

Shenandoah Presbytery

Committee on Mission & Outreach (CMO)

Criteria for Domestic Mission Grants

Domestic Mission Grants serve to “Empower congregations to be centers for mission through the task of *diakonia*: sending servant leaders to minister to the pain of a hurting world.” These grants are mainly supported by the Lyle M. Moffett fund.

- Applications receive consideration based on the following priorities: small congregations, ministries that use lay leadership, and ministries that enhance the fulfillment of mission in local congregations. Local churches are encouraged to seek other local partners.
- Annual grants normally range from \$500 to \$2,000; however, needs above this level will be considered based on the number of grant requests received and available resources each year.
- Grant applications are to be reviewed and approved by the Session of the sponsoring congregation and attested to by the Clerk of Session.
- **Deadlines** for submitting applications are: **March 1** and **October 1**.
- CMO can usually review and approve grants within 30 days of receipt.
- CMO values good stewardship of presbytery resources and the opportunity to join in the celebration of mission efforts. Therefore, recipients are required to provide CMO a written summary of the project within one year of receiving funds.
- Digital applications are encouraged and can be emailed to bookkeeper@shenpres.org
- Print applications can be mailed to: Shenandoah Presbytery, P.O. Box 1146, Harrisonburg, VA 22803, Attn: CMO.

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