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To: The churches of Palo Duro Presbytery
From: SarahLee Morris, Moderator
Common Life Ministry
Palo Duro Presbytery

2023 Ministry Support Grant

The Common Life Ministry of Palo Duro Presbytery is constantly reviewing guidelines for the administration of Ministry Support Grants. Currently, these guidelines are as follows.

1. The grant application is to be approved by the Session of the congregation before its submission to the committee.
2. Commitments for these grants are made on an annual basis (with application in November for the year following). Decisions will be made this year.
3. All churches have the Christian responsibility of exercising good stewardship, which means making its members aware of the financial needs of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and providing a means for its members to respond financially to these needs. Therefore, it is required that every church receiving a Ministry Support Grant prepare an annual budget based on needs rather than on the anticipated grant and that the information will be shared with the congregation.
4. Each church that receives a Ministry Support Grant is encouraged to seek long-term solutions and budgeting programs independent from the Ministry Support Grant and to share its long-range financial needs and program goals with the Presbytery's Common Life Ministry.
5. Applications should be typed, if possible. A fillable PDF application is on the presbytery's website (www.paloduropresbytery.org/resources) linked to the Resource page.

The attached Ministry Grant Application must be completed in its entirety and **returned by December 4, 2023**, to Palo Duro Presbytery, P.O. Box 16267, Lubbock, TX 79490 or emailed to asstadmin@paloduropresbytery.org. No action will be taken on incomplete applications. The grants for 2024 will be awarded at the Presbytery's Common Life Ministry meeting on a date yet to be announced.

PRESBYTERY'S COMMON LIFE MINISTRY
MINISTRY SUPPORT GRANT APPLICATION

Palo Duro Presbytery

Church Name: _____

Address: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Facebook and/or Website Address: _____

Contact Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

1. Initial short description of mission dollars request: \$_____.
Succinct statement of what the money will be used for:

2. In what ways is your congregation involved in Palo Duro Presbytery?
Are you financially involved? If so, in what way?

3. How does the possible grant affect or change people inside the church and/or outside the church doors in the community?

4. For what is your church best known?

5. How many members participate in church in one way or another each week on average?

Please call the Presbytery office if you have any questions. You may also visit our website for more information. Please return your application by mail or email to the address below.



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Signature of Clerk of Session: _____ Date: _____