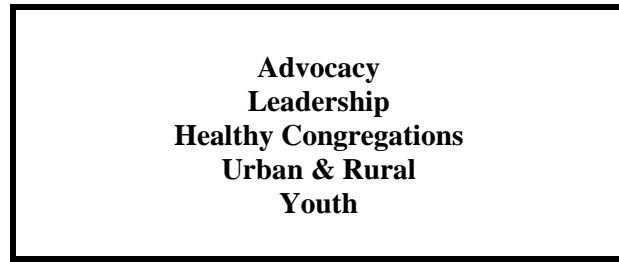


**Synod of the Northeast
Central NY Presbytery Partnership Group
Funding Process**

Policy for Review of and Action on Funding Proposals
Approved June 16, 2007

PRIORITIES

The Central NY PPG is focusing on 5 areas for ministry. We are committed to spending the majority of our time creating initiatives and providing training and support for:



THOSE WHO MAY SUBMIT PROPOSALS FOR NEW INITIATIVES and FUNDING:

1. Any of the 5 workgroups established by the PPG on Advocacy, Leadership, Healthy Congregations, Urban & Rural or Youth Ministries, or any other group directed by the Steering Committee.
2. Any Synod commissioner, Synod Youth Advisory Delegate in the Central NY PPG.
3. Any congregation or cluster of congregations in the Central NY PPG. Ordinarily proposals from congregations will come with the endorsement of their Presbytery's Council(s). When the timing of Council and PPG meetings or disagreement on direction make obtaining a Presbytery Council's endorsement difficult, a waiver may be sought by furnishing a detailed rationale with the funding request.
4. Any Presbytery Committee, Task Force or Work Group in the Central NY Presbyteries. Like congregations, ordinarily these requests will come with the endorsement of their Presbytery's Council(s) or a waiver will be sought.
5. Any Presbytery Council in the Central NY Presbyteries
6. Any non-profit group related to one or more of the Presbyteries in the Central NY PPG (related by having at least one Presbyterian serving on its governing board). Requests will come with the endorsement of at least one Presbytery Council and no waiver may be sought.

See Synod bylaws on Presbytery Partnership Groups - 03.00.00 – 03.03.00

HOW PROPOSALS ARE SUBMITTED:

1. Proposals must include:
 - budget
 - goals & work plans
 - calendar for implementation
 - procedures for evaluation and follow up.

2. Proposals must be submitted in writing to the convener of the PPG at least 1 month prior to any given PPG gathering in order to be considered for placement on the agenda.
3. Proposals submitted to the convener of the PPG with requests for docket time and funding will be reviewed by PPG commissioners according to these criteria:
 - **APPROPRIATENESS** -The proposed ministry reflects the mission and priorities of the CENTRAL NY PPG
 - **CONNECTION** – Proposed action promotes connection between the Central NY Presbyteries, the local church, and the larger church.
 - **EFFECTIVENESS** – A well-planned course of action will ordinarily result in tangible, measurable results showing significant impact on the issue to be addressed.
 - **ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY** – The applicant organization has the necessary vision, passion, leadership, management skills, and supplementary resources to implement the proposed ministry and the proposed ministry has deep organizational support. It may be initiated by individuals, congregations or groups of congregations. Endorsements by one or more Presbytery Councils will strengthen the application.
 - **NEED** – Requested funds are necessary to carry out the proposed activity. The proposed ministry does not duplicate other efforts.
 - **OTHER CONSIDERATIONS** – geographic distribution of funds across the PPG, potential for project replication and willingness to share experience, outreach, collaboration. Is the proposal simply a request for seed money from the requested Synod grant, or will it become part of the ongoing financial commitment of the Synod – and why?

Forms to facilitate this process will be available on the Synod's and Presbyteries' websites.

CALENDAR:

The convener of the "CENTRAL NY" PPG will ensure that an annual calendar of meetings and deadlines is circulated, and that the following information is sent out at least 2 weeks prior to each deadline to all Synod commissioners within the Central NY PPG, Presbytery and Council Moderators, EPs and Stated Clerks:

- a reminder of the approaching deadline
- a report of funds available to the PPG for the current year
- a report of financial commitments already made by the PPG (distinguishing between programmatic and consultant funds)

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