

New Mission Statement for Mission Presbytery (approved 2022):

As Mission Presbytery, we connect diverse leaders and congregations by providing opportunities for worship, learning, and service so that all can flourish through God's grace.

Better Together Fund

Application Form & Guidelines

Eligibility

- A Mission Presbytery Congregation, Worshipping Community, or New Church Development must be the initiator of a Better Together Fund grant and may be the initiator on only one grant.
- Each initiator must pair with at least one Mission Presbytery Congregation, Worshipping Community, or New Church Development. In addition, they may also partner with other ministries.
- Any Mission Presbytery Congregation, Worshipping Community, New Church Development or Mission Partner of Mission Presbytery may support the grant or be a supporter on multiple grant submissions.
- Because the purpose of The Better Together Fund is for groups to participate together, collaboration is a requirement. Collaboration is defined as all parties involved in planning and implementing the grant activities together. Be sure the application explains this clearly.
- Each grant application must further the mission of the Presbytery (see above).
- This grant is intended for mission and ministry projects. Applications for capital improvements will not be considered.
- Only grant requests submitted on the “Better Together Fund – Application Form” will be considered.

Note: The primary focus of the BTF grants is to stimulate new collaboration among Mission Presbytery churches. So, although a proposal *may* ask for BTF funds to support existing projects and collaborations, realize that such a proposal may be given lower priority during the grant awards process.

Submissions

Complete this application form and submit it by email or US Mail. Applications (the form below, answers to statements and questions, can be scanned and emailed to missionpby@missionpby.org. The application packet (as stated above) may also be sent via US Mail to Mission Presbytery, Attn: Better Together Fund, 7201 Broadway St., Suite #303, San Antonio, TX 78209.

Deadline and Notification of Approved Grant Requests

The applications are due by Friday April 14th, 2023, 5:00 pm, in the Presbytery Office, or by email. Grant approvals will be communicated prior to the June Presbytery Meeting. Checks will be presented at the June Presbytery Meeting or mailed to the recipients if no one collects the check.

Available Funds

The Better Together Fund functions like an endowment and the interest earned, approximately \$55,000, will be awarded in June, 2023. Applicants should take the annual amount to be awarded into consideration when making a request. Grants are intended to be used in full rather than being added to another ministry's endowment.

Follow-Up Requirements

Each June, or eleven months after a grant has been made from the Better Together Fund, the Stewardship Team will request a report on the completed project. The purpose of the reports is to allow the whole presbytery to celebrate successful projects. They may be presented as tri-fold displays, power point presentations, videos that can be shared on the Mission Presbytery website or at MP meetings, etc.

Better Together Fund Application

Please complete this form and submit it by email or US Mail. Also include by email or paper application the answers to the statements and questions following the form.

Emails should be sent to missionpby@missionpby.org.

Paper packets may also be sent by US mail to Mission Presbytery, Attn: Accountant, 7201 Broadway St., Suite #303, San Antonio, TX 78209.

Name of the congregation initiating the grant:

Name to be used when referring to the grant:

Mailing Address:

Physical Address (if different):

Phone: _____

Contact Person/Title:

Phone: _____

Email: _____

On a separate page or pages, please respond to the following requests:

1. Briefly describe the project for which you are requesting funds including the needs to be addressed and the number of people to be served.
2. Briefly explain how it will help the Presbytery fulfill its mission.
3. Explain how you will assess the success of this project/program including who will benefit over the next one to three years.
4. Provide a budget showing as specifically as possible all the planned sources of funding (including the BTG funds being requested) with amounts and the likely expenditures with estimated costs.
5. Explain specifically how the Better Together funds would be used.
6. Explain the supervision and accountability for this financial support.
7. List the PCUSA/Mission Presbytery collaborators on this grant and the roles of each.
8. Please provide the name and contact information of someone who will represent your project at the June presbytery meeting if you are awarded a BTF grant. If no one can attend, please provide a mailing address for the check, along with a specific person to whose attention it should be directed to make sure it is properly deposited.

NOTE: the endorsement of a committee of Mission Presbytery is NO LONGER REQUIRED. However, including them in your collaboration may strengthen your proposal.

Checklist:

- o Initiated by a church congregation
- o One or more partner congregations or entities
- o Other entities (optional)
- o Presbytery's mission addressed in the grant application
- o Items 1 – 8
- o Official form completed
- o Application at presbytery office by April 14, 2023, by 5:00 pm (a hard deadline).