



STRATEGIC COORDINATING TEAM REQUESTS FOR FUNDING AND GRANTS

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The mission of the Presbytery of Los Ranchos is “to cultivate vital congregations and partnerships that embody the love and justice of Jesus Christ.” A significant role of the Strategic Coordinating Team (SCT)—the Presbytery Team that administers grants and authorized expenses—is to stimulate and broker missional partnerships and networks between congregations. Please also consider the “Culture and Values of the Presbytery of Los Ranchos” (see below) when submitting your application. *SCT does not usually give grants to support personnel or facility improvements.*

FUNDING REQUEST FORM

Available to members of the Presbytery of Los Ranchos seeking financial support for leadership development, continuing education in the form of conferences or retreats. No advance payments shall be provided, and all authorized expenses will require receipts for reimbursement, according to *PLR Reimbursement Policies*. Upon request, please also provide a letter of recommendation.

GRANT

To support projects with missional impact and especially those that build ministry partnerships or informal networks. Grants are normally awarded for *new* projects, but they may be used to support established projects that show promise to increase a faith community’s witness to the love and justice of Jesus Christ. Projects may involve leadership development, evangelism, social justice, peacemaking, poverty eradication, church planting, Christian formation and discipleship, racial-ethnic ministries, or worship. Applicants shall be members of, or be in partnership with, Presbytery of Los Ranchos faith communities.

APPLICANT’S COMMITMENT

By applying for a Funding Request or a Grant, applicants commit to:

1. Provide information about matching dollars, or in-kind contributions, either from their faith community’s resources or from other partners on their application form.
2. Share their ministry and the learning experiences gained in executing the project (for example, provide information that can be shared to the Presbytery website and social media about the project so that others can learn and provide another level of partnership).
3. For Funding Requests: Abide by *PLR Reimbursement Policies* and complete an *Expense Reimbursement Form* to be submitted with matching receipts (these will be provided upon approval of your application by the SCT).
4. Submit a final report detailing accomplishments, challenges, and uses of funds (see “SCT Grant and Authorized Expenses Evaluation Form”).

HOW TO APPLY FOR SCT GRANTS OR FUNDING REQUESTS:

Please click [here](#) for more detailed information on Synod and Presbyterian Mission Agency Grants and funding opportunities. All applications are posted on the Presbytery website: www.losranchos.org Submit completed applications to SCT, Presbytery of Los Ranchos, attn: Debbie Haley; dhaley@losranchos.org.

Culture and Values of the Presbytery of Los Ranchos *

OUR CULTURE

The hallmark of the Presbytery of Los Ranchos culture will be *as a learning community that fosters effective missional congregations*. The primary activity of our Presbytery will be to equip, serve, resource and challenge congregations and their leaders to become more missionally effective based on the following three values:

OUR VALUES

Faithfulness: We hold each other mutually accountable for fulfilling our ordination vows, upholding our theological tradition and pursuing the Great Ends of the Church.

Fruitfulness: We are committed to pursuing honestly and actively what will further the Kingdom of God in breadth and depth using whatever tools are necessary. We will consistently measure and monitor our effectiveness.

Fellowship: We covenant to live out the Christian life together by pursuing trusting, healthy, edifying relationships expressed in missional partnership between our presbyters, congregations and members.

Funding from the Strategic Coordinating Team will be awarded based on the following characteristics:

1. Fits the goals, values, and delivery system of presbytery's culture (see above).
2. Potential to increase the leadership capacity of an individual or congregation.
3. Likelihood that the activity will lead to the missional or evangelistic effectiveness of an individual or congregation.
4. Collaboration with, or investment by, other partners.
5. Degree to which the applicant's congregation supports the broader mission of the presbytery.

* As Envisioned in "Flipping the Presbytery from 'The Meeting' to 'the Mission,'" approved by Presbytery, May 19, 2009.