



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:

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 the training of pastoral or lay leaders. This funding is available to all congregations within the Presbytery, with special consideration given to initiatives/training focused on expanding mission efforts or establishing ministry competencies.

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.

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 **Board of Trustees** 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 perceived appropriateness of the ministry initiative/training described in the request to further the ministry of the congregation.
- The ability of the congregation or church leader(s) to fund any remaining portion not covered by the grant.

Amount of Funding

The maximum grant to one congregation for a single request to the Presbytery is \$5,000.

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.