

2026 Ministry Support Grant

The Common Life Ministry of Palo Duro Presbytery regularly reviews the guidelines for administering Ministry Support Grants. The current guidelines are as follows:

1. Session approval is required.

The grant application must be reviewed and approved by the Session of the congregation before it is submitted to the Common Life Ministry.

2. Grants are awarded on an annual basis.

Ministry Support Grant commitments are made annually. Applications are submitted during the designated application period. Grant decisions will be made by the Common Life Ministry.

3. Churches are expected to practice responsible stewardship.

Every congregation has a Christian responsibility to exercise good stewardship, make its members aware of the financial needs of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), and provide opportunities for members to respond financially. Accordingly, a congregation receiving a Ministry Support Grant is expected to prepare its annual ministry budget based on its actual ministry needs rather than on the expectation of receiving a grant. This information should be shared with the congregation.

4. Churches are encouraged to develop long-term solutions.

Congregations receiving a Ministry Support Grant are encouraged to work toward long-term financial and ministry solutions that are not dependent on continued grant support. Churches are also encouraged to share their long-range financial needs and ministry goals with the Presbytery's Common Life Ministry.

5. Applications should be completed clearly and thoroughly.

Applications should be typed whenever possible. A fillable PDF application is available on the Resources page of the Palo Duro Presbytery website.

SUBMISSION INFORMATION

The attached Ministry Support Grant Application must be completed in its entirety and submitted by email (PDF or Word attachment) to **melissa@paloduropresbytery.org** or by mail to:

Palo Duro Presbytery
P.O. Box 16267
Lubbock, TX 79490

Applications must be *received* no later than noon on December 7, 2026. Incomplete applications cannot be considered.

The 2026 Ministry Support Grants will be considered and awarded by the Presbytery's Common Life Ministry. The date of the meeting at which grants will be considered will be announced separately.

Palo Duro Presbytery's Common Life Ministry
MINISTRY SUPPORT GRANT APPLICATION

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 with any questions. You may also visit our website for more information. Please return your application by mail or email (PDF or Word attachment) to the address below. **The deadline for *receipt* is December 7, 2026, at noon.**



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Signature of Clerk of Session: _____ Date: _____