

Cents-Ability Program Grant Information

The Presbytery of the Cascades

Mission Support Committee

Hunger Task Unit

FUNDING SOURCE: The Cents-Ability Program encourages every Presbyterian to give 5¢ for each meal consumed, as a means of keeping the hungry ever before us. These monies are typically gathered monthly by the congregation during a special offering. The congregation is encouraged to keep 1/3 for its own hunger ministry, send 1/3 to the Presbytery of the Cascades for Cents-Ability Grants, and 1/3 to the Presbyterian Hunger Program of our denomination. Additional funds for the presbytery portion are collected at meals when the Presbytery of the Cascades meets. The Hunger Task Unit of the Mission Support Committee distributes the presbytery portion of the Cents-Ability offering by providing Hunger Grants.

GUIDELINES: The goal is to assist programs that address the needs of the hungry. Priority will be given to new programs seeking seed money, although grant requests from ongoing food programs will also be considered.

The Hunger Task Unit will consider grant requests for up to \$1,000 from any ongoing food program which is partnered with one of the Presbyterian Churches in the presbytery. They will also consider grant requests for up to \$750 from non-church-partnered programs. All grant recipients must meet the criteria below. The Hunger Task Unit may also approve grant requests above the maximum amounts for special projects administered by the Hunger Task Unit.

The Hunger Task Unit seeks to fund direct food relief and/or hunger advocacy programs. Request for funding of public relations activities will not be considered.

CRITERIA:

The Grant Application must be downloaded from www.cascadespresbytery.org web site and completed. Each application must indicate how the funds are to be used. If the application is from a Presbyterian Church project, it must be signed by the pastor or Clerk of Session. If the application is from a non-church-partnered program, it must be signed by the program director.

Acceptance of a grant from the Hunger Task Force shall be considered as a commitment by the receiving entity to submit a Self-Evaluation Form (available on line) within one month after the completion of the project or grant period. Subsequent grant applications will not be considered without this form.

Grant Applications are due May 1st of each year. Granting decisions will be made by September 1st of each year and announced shortly thereafter. Applications should be sent to Presbytery of the Cascades, 0245 SW Bancroft Street, Suite D, Portland, OR 97239-4272.