

MUSKINGUM VALLEY PRESBYTERY

GRANT POLICY

Grants will be available to all churches in the Presbytery in the Fall of each year to assist the churches in equipping existing ministries or forming new ministries that are consistent with the objectives of the Muskingum Valley Presbytery.

NURTURING

We assist our churches to tend to the spiritual needs of nearly 7000 people in the region.

DISCIPLING

We support our congregations in developing mature followers of Jesus who regularly take steps of faith to serve God in our communities and within our congregations.

PARTNERING

We help our churches build community partnerships to share the love of Christ through local and distant relationships and action.

- MVP will offer grants of up to \$1,000 per church from Presbytery mission giving up to an annual aggregate maximum of \$10,000 for Nurturing Ministries, \$5,000 for Discipling Ministries, and \$10,000 for Partnering Ministries. Maximum amounts will be established each year by Council.
- Other funds are also available in the Fall of each year for various grant amounts according to donor restrictions:
 - Leisure interest only: Loans up to \$700 a year may be granted to any person who has been approved by the Presbytery to assist in preparation for a church vocation.
 - Superlite interest only: To be used for Leadership Development.
 - Hunter interest only: To be used for "Presbytery Home Mission Work".
 - Saunders interest only: To be used for emergency scholarship assistance to candidates for the ministry of the Presbyterian Church in Theological seminaries.
 - Presbyterian Women: Grants available for ministries and mission activities that are consistent with activities typically engaged in through Presbyterian Women's groups in the denomination.
 - Bever Street Fund: Grants available to assist churches in Wayne County with capital needs.
 - Dellroy Fund: Grants available to churches with less than 250 members for starting new outreach ministries.

GRANT APPLICATION PROCEDURES

MVP Council will launch the Fall Grant Application Process at the September Presbytery Meeting.

Churches who are interested in applying for a grant will submit an application on the form that is posted to the MVP website by October 10. Please include sufficient detail in the description of the ministry so that Council may properly discern the eligibility of the request. Attach supplemental information if applicable.

Be clear when describing how this grant request matches the eligibility requirements established by MVP Council.

Grant applications must be approved by Session, as evidenced on the form by the signature of the Moderator and the Clerk of Session.

The Administration Committee will review all grant applications for completeness and eligibility and will present recommendations to Council for approval of eligible requests at the October Council meeting. Council has full discretion in approving grants and in designating the amount to be awarded.

Churches will be informed of Council's decision by the end of October, and checks will be sent to the Treasurer of the church.