**Grant Guidelines**

Do you have a vision of how to share and spread **The Good News** with those outside the walls of the church if you only had the funding? The Presbytery of San Francisco has made **$1,000,000**, available to Presbyterian churches in the West Bay Region for turning vision into reality.

**Fund Your Vision** grant proposals will be evaluated on a first come, first served basis, according to the strength of their adherence to criteria listed below as well as the dollar amount of their budget. Typical grants will be $50,000 or less. Applications must be completed in a maximum of three pages using 12-point font, answering all eight questions. Submit proposals to fundyourvision@sfpby.org

All proposals must be endorsed by your Session and the application does ask for the endorsement date and name of Clerk of Session. Proposals from individuals and non-profit groups will also be accepted, but must be endorsed by the Session of a West Bay Region congregation.

Three rounds of fifteen proposals will be recommended for consideration each year until **Fund Your Vision** has been depleted. Each congregation may submit only one proposal per round. The Western Region will meet three times per year to vote to approve, reject or revise each of the fifteen proposals.

Each congregation in attendance will be afforded one vote, regardless of how many congregation members attend the meeting. Summaries and the full text of proposals will be available to all members of the Western Region ahead of the vote.

Please fully describe how the project fits into one of the five designated **Fund Your Vision**: ministry areas:

* Housing/Shelter/Homelessness
* Micro Loans/Grants
* Food Insecurity
* Immigration and Refugees
* Youth and College Ministry

The following criteria are desirable, but not required. However, projects addressing one or more of these are more likely to be funded.

* Will your project be sustainable after the grant expires? One-time projects will be considered if they are part of a larger, sustainable ministry. What is the overall feasibility of securing adequate funding, e.g. from additional sources?
* Describe your creative approach for doing ministry. Is this a new approach to an existing ministry or a creative brand new ministry?
* What existing resources can you utilize to identify and formulate useful ways of doing ministry? How can you use information, imagination and initiative to derive greater value from these resources?
* Describe the regional impact of your project. Primary consideration will be given to applications focusing on Bay Area needs, especially in the West Bay Region vs. national or international projects.
* If your project is a joint ministry, describe your partnership with other congregations or a faith-based non-profit agency.