



Presbytery of East Iowa

Ministry Catalyst Grant Application

Submit completed application as a PDF to: presbyeastiowa@gmail.com

Application should be submitted at least 90 days before any money is needed.

Congregation Name:

Contact Person:

Phone:

Email:

Initiative/Training Title:

Amount of Funding

Each Teaching Elder and each congregation may receive only one grant per year. The maximum grant to one congregation or pastoral leader for a single request to the Presbytery is \$5,000.

Grant Amount Requested (*The maximum grant is \$5,000):

Please provide the information on additional pages and attach to this cover page:

- **Initiative/Training Description:** Please describe the initiative/training for which you are requesting funding. What is the scope of the initiative/training? What are the specific needs that the initiative/training addresses?
- **Budget:** Please provide a budget for the initiative/training. What are the specific costs? Are there any other funding sources? How will the funds from the Ministry Catalyst Grant be used?
- **Timeline:** Please provide a timeline for your initiative/training. When will the initiative begin or when will the training take place? When is the expected completion date?
- **Impact:** Please describe how the initiative/training will impact your congregation and community. What benefits will it provide? How will it support your church's mission?

Certification: I certify the information provided in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand the Presbytery of East Iowa may request additional documentation to verify the information provided.

Signature:

Date:

The Grant

The **Presbytery of East Iowa** has established a **Ministry Catalyst Grant** to provide grants of **up to \$5,000** to catalyze ministry initiatives and/or training for pastoral and/or lay leaders. This funding is available to all congregations and pastoral leaders within the Presbytery, with special consideration given to initiatives/training focused on expanding mission efforts or establishing ministry competencies.

Each Teaching Elder and each congregation may receive only one grant per year. However, a Teaching Elder and the congregation they serve are each eligible to apply for their own separate grant within the same year.

For example, a congregation might submit a grant application to catalyze a new ministry initiative. At the same time, the pastoral leader serving that congregation could submit a separate, individual grant application to participate in a training opportunity or leadership development program that equips them with new skills to strengthen their ministry.

In this way, both the congregation and the pastoral leader are supported, one in cultivating ministry, the other in growing the capacity to lead it.

Examples of Ministry Initiatives/Trainings:

- A new commercial oven to expand the impact of a feeding ministry initiative rather than asking for operating costs for the feeding ministry.
- A pastor and church leaders attending a conference for worship training together rather than supporting the pastor's regular Continuing Education budget.
- A pastor participating in a program that equips them with new skills for emerging areas of ministry beyond their regular continuing education.

Note: The above are only examples. Please use your creative imagination to dream up other ways to catalyze ministry initiatives or trainings for church leaders in your congregation.

Evaluation Criteria

The PEIA's **Commission on Ministry and Vitality** will use the following criteria to consider whether to approve requests for funds and to determine the amount of the award:

- The amount of funds remaining in the **Presbytery Ministry Catalyst Account**.
- The fit of the initiative described in the request with the spirit and intent of the grant.
- The ability of the congregation or pastoral leader to fund any remaining portion not covered by the grant.
- Priority will be given to requests that catalyze new ministry initiatives or equip leaders with new ministry skills, rather than those that support or expand existing ministries or competencies.

After Receiving a Grant

Awarded funds may be spent solely on the need described in the application. The remainder of any grant funds beyond actual expenses should be refunded to the Presbytery's **Ministry Catalyst Grant Account**. The congregation or ministry leader(s) will be asked to submit a short report or provide a presentation to the Presbytery describing (and celebrating) how the funds were spent and the impact of the initiative or training.

At the November meeting of the Presbytery each year, the Commission on Ministry and Vitality will provide a report to the Presbytery summarizing the progress, impact, and outcomes of the grant program for that year.