

PRESBYTERIAN COMMITTEE ON THE SELF-DEVELOPMENT OF PEOPLE 2016 GRANTS AND PROGRAMS

INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS

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| AFRICA | \$27,500 |
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| Presbyterian Church in Rwanda, Rwanda | \$7,500 |
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The Church of Rwanda will provide assistance to agricultural projects, handicrafts projects, water supply and electricity, etc. using SDOP guidelines.

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| West Africa Initiative, Liberia & Sierra Leone | \$20,000 |
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This is an initiative between Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program, Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People, and various ecumenical partners to improve the food security and economic status of communities, families and individuals through technical training, follow up technical support and small grants for project activities

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| LATIN AMERICA/CARIBBEAN | \$37,500 |
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| Centro de Solidaridad Para el Desarrollo de la Mujer, Inc. (CE-MUJER) Santo Domingo, DR | \$7,500 |
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An intermediary partner committed to improving the quality of life of those living in economically poor communities by assisting in their empowerment through self-management, education, training in technical skills, income generation, health and public politics with influence on both the national and local level.

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| Maskall Agriculture Farmers' Cooperative Society Limited, Belize District, Belize | \$15,000 |
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The project involves construction of a facility that meets the Pesticides Control Board criteria for the storage, distribution, and sale of agro-chemical, animal feed, hardware, etc. to replace a small wood/zinc building the control board deemed unsafe and unusable for the intended purpose.

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| Los pequeños Agricultores y Ganaderos de Nago Bank Cooperative Society Ltd. Belize District, Belize | \$15,000 |
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This project entails building a central depot that will allow buyers to purchase farm harvest from the group. The depot will also serve as a central meeting space for the cooperative members.

TOTAL INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS: \$65,000

DOMESTIC PROJECTS

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| MIDWEST | \$8,000 |
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| Stitching up Detroit, MI | \$5,000 |
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The group received a technical assistance grant.

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| We the People of Detroit, Detroit, MI | \$3,000 |
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This was a technical assistance grant.

NORTHEAST**\$78,300****Somali Bantu Community Mutual Assistance Association of Lewiston/Auburn, ME** **\$14,300**

This project is led by the women who connected to the Mutual Assistance Association. They set the programming agenda which includes literacy programming, farming and basket-weaving. These activities will help empower the young women with skills for employment and better education.

Damayan Cleaning cooperative, New York, NY **\$15,000**

The ten women in this for this worker owned cooperative are members of the Damayan Immigrant Workers Association who need to find regular employment where they feel safe, respected and part of the community. The women will control and benefit from the cooperative. Four of the 10 women were trafficked in the past.

Wayside Outreach and Development Inc., Brooklyn, NY **\$4,000**

This group of senior citizens seeks to replace equipment and supplies lost or damaged during renovation; to provide training in arts, crafts and sewing to seniors to improve their quality of life.

Street Vendor Project, New York, NY **\$15,000**

The project will assist project group members who are seeking to lift the cap on the number of street vendor licenses and permits from 3,000 to 6,000. Currently hundreds of street vendors are denied their own permit and are forced to lease licenses from those who have a permit.

Nobody Leaves Mid-Hudson, Poughkeepsie, NY **\$15,000**

Through its Peoples Power Campaign project, this group is seeking to shift the balance of power within the energy utility system towards low-income people. Group members believe all people need access to affordable and sufficient electricity, heating, and cooling. Presently, they are gathering evidence for a Public Utilities Commission Investigation.

New York State Youth Leadership Council, New York, NY **\$15,000**

This project is designed to make higher education more accessible and easier to navigate for undocumented students and others like them by providing better information/support

to students. It includes teaching university and high school administrators and faculty about undocumented student's needs and capabilities.

SOUTH**\$29,450****Equipping, Encouraging & Empowering Workers in Vredenbug, AL** **\$14,450**

This project will assist underemployed and unemployed residents prepare for the workforce through test preparation and GED classes. More than half of Vredenbug residents live in poverty. The project will help group members improve their quality of life by being better educated and learning how to seek and keep jobs.

VEGGI Farmer's Cooperative, New Orleans, LA **\$15,000**

This multi-ethnic farmer's cooperative grows fresh vegetables to sell to the public as well as grocers in East New Orleans. The cooperative members share equally in the work, liability and distribution of profits. The grant will assist the cooperative by creating sustainable income for the members through sustainable agriculture.

WEST**\$42,900****Families & Criminal Justice, Los Angeles, CA** **\$14,900**

This peer to peer support group works with women that are incarcerated or recently released to improve their health. These women received training in peer to peer relationship building and counseling techniques and began support groups for other women incarcerated in the Los Angeles county jail and those recently released.

Radio Indigena (Indigenous Radio Station), Oxnard, CA **\$15,000**

This project is a nonprofit community radio station which broadcasts in indigenous languages to serve the community in Ventura County. The group decides and works on topics for broadcasting, including indigenous music, cultural affairs, and social and political issues. Many members have been trained to operate the radio station and to be volunteer community DJ's.

Community Tenants Association, San Francisco, CA **\$13,000**

focuses on empowering and organizing association members to make decisions about housing issues, public policy matters, and campaigns that directly affect them and their families.

TOTAL DOMESTIC PROJECTS:
\$158,650

SYNOD AND PRESBYTERY PROJECTS

SYNOD OF THE COVENANT **\$22,154.29**

Detroit Presbytery

Central Community Revitalization project, Detroit, MI **\$5,450**

The project is focused on community and leadership development. Group members plan to rid their community of its blight. The group's goal is to improve/increase investment, entrepreneurship and better quality of life for themselves and other community residents within their community.

Cooking with a Purpose, Detroit, MI **\$5,200**

This project will focus on group members engaging in training/skills development in culinary arts and small business preparation. This will help group members to find a way to make an income and thus improve their standard of living.

Administrative Expenses: **\$200**
TOTAL **\$10,850**

Lake Michigan Presbytery

Creative Crafting Collective, Kalamazoo, MI **\$5,000**

This income generating project consists of a group of economically poor women that knit, spin and make yarn. They plan to sell the items they make at various bazaars. The

grant will enable them to buy supplies to build an inventory of their products and thus increase their sales.

Administrative Expenses: **\$803.29**
TOTAL **\$5,803.29**

Scioto Valley Presbytery

Administrative Expenses: **\$600**
TOTAL **\$600**

Western Reserve Presbytery

King Capital Ent LLC/Recording Studio, North Randall, OH **\$754**

The grant will enable this low-income group to purchase recording studio equipment to produce music for events and performances it holds. The project will involve skills development and leadership and community engagement. It will also help generate income from developing music production products and the sale of merchandising items.

Urban Farmers' to Entrepreneurs, Cleveland, OH **\$3,016**

This group of socially and economically disadvantaged farmers is seeking to purchase soil, seeds, and tools. Most urban farmers struggle to understand and address a mix of city permits and policies that affect their ability to garden or farm, which can lead to increased time and costs. It is often difficult to recruit banks to invest in start-ups. Having an indoor farming facility that allows individuals to grow in a 20'x30'x15' space year round using collective resources and having harvested rainwater will dramatically reduce the cost of operating for individuals and groups and increase their profitability. This opportunity demonstrates a tremendous cost saving for the individuals and the group.

We Are One, Cleveland, OH **\$1,131**

This project is comprised of a diverse group of people seeking to improve their self-sufficiency and economic well-being through designing t-shirts.

TOTAL **\$4,901**

SYNOD OF LAKES AND PRAIRIES**\$63,560.84****Synod of Lakes and Prairies****Tenant Coalition Training of Fargo-Moorhead Area, Moorhead, MN \$20,000**

This group of low-income refugees seeks to become economically self-sufficient and to improve their financial skills. They will receive training in facility management, business plans, tenants' rights and microenterprise. Long term goals are aimed at sustaining their financial security, workforce development, and cultural marketing by preventing conditions that perpetuate joblessness, homelessness and poverty. The project will help reduce poverty amongst the group members and their dependency on public assistance and make the transition of living in a new country less scary and somewhat easier for them as new refugees.

Community Voter Registration Training, Moorhead, MN**\$25,000**

The project is comprised of economically poor new immigrants that seek to advocate against the legislative and economic disempowerment of themselves and other immigrants, especially those residing in rural locations with limited resources. Group members seek to receive training in organizing and advocacy skills and thus achieve equity in jobs, housing, representation and development.

TOTAL**\$45,000****Minnesota Valleys Presbytery****Community Coffee Center, Worthington, MN \$1,000**

The project is a coffee shop/refugee and learning center for African immigrants. It will be a safe place to meet, reconnect, host a computer section, and receive speakers on subjects of securing jobs, holding families together, the value of staying in school and navigating social and healthcare systems. It will also be a hub for cultural awareness.

South Sudan Cultural/Language Camp, St. Cloud, MN \$1,839.05

This project is focused on language and cultural education and exchange between two generations. The parents will learn English and the U.S. culture. Their children will learn the Neur language and culture. This will help facilitate effective conversations between

the two generations, assist parents in interpreting at medical appointments, paying bills, completing job applications and securing drivers licenses.

Administrative Expenses:**\$315.45****TOTAL****\$3,154.50****Northern Plains and Dakota Presbytery****Learning Voting Registration Process to Become a Better Citizen, Moorhead, MN \$2,539.40**

This project's focus is on the education of economically poor Kurdish community members on the voting process and thereby becoming better citizens (through learning about the registration and voting process). This will be done through community organizing and education of fellow Kurdish community residents.

TOTAL**\$2,539.40****Northern Waters Presbytery****The Myth of Race, The Reality of Racism, Duluth, MN \$1,300**

The project seeks to help heal project members and other people in the Duluth, MN and Superior WI area who have been oppressed by racism. There will be a series of community programs held to challenge the myth of race and the reality of racism. Participants will gain the necessary tools on ways they can work together to build and sustain a community for all people.

TOTAL**\$1,300****Twin Cities Area Presbytery****Inner City Fatherhood Gallery, Brooklyn Park, MN \$3,000**

This project works with Inner City Fathers to offer support, education, and problem solving surrounding an exhibit of gallery photos. Group members want to explore the art

of fatherhood through myriad ways including shifting the dialogue on fatherhood to a conversation through pictures.

Launch Retreat, Chaska, MN \$2,566.94

The project involves a 3 day, 2-night retreat for struggling 18-29-year-old young adults and their children. The project is needed as it would provide a much-needed stress free opportunity for participants to focus on spiritual and life transformation in a home-like, inspiring setting. In addition to community building and specific workshops on self-development issues (examples: boundaries, interpersonal skills, employment, etc.), the entire event will provide a necessary opportunity for individuals under constant stress, and most in crisis, to have an opportunity to feel safe for a short, but extended period and to learn life skills and coping mechanisms for daily application.

Leadership for Social Justice Literacy Campaign, St. Paul, MN \$3,000

This project is focused on promoting literacy, fostering leadership development and promoting cultural awareness. The project will seek to engage students from marginalized communities.

Wellness, Invitation, Relationship & Community (WIRCC) Center, Minneapolis, MN \$3,000

The project seeks to bring various communities together to build bridges of connection and mutual understanding. Project members believe relationships change assumptions and perspectives. Learning and teaching a non-violent form of self-defense builds a sense of personal power and authority, promoting mutuality. Group members are striving to build better connections between law enforcement and marginalized communities by encouraging personal health and well-being for all.

TOTAL \$11,566.94

SYNOD OF LINCOLN TRAILS \$3,399.12

Chicago Presbytery

The Crochet Queens of Facing Forward, Chicago, IL \$750

The project seeks to increase the economic and financial security of the women involved in the project by utilizing their natural skills to create an enhanced economic means to generate additional income beyond public benefits.

Father's Rights, Chicago, IL \$2,000

This is a project by and for low-income fathers to advocate for their parental rights in child support cases. They will help other low-income fathers navigate the legal system through self-education of the legal process.

The Lunch Room/Free Lunch, Chicago, IL \$2,000

Group members hope to become more active in the community development/problem solving process through community education presentations, themed radio programming, leadership and public speaking training. Group members aim to improve their leadership skills, self-confidence and financial independence and to strengthen community collaboration.

Journeys that are Unique & Shared Together (J.U.S.T.) Project, Forest Park, IL \$500

This is a project by and for fathers and other male caregivers dealing with autism and other mental issues. Also included within the project is a support group for parents or caregivers.

Administrative Expenses: \$149.12

TOTAL \$3,399.12

SYNOD OF MID AMERICA \$5,335

Giddings Lovejoy Presbytery

Youth Exploring Purpose College and Scholarship Workshop, St. Louis, MO \$1,715

The project seeks to increase the number of low-income students who attend college and to increase the economic opportunities for families by providing them with life skills in areas of education and financial independence. In the long term, the project seeks to assist as many low-income/underrepresented youth and their families with the tools necessary to acquire a college degree.

Making Life Work Conference for Young Adults, Ferguson, MO \$3,310

This group of low-income young adults seeks to participate in training that will enable them to obtain skills related to finding employment, appropriate education and housing. Group members will also have opportunities to self-discover solutions to everyday emotional and mental challenges that they face.

Administrative Expenses: **\$310**

TOTAL **\$5,335**

SYNOD OF THE MID-ATLANTIC **\$9,145.90**

Baltimore Presbytery

Baltimore Youth Organizing Project, Baltimore, MD **\$1,000**

This group of low-income youth seeks to organize the collective voice of young people (including theirs) in Baltimore city that have powerful stories and creative ideas for improving their community. They seek to build a platform with which to share their thoughts with public officials. Through community organizing trainings, individual meetings, house meetings and meetings with public officials, the BYOP speaks to public policy issues that affect young people in the city.

Glenwood Life Recovery Garden, Baltimore, MD **\$3,000**

This project is phase 2 of a recently developed community garden in a formerly vacant, trash strewn lot in the Woodbourne McCabe neighborhood. It will include hiring of a part time project manager and employing neighborhood youth for the summer through Baltimore City Youth Works Program. The project also seeks to improve the land adjacent to the garden, selling the produce at the Govan's Farmers Market in the summer of 2017 and partnering with neighboring community associations to help with their greening or beautification projects.

Jubilee Arts – Youth in Business Project, Baltimore, MD **\$1,000**

This youth-led business coop sells t-shirts, ceramic mugs, jewelry, tote bags, ceramic flower pots and address signs. The youth attend classes at Jubilee several days a week. They sell their items at various community events. All items are designed, created, marketed and sold by the youth. The project helps the youth generate an income and keep them off the streets which are rife with drugs and gang violence.

Youth Empowerment Summer Camp, Baltimore, MD **\$3,000**

The grant will support a youth empowerment summer camp in the Woodbourne-McCabe community. A camp hosted in the neighborhood offers a safe space that is affordable and conveniently located.

Administrative Expenses: **\$417.78**

TOTAL **\$8,417.78**

James Presbytery

Administrative Expenses: **\$728.12**

TOTAL **\$728.12**

SYNOD OF LIVING WATERS **\$160**

South Alabama Presbytery

Administrative Expenses: **\$160**

TOTAL **\$160**

SYNOD OF THE NORTHEAST **\$14,944.48**

Genesee Valley Presbytery

People Organizing for Worker Empowerment and Respect (P.O.W.E.R.), Rochester, NY **\$5,023**

This project is comprised of low-income home health aid workers focused on advocating for increased wages and better working conditions. The workers plan to educate themselves and other workers in the area and to thus build a network of home health aides that can support each other.

Conkey Cruisers Free Neighborhood Bicycling to Better Health Voyage, Rochester, NY, \$1,748

Low-income group members of this neighborhood recycling program want to increase their physical activity as well as that of their community residents. Their goal is to decrease obesity and teach healthy food choices in the Northeast Crescent, an economically poor area of Rochester.

TOTAL \$6,771

Hudson River Presbytery

Project Genesis/Gods' Disciples, Peekskill, NY \$5,173.48

This after school education program seeks to help bridge the gap between school programs for economically poor youth and other surrounding communities school programs. The youth serve on the board and the program provides a haven for them as well as a place to be nurtured and to grow through music and dance and to share their common struggles and how to overcome them.

Hudson Valley Immigrant Organizing, Newburgh, NY \$3,000

This is a community organizing project meant to help develop leadership skills of group members primarily Latino and those of African origin. The project will include participating in training and collaborating on community problems such as public transportation and poor quality housing.

TOTAL \$8,173.48

SYNOD OF THE PACIFIC \$24,002.33

Cascades Presbytery

Bicycle Mechanic Certification, Redmond, OR \$2,500

The Empowering Youth Bicycle Program (EYBP), is an earn –a bike-, pay it forward program run by and for this low-income group. The project will lead to certifying group members in professional bicycle repair and shop operations. This will result in project members providing higher quality education when teaching volunteers and clients and result in increased opportunities to produce higher revenues from bicycle sale /service.

Administrative Expenses: \$1502.33

TOTAL \$4,002.33

Redwoods, San Francisco, San Jose Presbytery

The Genesis Youth Organizing Internship Project, Oakland, CA \$20,000

This project is comprised primarily of low-income minority youth seeking to disrupt School-to-Prison Pipeline related problems in Oakland, CA. The Project creates a platform for youth to engage in the public arena, and in particular in juvenile incarceration policy development. The Genesis Youth Organizing Internship project will train low-income youth, many affected by suspension, expulsion and/or incarceration in leadership skills and expose them to opportunities to develop and influence local County criminal justice budgets, programs and policies.

TOTAL \$20,000

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SYNOD OF THE SOUTH ATLANTIC \$2,400

Florida Presbytery

Second Chance of Northwest Florida, Panama City, FL \$2,400

The project seeks to expand its award-winning garden therapy program for adults with brain injuries. This past year with the assistance of previously funding Second Chance kicked off its Craig Garden initiative. Members studied the science, nutrition and horticultural aspects of the vegetables they planted and prepared for meals. The project partnered with Gulf Coast Community College's ENACTUS class to establish a 1500 square ft. garden space on campus. The purpose is to demonstrate the ability to empower local challenged communities. This project placed first this year at the Southeastern Regional held in Atlanta, Georgia.

TOTAL \$2,400

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| SYNOD OF THE TRINITY | \$13,067.50 |
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Administrative Expenses: \$6,124.30

TOTAL \$6,124.30

Philadelphia Presbytery

Exploring Educational Opportunities-Black Male Leadership Initiative,
Philadelphia, PA \$6,000

This is a project comprised of economically poor African American young men. They seek to advance themselves educationally, personally and economically through lectures, workshops and field trips. The project is meant to fill a cultural gap in learning and exposure that is perpetuated by poverty and racism.

TOTAL \$6,000

Pittsburgh Presbytery

Administrative Expenses: \$943.20

TOTAL \$943.20

**TOTAL SYNOD AND PRESBYTERY PROJECTS:
\$158,169.46**