



The Presbytery of Middle Tennessee **Hunger Program**

Operating Guidelines

The Hunger Program is a ministry of the Committee on Mutual Support of the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee and follows the policies and guidelines of The Presbyterian Hunger Program based on the "Common Affirmation on Global Hunger" as amended by the 203rd General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) in 1991. Grants awarded in good faith based on offerings received through Cents-Ability Program throughout the congregations of the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee.

Priorities

The Hunger Program shall assist churches and organizations to address hunger-related issues through:

1. **Direct Food Relief** – Providing food relief to hungry people through food supplements and feeding programs in local communities.
2. **Developmental Assistance** – Providing programs that combat hunger through integrated development and empowerment of people in such areas as agricultural training, nutrition education, economic development, and community organization.
3. **Influencing Public Policy** – Providing advocacy and support in just and peaceful means for policy changes that will provide food for the hungry, empower their self-development, and enable them to be free from oppressive and unjust systems that fail to meet their basic needs.
4. **Life-style Integrity** – Fostering corporate and family lifestyles sensitive to the reality of the earth's limited resources and the critical needs of the human family.
5. **Education and Interpretation** – Providing resources and training strategies to educate about the root causes of hunger and motivate people to action.

Criteria for Grants

1. Proposals shall be consistent with at least one of the five priorities of The Hunger Program.
2. The proposal shall come from an established church or 501(c)(3) organization.
3. The maximum grant awarded will be \$4,000

Application Procedures

1. Grant requests will be accepted year-round.
2. Organizations applying for grants should fill out the Hunger Funding Application in full
3. Submit the completed application via email to: bobby@mborofpc.org or by mail to:
The Presbytery of Middle Tennessee
1113 Murfreesboro Rd. Suite 106, #216
Franklin, TN 37064
4. Applications will be reviewed upon receipt and will be followed up with as soon as possible.

Applications must include the following attachments:

1. Proof of non-profit status 501(c)(3)
2. Current list of board/committee members
3. Budget summary (income and expenses for actual year and projected year)

The Presbytery of Middle Tennessee Hunger Funding Application

Organization Information

Organization Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Street Address, if different: _____

Telephone #: _____

Website (if available): _____

Contact Person: _____

Contact Person's Telephone #: _____

Contact Person's Email address: _____

Date Application Submitted: _____

Amount requested: \$_____

Calendar Year of Funding Request: _____

Endorsement of Local Presbyterian Church (USA) Congregation

Name of Church: _____

Name of Pastor or Clerk of Session: _____

Date Completed: _____

Does your congregation participate in the Cents-Ability offering program? Yes No

Does your congregation participate in or give financially to this mission? If so, in what way?

Comments from endorsing congregation:

Ministry Information

Tell us about your church or organization. (2-3 sentences)

Describe your organization's activities and food/feeding program. (3-5 sentences)
(types of assistance given, guidelines used, number of people/families assisted, etc.)

Describe your organizational/administrative structure. (3-5 sentences)
(director, staffing, paid/volunteer ratio, etc.)

How does your program relate to at least one of the five priorities? (2-3 sentences)

Narrative Statement. Please share a fuller picture of what you're hoping to do. How would this grant contribute to your broader mission? (3-5 sentences)