

# Innovations in Worship Grant

## PART I APPLICANT INFORMATION

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Name of Church/Ministry

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Address

City

State

Zip Code

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Contact Person

Phone

E-mail

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Date Approved by Session

Signature of Clerk

## PART II APPLICATION NARRATIVE

Please attach to this cover sheet a narrative description of your congregation'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 Innovations 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 and plans to carry out the congregation's goals.
3. Budget: include a budget plan for the total proposed project and the specific amount requested from the Session, Congregation, 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?

### **PART III SUBMIT APPLICATION**

- Mail your application to: Shenandoah Presbytery -- CCVT  
1111 North Main Street Harrisonburg, VA 22802
- The deadline for the grant application is \_\_\_\_\_. Applications received after 4:00 PM on this date will not be considered.
- Recipients of the Innovation in Worship Grant can expect to hear from the committee by end of \_\_\_\_\_ and to receive funds by \_\_\_\_\_.

### **PART IV REPORT**

- Funds are to be used as requested within the grant year. A report of the use of the funds is to be submitted to the Committee on Vitality and Transformation at the address listed above by \_\_\_\_\_.

## **The Innovations in Worship Grant**

Shenandoah Presbytery is “a Community of Christ for worship, nurture and mission.” In order to facilitate congregations’ innovations in worship, the Presbytery has made available funds for churches to use.

A total of \$3,000 per year is available in total. Each congregation may apply for up to 1,000 annually. Congregations must also show some support for this innovation (financially and otherwise) from the Session and congregation.

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

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. These grants are not designed to help you keep doing what you have been doing. These grants are for innovations for worship for the life and health of the congregation/worshipping community. “Behold: I am doing a new thing. Do you not perceive it?” God tells us in Isaiah 43:19. Shenandoah Presbytery wants to join you in this new thing, giving praise and worship to the God we adore.