

## **Grants for PC(USA) entities: What's available, how to apply (2.5 hours)**

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**Overview** – This course will provide information about types of grants and other financial assistance available to churches and church-related organizations, pastors and presbyteries through PC(USA) agencies such as the Presbyterian Mission Agency, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Board of Pensions, synods (for regional conferences) and other organizations; applicant criteria; the application and approval process; and post-award reporting requirements. Ideally, instructors should serve in an awarding agency.

### **Suggested topics to cover**

- What grants and financial assistance programs are available
- Who qualifies
- How to apply, and how to increase the likelihood of receiving an award
- Timelines and processes for approval of applications
- Requirements for reporting outcomes after receiving a grant

Examples of agencies and types of grants:

- Presbyterian Committee on the Self Development of People (Presbyterian Mission Agency) – for the empowerment of economically poor, oppressed, and disadvantaged people
- PMA Office of Mission Program Grants
  - DREAM (Developmental, Risky, Experimental, Adaptive Mission) Grant
  - New Worshipping Communities seed, investment, growth and health insurance grants
  - Presbytery grants for congregational transformation
  - Sam and Helen R. Walton Awards
  - Presbyterian Study Grants and supplemental grants for seminary students
- Board of Pensions Assistance Program
  - Retired church workers with financial and housing needs
  - Church workers with urgent financial needs
  - Pastors with vocational leadership needs
  - CREDO, to help PC(USA) ministers cultivate their spiritual, vocational, health, and financial well-being and leadership potential
  - Sabbath Sabbatical Support
  - Seminary debt assistance
  - Transition to College grant – non-recurring, one-time help to eligible families of entering college freshmen with transitional expenses, such as a computer purchase or dorm furnishings
- Presbyterian Disaster Assistance – grants to assist churches and their communities in recovery after a disaster
- Presbyterian Historical Society
  - Heritage Preservation Grants for churches
- Lilly Endowment National Clergy Renewal Program