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BISBEE COMMUNITY MISSION GRANTS

OUR MISSION: "The Presbytery of the Cascades' Community Mission Grants program seeks to provide grants for projects which strive to strengthen the bonds of community, neighborhood and family. We wish to encourage and promote ecumenical ministries, interdenominational and interfaith cooperation."

OUR FUND: In 1991 Kathrine Bisbee left funds in the Oregon Community Foundation the earnings from which are be distributed annually to three organizations, including Cascades Presbytery. The Bisbee Grants Team awards these grants, each year selecting an area of focus. Typically, the grants run up to \$1,500.

OUR 2021 FOCUS: By any measure, 2020 was a year of challenges, tragedies, frightening events and for many, loss, or devastation. Such traumatic events inevitably leave wounds that do not heal themselves. Keenly aware of this reality, during 2021, Bisbee Community Grants will continue its focus on the area of **mental health**. We are promoting this theme early in the year to allow congregations an abundance of time to observe what is going on in and around them, to reflect on where there are needs, and to develop a proposal for addressing these needs, in conformity with the mission statement above.

POSSIBLE 2021 BISBEE MISSION GRANT EMPHASES

Below are some suggestions for mental health needs that could become projects. However, applicants are encouraged to think broadly and not be limited by this list.

- Congregations struggling to remain as Body of Christ when they only see one another electronically
- The deep sense of loss from natural disasters
- The alienation and polarization of our political processes
- The new visibility of racism and how it affects all people
- The impact of extended isolation
 - Upon those living alone
 - Upon those in care facilities
 - Upon students missing their peers
- The fear and frustration of being unable to get vaccinated if desired
- The loss of loved ones to COVID-19
- The sense of desperation among the swelling ranks of homeless people
- The impact of closed schools on students, teachers, and families
- The wounds to human dignity of job loss, closed businesses, and economic pain

For more information go to: <https://www.cascadespresbytery.org/grants/>