



MISSION PRESBYTERY
BETTER TOGETHER

We are Mission Presbytery, serving Christ in the World.

In the Reformed Tradition, together we

- *Establish and equip congregations and sessions to carry out their missions;*
- *Recruit, receive, ordain, develop, and care for those called to service in the church;*
- *Enable mission and witness to the Gospel that congregations cannot accomplish alone; and*
- *Steward our resources faithfully and generously.*

We are better together.

Better Together Fund

Application Form & Guidelines

Eligibility

- A Mission Presbytery Congregation, Worshipping Community, or New Church Development must be the initiator of a Better Together Fund grant and may be the initiator on only one grant.
- Each initiator **must** pair with at least one Mission Presbytery Congregation, Worshipping Community, or New Church Development. In addition, they may also partner with other ministries.
- Any Mission Presbytery Congregation, Worshipping Community, New Church Development or Mission Partner of Mission Presbytery may support the grant or be a supporter on multiple grant submissions.
- Because the purpose of The Better Together Fund is for more than one group to participate together, **collaboration is a requirement**. Collaboration is defined as all parties involved in planning and implementing the grant activities together. Be sure the application explains this clearly.
- Each grant application must further the mission of the Presbytery (see above).

- This grant is intended for mission and ministry projects. Applications for capital improvements will not be considered.
- Only grant requests submitted on the “Better Together Fund – Application Form” will be considered. See a Microsoft Word application form on the Mission Presbytery website. Click on the Better Together Grants button.
- All grant initiators must secure an endorsement for their requests from one of Mission Presbytery’s Committees, preferably one which has an interest in the grant’s purpose. The minutes of the Committee's endorsement stating a majority vote support for the proposal must be attached. Applications without a Committee's endorsement will NOT be considered. A list of Mission Presbytery committees is available on this website with links to current chairs, co-chairs and their emails.

Submissions

Complete this application form and submit it by email or US Mail. Applications (the form below, answers to statements and questions, endorsing committee minutes) can be scanned and emailed to **missionpby@missionpby.org**. The three-part application packet (as stated above) may also be sent via US Mail to Mission Presbytery, Attn: Better Together Fund, 7201 Broadway St., Suite 303, San Antonio, TX 78209.

Deadline and Notification of Approved and Not-Approved Grant Requests

At each year’s March Presbytery Meeting, the Chair of the Stewardship and Fiscal Oversight Committee will announce to the Presbytery that its Stewardship Team is ready to receive Better Together Fund grant requests. The applications are due by April 15th. Grant approvals and non-approvals will be communicated prior to the June Presbytery Meeting. Check will be presented at the June Presbytery Meeting or mailed to the recipients if no one collects the check.

Available Funds

The Better Together Fund functions like an endowment and the interest earned, approximately \$58,000 per will be awarded in June, 2022. Applicants should take the annual amount to be awarded into consideration when making a request. Grants are intended to be used in full rather than being added to another ministry’s endowment.

Follow-Up Requirements

Each June, or eleven months after a grant has been made from the Better Together Fund, the Stewardship Team Leader, on behalf of the Stewardship and Fiscal Oversight Committee, will request a report on the completed project. The purpose of the reports is to allow the whole presbytery to celebrate successful projects, so they may be presented as tri-fold displays, power point presentations, or videos that can be shared on the Mission Presbytery website or at MP meetings.



Better Together Fund Application

Please complete this form and submit it by email or US Mail. Also include by email or paper application the answers to the statements and questions following the form and the Mission Presbytery committee minutes endorsing your application. Emails should be sent to **missionpby@missionpby.org**. Paper packets may also be sent by US mail to Mission Presbytery, Attn: Accountant, 7201 Broadway St., Suite 303, San Antonio, TX 78209.

Name of the congregation initiating the grant: _____

Name to be used when referring to the grant:

Mailing Address:

Physical Address (if different):

Phone: _____ Website (if available): _____

Contact Person/Title: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

On a separate page or pages, please respond to the following requests:

1. Briefly describe the project for which you are requesting funds including the needs to be addressed and the number of people to be served.
2. Briefly explain how it will help the Presbytery fulfill its mission.
3. Explain how you will assess the success of this project/program including who will benefit over the next one to three years.
4. Provide a budget showing as specifically as possible all the planned sources of funding (including the BTG funds being requested) with amounts and the likely expenditures with estimated costs.
5. Explain specifically how the Better Together funds would be used.
6. Explain the supervision and accountability for this financial support.
7. List the PCUSA/Mission Presbytery collaborators on this grant and the roles of each.
8. Name the Committee of Mission Presbytery that endorses this grant request. Please ask the Committee Chair for a copy of the Committee minutes endorsing your application and attach it to this application.
9. Please provide the name and contact information of someone who will represent your project at the June presbytery meeting if you are awarded a BT grant. If no one can attend, please provide a mailing address for the check, along with a specific person to whose attention it should be directed to make sure it is properly deposited.

Checklist:

- Initiated by a church congregation
- One or more partner congregations or entities
- Other entities (optional)
- Presbytery's mission addressed in the grant application
- Items 1 - 10
- Official form completed (To access the application form in Microsoft Word format, go to the Presbytery webpage (www.mission-presbytery.org) and click on the "Better Together Grants" button.
- Committee endorsement secured
- Committee minutes attached to application
- Application submitted by April 15