



Native American Congregational Support Presbyterian Church, USA

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To all Native American congregations of the Presbyterian Church, USA.

I greet you and your congregations in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ in the spirit of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love.

This letter is being sent to share information about the Presbyterian Foundation Fund to help Native American Presbyterian congregations repair their buildings. This Fund was established by the General Assembly and has been receiving donations from churches, groups, presbyteries, synods and individuals who wish to help with these repairs. The General Assembly has approved additional funds to this effort beginning in 2023.

The Native American and Native Alaskan Peoples Fund will help these congregations with some funding though we strongly encourage each church to seek other funding through presbytery, synod and other groups including individuals who may also wish to help with this effort.

The grant process is attached here:

Native American Church Property Grants – 2024 Grant Process

- ❖ Grants should be submitted by the congregations using this process for consideration.
- ❖ Supporting documentation must be included with the Applications for consideration. One-to-three pages should be attached to the Grant Application and include a detailed description of the project:
 - a) Description of the churches mission and or vision
 - b) Specify the needs to be met by the grant. Detailed repair needs, materials and professional labor costs or details of how volunteer labor will be organized. Timeframe for the project.
 - c) Attach a budget, reflecting both projected income and expenses.
 - d) Submit grant application including back-up documentation.
- ❖ *The Presbyterian Mission Agency cannot assure future funding beyond this grant, due to the decline in funds available.*
- ❖ If the grant is awarded, the congregation is required to submit a written report in detail of how the grant was used and document the congregation's experiences learned from this project.
- ❖ Once the grant application and all supporting documentation have been received, it will be submitted for consideration to the next monthly meeting of the Grant Team at Racial Equity & Women's Intercultural Ministries. The Contact Person listed on the application form will be notified of the Grant Team's decision.
- ❖ **All Grant documentation should be sent to:**
We suggested you submit these documents by email to: HyoJin.Kang@pcusa.org

OR BY MAIL:
Native American Intercultural Congregational Support
PCUSA
ATTN: Hyo Jin Kang, Administrative Assistant
100 Witherspoon St.
Louisville, KY 40202

Disbursement of Grant Funds: Follow-up process for the disbursement of funds will include a Grant Agreement between the congregation and the PCUSA:

- Agreement purpose and period
- Use of grant
- Tax exempt status
- Use of grant
- Disbursements
- Reports
- Etc.

Please remember that the Grant Team meets once each month. Contact Irvin Porter irv.porter@pcusa.org to find out when the next Grant Team meeting will take place to consider your grant application.

When the grants are submitted, contact will be made with the church and a review of the grant proposal, the budget being proposed, and other information submitted. If necessary documentation is not provided this will cause delays in grants being sent for approval. This includes any estimates for repair costs such as materials or labor too.

Each church's repair assessment was conducted by this office in 2019. If your congregation has not received your assessment please let me know as soon as possible and it will be sent by electronic means (which is the fastest way to send it) or by mail. This assessment will help your church understand the costs which repairing your building(s) will require for both materials and the costs of labor. This will be important to help the church prepare the budget for the grant.

The information that I am sending in this letter is important and could be overwhelming. But I am prepared to help your congregation prepare documentation for the grant so please let me know as soon as possible. There are 98 Native American congregations. Many will be applying for grants, so we need these documents completed as soon as possible. Thank you for sharing this information with your church and please do so very soon. Once funds in the Native American and Native Alaskan Peoples Fund are used we will not be able to make grants until more funds are received.

Respectfully yours,
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