

Regional Hunger Grant Procedures and Application

Presbytery of Western North Carolina Nickel-A-Meal Mission Program (Revised March 2017)

"...as a matter of equality, your abundance at the present time should supply their want, so that their abundance may supply your want..." II Corinthians 8:14 (RSV)

The Presbytery of Western North Carolina seeks to be faithful to God's call to feed the hungry and speak up for the poor and needy in ways that range from providing direct aid to addressing the perceived causes of hunger. One specific response is the Presbytery's commitment to the Nickel-A-Meal Mission Program. Of the funds raised through Nickel-A-Meal, 55% will be directed to international programs and agencies approved by the PCUSA or the Presbytery's Coordinating Council, 40% will be disbursed to regional programs addressing the needs of people who are poor and hungry, and 5% will be available for educational and administrative costs of the program (unused funds from this 5% will be reallocated for regional grants).

PROCEDURES:

1. Submit a completed application form along with a letter of endorsement from a Presbyterian Church in your locality to:

NICKEL-A-MEAL MISSION PROGRAM
PRESBYTERY OF WNC
114 SILVER CREEK ROAD
MORGANTON, NC 28655

2. Applications must be received by the deadline of April 1 (disbursed in July) or October 1 (disbursed in January).
3. Expect a scheduled visit at your project site by a member(s) of the Presbytery's Hunger Committee.
4. Prepare to send a representative of your project to make a presentation before the Presbytery's Hunger Committee.
5. Approval process first involves consideration by the Presbytery's Hunger Committee. Then the Committee's decision must be approved by the Presbytery's Coordinating Council before any grant is awarded.
6. If approved:
 - A. The check will be presented to your program at the sponsoring Presbyterian church by a representative of the Hunger Committee. (The sponsoring church may elect to present it at a separate celebration.)
 - B. Prepare to share about your program with other churches in our Presbytery:
 - 1) You are encouraged to send photos of your project in action to be posted on the Presbytery's website.
 - 2) Participate in Presbytery announcements and workshops to share the good news about what you are doing.
 - C. NOTE: The Hunger Committee generally does not fund programs on successive years.

Date received by Presbytery office: _____

Amount awarded: \$ _____

**APPLICATION FOR PRESBYTERY OF WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA REGIONAL
NICKEL-A-MEAL HUNGER GRANT**

Name of Program: _____

Amount Requested: \$ _____

Brief Statement of Program's Purpose and Intended Use of this Grant:

Contact Person(s): _____

Address of Program: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Brief Directions (to the program site): _____

Name of Local Sponsoring Presbyterian Church: _____

(*Attach letter of endorsement*)

Sponsoring Church Contact Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Criteria for Consideration in Awarding Regional Grants

1. This nonprofit program operates within the geographical boundaries of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina.
2. This program has the endorsement of one or more Presbyterian churches in this Presbytery. (Include a letter of endorsement from at least one Presbyterian Church in your area.)
3. This program specifically addresses the needs of the hungry and food insecure through the provision of food, meals, or nutrition education. (*over*)

Mindful of the above criteria, answer the following on a separate page(s) and please be concise:

1. What human need(s) does your proposed or existing program seek to meet?
2. How long has your program been in operation and what has been accomplished? (If yours is an existing program, identify here the types of groups or individuals and age levels you have served, and the number of persons served in the past twelve months).
3. List the goals you will pursue in the next twelve months. Include the approximate numbers and types of people you hope to help.
4. Tell what short range and long range solutions your program provides to address the chronic conditions of hunger.
5. Does your program encourage those benefiting from your services to be involved in the creation and implementation of the program? If so, how?
6. Does your program encourage the self improvement of your participants?
7. List the churches and organizations involved with your program. (Specify how Presbyterians are involved.)
8. Explain how your program will continue if this is only a one time grant.

FUNDING INFORMATION ON THE PROGRAM

(Include a full copy of the budget if helpful)

Total budget for your fiscal year, ___/___/_____ to ___/___/_____, is \$ _____

EXPENSES		INCOME (list all income & sources)
Personnel (salaries)	\$ _____ \$ _____ \$ _____	_____ \$ _____ _____ \$ _____ _____ \$ _____
Operating (rent, utilities, etc.)	\$ _____	_____ \$ _____
Program (food costs, any direct aid to persons served)	\$ _____	_____ \$ _____
Other expenses (list)	\$ _____	_____ \$ _____
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ _____	TOTAL INCOME \$ _____

RETURN COMPLETED FORM, ALONG WITH A LETTER OF ENDORSEMENT TO:

**NICKEL A MEAL MISSION PROGRAM
PRESBYTERY OF WNC
114 SILVER CREEK ROAD
MORGANTON, NC 28655**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF HUNGER COMMITTEE:

Recommended for: \$ _____

Denied (reason): _____