

Presbytery of Hudson River

Available Grant Opportunities

HRP Vision Statement

“We believe God is calling the church into the world to live resurrection and be engaged in mission within the communities we serve that incarnate the values of partnership, hospitality, justice, passion, curiosity, honesty, joy, generosity and inclusivity.”

The Hudson River Presbytery offers access to a variety of funding sources to support our churches and ministries. The brief description below is meant to help congregations and members make an initial assessment about which grant might best meet funding needs.

CHALLENGE-TO-CHANGE FUND

The Challenge-to-Change Fund undergirds new, creative programs that are congruent with the Presbytery’s **vision statement**. These proposals will create desirable change in **existing ministries** and will be beyond the scope of the annual operating budget. (**Examples** of programs that qualify include, but are not limited to: changes in worship format, timing; intergenerational or interdenominational; leadership development for clergy and laity; specialized training; mission networking; seed money for startup programs, etc.) The grant amounts range from **\$200.00 to \$7,000**. Applications are received from **January to March 15** each year. Proposals will be considered for only 3 consecutive years. Applications must be submitted each year.

PEACEMAKING OFFERING

The Peacemaking Offering supports the **peacemaking ministries** of congregations, presbyteries, synods and the General Assembly. Funds are to be used to work for peace. Presbytery’s share varies each year depending on offering receipts. Total grants to any one person or project will not exceed **\$1,000**. Exceptions may be made for participation by more than one person/ congregation/ ministry.

LEGACY FUND

This grant source will grant funds to ministries that demonstrate the **core values** of Hudson River Presbytery. The fund will enable creative effective ways of transforming our church through new visions of ministry and mission for the 21st century.

Successful grant applications will be for **grassroots visions for ministry from local congregations, acting individually or collectively**. The grant process will be open to new ideas as well as funding programs that are already in existence, as long as they meet the criteria of living into visions for ministry and mission for the future.

The grants may range from **single year \$10,000 requests to multi-year requests that total up to \$150,000**. The grant committee will **meet at least quarterly**, and will review grant requests on a **rolling basis**. We expect grant requests to have at least a **20% financial buy-in** from the applying entities for the grant application to go forward. However exceptions may be made under extraordinary circumstances.

Critical additional information about these and other grants such as SDOP, Synod and GA grants will be found at www.hudrivpres.org under the grants menu.