

Albany Presbytery
Rural Initiative Fund

The Rural Initiative Fund was created to help churches in more sparsely populated areas find new and creative ways to engage their communities in ministry. Churches may use this money as seed money for a new program, to purchase equipment or resources for new or ongoing programs, or to expand an existing program. The maximum grant will be \$1000 per church per year.

Guidelines:

- Churches must fill out the Rural Initiative Fund Application and send the completed application to the presbytery office
- Grants will be made throughout the year until all funds are used
- A church will only receive one grant per year
- Grant applications must be approved by the church's Session
- Grants will not be given for building repair and/or maintenance

Some examples of possible projects:

- Vacation Bible School
- Digital Projector for worship
- After School Program
- Concert series
- Arts programs

Application for Funds

Date: _____

Church Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Is this a new project? _____

The name, nature and description of project: _____

Who is the person or committee responsible for seeing the project through to completion?

Clerk of Session: _____

How does this project enhance the mission of your church?

What is the total budget needed for the project? (If you have a budget for the project, please attach to the application) _____

What is the amount requested of the Albany Presbytery Rural Initiative Fund?

What are the specific goals and plans for implementation of the project?

How will you evaluate the results of the project objectively?

Date of Session approval: _____

Signature of Applicant

Title of Applicant

All grant monies are expected to be used for the project outlined in this application.

Any unused funds are to be returned to Albany Presbytery

We do not require, but would appreciate, a final report.

Completed applications should be returned to:

Albany Presbytery
info@albanypresbytery.org

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