

## Upper Susquehanna Synod Bold Ideas Grants

This Upper Susquehanna Synod grant is to encourage congregations in trying bold ideas for loving their neighbors and putting faith into action in their communities.

The hope is for the fruits of this grant to report, as Paul did regarding the Macedonians, "...(T)he surprising and generous ways in which God is working in the churches..." (2 Corinthians 8:1, *The Message*)

Ministries considered for a Bold Ideas Grant will:

- 1) Initiate a new idea for ministry, or an expansion of a current ministry which transforms it into something new;
- 2) Focus on meeting a community need;
- 3) Have a clearly articulated use for the funds;
- 4) Identify potential lasting effects of the ministry;
- 5) Identify a plan for lifting up the ministry in local and synod media.

Additionally:

- Preferential consideration will be given to programs which involve collaboration with other congregations and/or community groups;
- Grants may be awarded to be distributed over a period of up to three years, in decreasing amounts each year;
- Second and third year distributions (where applicable) will be contingent upon reporting and assessment of current year activity;
- Grants will be considered for amounts of \$5,000-\$50,000

Applications will be accepted and considered on a rolling basis, with the opportunity to submit at any time. To apply, congregations will complete the application and submit it as instructed on the application. The committee may reach out for more information if they feel that is needed to make their decision.

**Bold Ideas Grant Application**  
Upper Susquehanna Synod

Congregation submitting application:

Contact person name:

Contact person email:

Contact person phone number:

Date of application:

**WHAT** do you plan to do? (Describe your ministry idea. Identify any partners you plan to collaborate with.)

**WHY** are you planning this ministry? (What need are you seeing? Who will benefit? What lasting benefit do you hope will result?)

**HOW MUCH** money do you need? How will you use the funds? Be as specific as possible. Include a budget if available.

email the completed application to Sue Ellen Spotts, Director for Evangelical Mission at  
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