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Lifelong Learning Program Grants Omaha Presbyterian Seminary Foundation

OPSF's Lifelong Learning Program Grant provides funds to Presbyterian (USA) institutions, including mid-councils, colleges, seminaries, and camps and conference centers. Grants support educational events, workshops, programs, and seminars which equip congregational leaders, enrich congregational vitality, and strengthen denominational ties.

The mission of the Omaha Presbyterian Seminary Foundation is to seek, develop and support excellence in Christian leadership through the Presbyterian Church (USA).

Priority will be given to funding programs which demonstrate the capacity to strengthen, support, and sustain congregational ministry leaders (ordained and non-ordained).

We encourage you to think holistically about the program you seek funding for. What do congregational leaders need to be equipped and refreshed for the challenges of contemporary ministry? This might include:

- Events
- Training
- Coaching
- Sabbath support
- In-person or online events

Are you struggling to come up with an idea but know you'd like to offer something for the leaders you serve? Here are a few ideas that we have found impactful:

- Retreats for pastors' families or couples, with programming for clergy spouses/partners
- Coaching or Spiritual Direction to provide opportunities for leaders to receive one-on-one guidance
- Training for Ruling Elders/congregational leaders
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion training

We want to partner with you in program development. We want our funds to serve congregations and congregational leaders to the greatest effectiveness, so we are here to dialogue about your potential program. We may be able to help you with speaker recommendations, connect you with a program partner, help you tune your program's event or flow. When you succeed, you provide a framework for other organizations to build from. *To talk about your potential program or brainstorm before or during your application process, reach out to OPSF's president, Shelli Latham at slatham@opsf-omaha.org.*

ORGANIZATIONAL ELIGIBILITY — Must benefit members/leaders from multiple PC(USA) congregations in OPSF's thirteen-state region (Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Wisconsin, Wyoming, Utah). Qualifying organizations include:

- Presbyterian Church (USA) educational institutions
- Governing bodies of the Presbyterian Church (USA)
- Presbyterian Church (USA) Camps and Conference Centers
- Groups of churches which co-sponsor programming
- Ecumenical bodies with strong Presbyterian participation

PROJECT/PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

- *Programs/projects must demonstrate a plan to sustain and/or equip leaders within Presbyterian (USA) congregational settings (including Teaching and Ruling Elders, Commissioned Pastors, Christian Educators, Youth Ministry professionals, Campus Ministers, and key congregational leaders.)*
- We encourage creativity in project/program design, which *may include coaching, leadership development events, and retreats.* (If you would like to discuss the viability of your idea for funding, reach out to OPSF's president, Rev. Shelli Latham, at slatham@opsf-omaha.org.)

GRANT CRITERIA

- Applications are **due October 1** of the year prior to the actual date of the event.
- Applicants must invest in the project in an amount equal to or greater than the request (Cost sharing may include registration fees, matching grants, and in-kind contributions.)
- Funds may be used for
 - Project or program administrative expenses including, stipends, or speaker fees (above current organization's budgeted salaries)
 - Technology or supplies necessary to carry out the project
- Funds may not be used for
 - Building expenses, rent, or other fees related to property
 - Regular operating expenses of the organization
 - Covering existing salary expense
- Competitive applications will
 - Partner with another organization to compound impact
 - Share in the cost of the project through the applying organization's budget
- Maximum request is \$15,000

DISBURSEMENT OF GRANT

- *Grant funds are reimbursed upon completion of the project.* You will be required to return a *request for payment, including final expenses and evaluation* of your project by November 15, 2024.
- The Grant may be reduced if the event has excess income, as we do not intend to generate profit for our supported organizations.

APPLICATION PROCESS

- Applications must be submitted through the online form. [You may read the entire application here.](#) Please gather all necessary information prior to filling out the online form.
- Upload a detailed budget for your program, which includes the grant funds requested and costs shared. We require a standard budget format. [Click here for a budget template.](#)
- Apply by **October 1, 2023.**