

Dream the Dream Grant Description

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The Dream the Dream Grant seeks to be a catalyst for partnerships in new ministry by congregations in Whitewater Valley Presbytery as they explore new ways of being Christ's Church.

Mission of Whitewater Valley Presbytery

“God calls Whitewater Valley Presbytery in covenant relationship with the Holy Spirit to connect, resource, and empower disciples in Christ's name.”

- **Connect:** We are a connectional Church called into being by a God who is in community. A central focus of the presbytery, therefore, is to facilitate those connectional links within local congregations and faith communities so that the tasks of mission (loving God and loving neighbor) and growth (making disciples).
- **Resource:** We are a Church with abundant resources from a gracious and generous God. A central focus of the presbytery, therefore, is to facilitate access for faith communities to resources (funds, facilities, information, training, expertise, stories and prayers) so that growth among disciples might be possible.
- **Empower:** We are a Church called into action by a living and creating God to make disciples in the name of Christ. A central focus of the presbytery, therefore, is to facilitate the desired result of engaging Christ's disciples in the work of mission and outreach so that we are a witness to the power of Christ at work in and through us.

Criteria for the Grant

1. The Dream the Dream Grant is for the purpose of exploration and planning new projects. Expenses related to exploration and planning, such as retreats, facilitators, visits to a similar ministry or mission, may be included as part of the grant proposal.
2. Grant proposals will be given only to partnership initiatives (two or more congregations working together). Partner congregations may be of any denomination.
3. All considerations for projects must be congregationally based. Program creation, ownership, oversight and responsibility for potential projects must eventually rest solely with partner congregations.
4. The impact of the proposed project must be local, within the community setting(s) in which grant partners are present.
5. Potential projects may be for any new local ministry initiative (local outreach, program development, training)
6. Potential projects must be consistent with the mission statements of partner congregations and with at least one element of the Presbytery's mission statement (connect, resource, empower).
7. During the exploration and planning period covered by this grant, a determination must be made of the sustainability of the proposed project. If it is determined that the project might not be sustainable, reasons should be provided in the final report.
8. A proposed project being explored and planned under this grant must have documentation of the endorsement of the session or other governing body of partner congregations.
9. Participating congregations in a partnership also will need to provide documentation of the proposed exploration and planning process.
10. Grants awarded may be up to \$1000. Additional grants providing start-up or seed money will be available for viable projects.

Dream the Dream Grant Application

1. Date Submitted:
2. Name and address of Whitewater Valley Presbytery congregations applying for grant:

3. Name and address of partner congregations applying for grant:

4. Name of contact person who can answer questions about this request:

Phone:

Email:

5. Amount requested:

6. Our churches are current on: Per Capita _____ Mission Pledge _____

7. When is the funding needed:

8. Briefly describe the potential project being explored and planned:

9. How does the project help the partner congregations do the work of mission (loving God and loving neighbor) or ministry (making disciples)?

