

DREAM GRANT
(2015 FIRST CYCLE)
ACTS 2:17, ACTS 10

Date Prepared _____

Synod _____ Phone _____

Contact Person _____ E-mail Address _____

Presbytery _____ Phone _____

Contact Person _____ E-mail Address _____

Partner Congregation/Ministry _____ Phone _____

Contact Person _____ E-mail Address _____

Address/City/State/Zip _____ PIN # _____

DREAM Initiative Name _____

Date DREAM Initiative Began or plans to start _____

DREAM Initiative Leader _____

Address/City/State/Zip _____

E-mail Address _____ Phone _____

Web Site Address _____

The Developmental, Risky, Experimental, Adaptive Mission (DREAM) Grant is being offered by the Presbyterian Mission Agency in order to encourage dreamers, risk-takers, pioneers and trailblazers. We need such people who are not afraid to fail and church cultures that will encourage people to risk failure in order to find new ways to succeed. We are seeking to find persons and ways to invigorate the Church anew.

This grant is designed to encourage the birth of new ventures through congregations and presbyteries rather than to support the expansion of existing programs within congregations. For the purpose of this grant, new is defined as an initiative that was created no earlier than January 1, 2014. This grant will be offered as long as resources are available. *This grant will not support the creation of new worshiping communities and congregations.* If you need funding for the establishment of new worshiping communities and congregations, please contact Tim McCallister for more information.

The DREAM grants are the result of funds that have been given to support the following historic missions of the PC(USA), particularly among racial ethnic and rural populations:

- Rural, remote, or urban churches that are establishing ministries that will enable them to better accomplish mission in an appropriate context;
- Ministries that are charged with reaching, loving and teaching college age or young adults so that they may be lifelong followers of Jesus Christ;
- Congregations that are effectively becoming more multi-ethnic in character;
- Ministries with Racial/Ethnic and New Immigrant populations that are thriving and wish to accomplish even more;
- Emerging leadership models for mid councils that create safe space for innovation.

We encourage proposals from mid councils that wish to inspire and support new *and creative* ways for ministry ventures that relate to the historic missions of our church and honor the vision and generosity of past donors.

An initiative will receive a one-time DREAM Grant of up to \$10,000. Matching funds or in-kind contributions are encouraged, but not required. These grants may be used to support the DREAM initiative in any way that will enable the initiative to achieve its goals. These grants are limited to ministries that are related to the Presbyterian Church (USA), and are located within the United States and Puerto Rico.

This application is available from the Office of Mission Program Grants and allows the writer to add typing space as needed. Photos and/or videos are welcome. After obtaining appropriate partner congregation/ministry and presbytery approval, e-mail as a single attachment the completed proposal to your synod leader, Synod of _____ who will then forward the final approved proposal to the Office of Mission Program Grants.

For 2015 First Cycle, proposals received in your synod's office by **August 17, 2015**, will be considered for funding in mid-September. 2015 Second Cycle proposals received in your synod's office by **November 15, 2015**, will be considered for funding in mid-December.

It is expected that applicants will have spent time in prayer, discernment and fact-finding regarding the resources needed, the intended short and long-term results, and in creating a plan to address them. Please consider using [Starting New Initiatives](#) to assist with your discernment process.

Please answer the following questions on no more than two pages, using Times New Roman, 12-point font, single-spaced:

- Describe the initiative to be supported and how the applicant(s) are invested with its progress;
- Describe how this initiative will support one of the ministry ventures listed on page one;
- How will this initiative venture connect to one of the DREAM Grant definitions, i.e. Developmental, Risky, Experimental, Adaptive Mission;
- If this is to be an ongoing initiative, please describe how you intend to provide for sustainability;
- Describe how this initiative will benefit the congregation, presbytery, synod and others;
- How will you know if the project is accomplishing what you hoped? Please be as specific as possible.

Recipients will be asked to provide a description of their outcomes that will be shared with congregations and mid councils in order to serve as encouragement and inspiration for future potential ministries.

Please list your funding sources below. Under DREAM Initiative, please list funding you will provide. List any funding provided by your presbytery and/or synod. Under DREAM Grant, list the amount for which you are applying from the Presbyterian Mission Agency. Finally, if a partner congregation or other entity is providing resources, please list those amounts under "Other".

<u>DREAM Initiative</u>	<u>Presbytery</u>	<u>Synod</u>	<u>DREAM Grant</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____

This proposal was reviewed and approved by the appropriate mission strategy body of this presbytery and synod as fulfilling the guidelines of the DREAM Grant. Congregations, ministries, presbyteries, and synods participating as funding partners and giving oversight and assistance, should date and sign below.

Date

Partner Congregation/Ministry (If Applicable)

Date

Presbytery Executive or Designee

After presbytery has approved this proposal, please forward as a single e-mail attachment the completed proposal to the Synod Leader, Synod of _____ who will then forward the final approved proposal to the Office of Mission Program Grants no later than August 24, 2015.

Date

Synod Leader or Designee