that function as barriers to more equitable and just communities.
  - a. Priorities
    - i. Innovative projects in which applicants address human need in the communities they serve including systems and policy change. [Grant funding made possible by PGA's Compassion Endowment, established in the 1980's.]
    - ii. Innovative projects specifically designed to address hunger, food insecurity, and systems and policies which perpetuate them. [Grant funding made possible by PGA's on-going commitment to the Presbyterian Answer to Hunger (PATH)].
  - b. Guidelines
    - i. Deadline for receiving application is midnight on the deadline date shown on PGA's website under Diaconal Ministry Grants, found at <https://www.atlpcusa.org/grants-and-funding>
    - ii. Maximum request is \$5,000.
    - iii. Applicant must invest in the project an amount equal to or larger than the request.
    - iv. Diaconal grants imply service to individuals and communities beyond PGA congregations; those within can be served as well to the extent that their needs reflect those of the community at large.
    - v. Funds may be used for administrative expenses, salaries, or stipends.

- vi. Funds may be used for equipment or facility issues as needed for the conduct of diaconal ministries.
- vii. Projects can receive funding two years in a row.
- viii. One year waiting period is required after a 2<sup>nd</sup> year renewal.
- ix. An impact report must be submitted before seeking a 2<sup>nd</sup> year renewal.

**2. Youth and Young Adult Ministry Grants.** The future of the church rests with youth and young adults. The PGA seeks to encourage and facilitate the ability of its churches to pursue creative, life-changing ministries with young people. From evangelism and discipleship to pastoral care to leadership development and diaconal service, effective ministry with young people can take many forms, but all require intention, creativity, and dedication over time in the context of authentic relationships and a community of faith. This grant program is made possible by the PGA Capital Funds Campaign.

a. Priorities

- i. Innovative approaches to individual and collaborative ministries on behalf of young people (age 12 or grade 6 to age 40) that are grounded in the gospel and the Great Ends of the Church;
- ii. Projects and programs that reflect active engagement by and leadership of the young people being served;
- iii. Projects and programs that are inclusive, developmentally age-appropriate, culturally competent, and reflect a clear understanding of intent, methods, and desired outcomes.

b. Guidelines

- i. Deadline for receiving application is midnight on the deadline date shown on PGA's website under Youth and Young Adult Ministry Grants, found at <https://www.atlpcusa.org/grants-and-funding>
- ii. Maximum request is \$5,000.
- iii. Applicant must invest in the project an amount equal to or larger than the request.
- iv. Funds may be used for project or program administrative expenses including salaries, stipends, or speaker fees.
- v. Funds may not be used for building expenses, rent, or other fees related to property.
- vi. Projects can receive funding two years in a row.
- vii. One year waiting period is required after a 2<sup>nd</sup> year renewal.
- viii. An impact report must be submitted before seeking a 2<sup>nd</sup> year renewal.



Presbytery of Greater Atlanta  
Grant Application

[Questions about the Application? Email us at [grants@atlpcusa.org](mailto:grants@atlpcusa.org)]

Please complete this fillable form, or type or write clearly on a printed copy and scan to email

Indicate the type of grant you are seeking (choose 1):  Diaconal  
 Diaconal - hunger/food insecurity  
 Youth & Young Adult Ministry

Date of Application: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Requested: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Church Information**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Church

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Fax Email

**Project/Program Information**

Name of Person Responsible for Grant Application \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Name of project/program to be funded: \_\_\_\_\_

Is this a new project or an ongoing program?  New  Ongoing How long? \_\_\_\_\_

**Payee Information (for use by the PGA Finance Office if an allocation is awarded)**

Check Payable To: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Tax I.D. # \_\_\_\_\_

**PROJECT INFORMATION**

1. In 2 pages or less (to be attached), please address the following:
  - Description of the project/program including anticipated timespan;
  - Context giving rise to the need;
  - Background of the project’s development;
  - Manner in which the project is integrated within congregational life;
  - If seeking grant renewal, describe progress and/or setbacks from the past year;
  - Anticipated outcomes in the next 12 months.
  - *NOTE: when responding, please be mindful of the purposes, priorities, and guidelines detailed above for the grant program to which you are applying. Applications that do not align with those parameters will be declined.*
  
2. Please attach a letter under the signature of your Clerk of Session affirming the Session’s review of this application and its endorsement of work for which funding is requested.

Please list a detailed Project Budget below (attach a separate page, in necessary):

<b>Expense Item</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Notes</b>
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
<b>Total</b>	\$	
<b>Sources of Funds</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Applicant’s contribution	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
<i>Requested Grant Award</i>	\$	
<b>Total</b>	\$	
<b>Surplus/Deficit</b>	\$	

As you review your completed application,

- Be sure you have provided and compiled everything requested;
- In your 2-page (or less) project description,
  - Confirm that you've addressed each of the bulleted components, as appropriate;
  - Make a final check for alignment with the grant program's purposes, priorities, and guidelines to which you are applying;
- Email your application (and ALL attachments) to [grants@atpcusa.org](mailto:grants@atpcusa.org);
- If possible, submit your materials as a single PDF;
- Keep an electronic and hard copy of your application for your files.

**Please email grant application to:**

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