

# Presbyterian Mariners Family Ministry Grant

Grant programs for Presbyterian worshipping communities

## About the Grant

In 2006 the Presbyterian Mariners Board dissolved the organization and created, through the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) a perpetual fund to honor the Mariner's history by continuing to support family ministry in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

Eligible applicants are representatives of a Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) worshipping community, or a Presbyterian-related camp or conference center. The use of the funding is restricted, by the donor, to projects that support family ministry.

Projects eligible for consideration will create or redesign opportunities for family ministry in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Successful projects will propose ways to encourage, nurture, and strengthen family ministry and provide measurable goals for evaluation.

Prior projects have included family night initiatives, a coffee house, refurbishing indoor and outdoor space used for family ministry, intergenerational projects, and programs to equip families to engage faith issues at home.

The program supports 2-3 awards per year. Proposals are received quarterly (March, June, September, December) on the first Friday of the quarter. After review by staff to determine if the proposal is complete and the organization is eligible for consideration, the proposals are considered by a selection committee.

After the selection committee makes its decisions, Financial Aid for Service will contact the grantee. If the proposal was selected, we will prepare a Grant Agreement based on the particulars of the grant proposal and send the agreement to the parties involved in the project for signature. Grants are disbursed to the sponsoring worshipping community or camp and conference center.

Funding is limited; grants are not renewable.

## Start the Application

Go to:

<http://www.pcusa.org/mariners>

Use the application link to apply for funding for your project. The application will provide you with the opportunity to describe your proposed project.

### For the application, be prepared to:

- Identify a project leader, or primary contact.
- Describe the project in one or two sentences.
- Provide a start and end date for the project.

**Deadline:** Quarterly (1st Friday in June)

Funds available: September, December

Complete applications are considered by a selection committee in the deadline month with award announcements made at the end of the month.



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## Application Guidelines

Complete the application at [www.pcusa.org/mariners](http://www.pcusa.org/mariners).

The application will ask you to answer the following:

- Describe the scope of the project. What does it create or re-design?
- How will your project encourage, strengthen, and nurture families?
- What is the sponsoring organization currently doing in family ministry? How does this project fit in with the overall mission and ministry of the worshiping community or camp and conference center?

## Budget

The total cost of the project and how the grant funding will be used. If the total cost of the project exceeds the grant request, the selection committee will need to know if the project's funding has been committed, or if additional fund raising will take place before the start date.

## Sustainability

Will the program continue after the grant is fully disbursed? If so, describe the funding and staff that will enable the program to continue past the initial award of the grant.

## Evaluation and Selection of Awards

Presbyterian Mariners Family Ministry Grant applications received by first Friday in the months of March, June, September, and December are evaluated by staff for eligibility and read by a selection team. Our goal is to bring the proposals to an online selection committee for evaluation, and complete notifications regarding the outcome of the selection process by the end of the same month.

After awardees are selected, Financial Aid for Service drafts a grant agreement encompassing the proposal, reporting requirements, and a disbursement schedule. After the representative of the Presbyterian Mission Agency and worshiping community or camp and conference center signs the grant agreement, the grant payment occurs within 10 days, or on the start date for the project.

If your project is not selected, the applicant will be given the opportunity to revise and re-submit.



## Staff to the Presbyterian Mariners Family Ministry Grant

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