

PRESBYTERY OF THE PACIFIC LULU STEVENS GRANT

'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters, you did it to me.'
Matthew 25:40

The Lulu Stevens Grant funds are for congregations of the Presbytery of the Pacific seeking to implement new mission programs in their churches which serve people in their communities with socio-economic need. The intention of this grant is to inspire, equip and engage our congregations in outreach ministries in their communities.

History

Who was Lulu Stevens? No one knows. She was not recorded as a member for any Presbyterian Church in our area. Lulu Steven's death was recorded in 1994, she left a bequest of \$294,000 to the Presbytery of the Pacific. Subsequently, the Presbytery created the Lulu Stevens Fund, the income of the bequest to be used as stipulated by Ms. Stevens.

The Lulu Stevens Grant Program

The Mission Interpretation and Promotion Committee of the Presbytery of the Pacific reviews applications and recommends the awarding of grants through the General Mission Council. Prior grants have been made within the range of \$5,000 to \$20,000. Churches may apply to receive this grant for their project for up to three consecutive years.

Applications are accepted throughout the calendar year. Expect that it might take several months from when you've applied to receive the grant.

Eligibility Requirements

Any Presbyterian (U.S.A.) congregation within the bounds of the Presbytery of the Pacific is eligible to apply each year for a Lulu Stevens grant.

Grant money may not be used for:

- **structural improvements**
- **salary compensation**
- **ongoing support of a non-profit agency**

Lulu Stevens Grant money is to be used to begin or supplement a program which serves those with socio-economic need in a church's local community. If you have any questions about whether your congregation's project is eligible for this grant, please contact the Presbytery office before you submit an application.

An example of a typical Lulu Stevens grant application: *Church A is a small church with a big vision to reach out to its community. They organized a team to talk with people in their neighborhood and discovered there was a need for a low-cost after-school program. Church A organized volunteers and meals for an after-care program three days a week. Church A supplies meals and volunteers but could use some financial assistance*

to provide quality craft supplies and occasionally take the children on field trips. They wanted to fund a coordinator's position but when they realized Lulu Stevens could not be used for salary compensation they decided they would apply for to purchase a larger refrigerator and composting machine.

Application Procedures

Congregations apply for a Lulu Stevens grant by submitting an application that provides a statement of need and goals of the perceived project and the idea for a plan of action. This also includes basic financial information, realistic time line for funding, ordinarily not to exceed three (3) years.

Grant Application Submission

Please submit your grant request by filling out a Lulu Steven's Grant Request Application Form and send it to:

***Mission Interpretation and Promotion Committee
Presbytery of the Pacific
6323 West 80th Street
Los Angeles, California 90045***

In some cases, the MIP Committee will invite applicants to present their application to the committee in person in order to clarify the proposed mission project.

Project Evaluation

Submit a Project Evaluation form upon the completion of the project. If you are applying for continuation of the grant, the Project Evaluation form must accompany the grant application.

QUESTIONS? NEED MORE INFORMATION?

Please contact the Presbytery's website:

www.pacificpresbytery.org

or call (310) 670-5076, extension 102

email veronicas@pacificpresbytery.org

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**Lulu Stevens Grant Request Application for Serving those with
Socio-Economic Need**

Church Information

1. Name of church

2. Name of project to be funded

3. Starting date of project

4. Amount requested

Project Information

1. Please describe in detail the need(s) the project is addressing and how the goal(s) of the projects fit(s) into the vision for the ministry and mission of the church.

2. Please describe in detail the plan of action to achieve the goal(s) of the project, including resources needed and how staff (if any) will be compensated.

Overall Project Budget

1. Please provide a balanced budget for the year, listing all projected income (including all funding sources) and an itemized list of all expenses.

2. Please specifically itemize what out of your overall budget the Lulu Stevens grant will be used for, keeping in mind that it cannot be used for structural repairs or staff compensation.

3. If your congregation is not awarded a Lulu Stevens grant, how will you proceed with the project?

Contact Person

Name:

Daytime Phone:

Evening Phone:

E-Mail Address: