



Church Mission Life Committee Grant Distribution Guidelines

1. Purpose

The Mission Life Committee (MLC) provides annual grants to support initiatives within our church, our local community, and international organizations. These grants aim to enhance outreach, social justice efforts, and faith-based service projects. Given the growing number of applicants and limited funding, we strive to balance long-term relationships with new applicants to ensure equitable distribution of resources.

2. Eligibility Criteria

- Grants are available to internal Montview ministries, local community organizations, and international non-profit organizations.
- Applicants must demonstrate financial responsibility, align with our MLC Annual Focus Areas, and articulate a clear plan for their project.
- Grantees must annually provide a report of grant dollars.

3. Focus Areas & Funding Allocation

- **MLC Annual Focus Areas**
Eligible Organizations and Projects will seek to address social injustice and serve marginalized communities through one or more of the following pathways:
 - Homelessness and housing
 - Food justice and hunger relief
 - Health care (including mental health)
 - Education
 - Environmental/green initiatives
 - Anti-racism

MLC may determine an area of focus for the applicants.

- **Internal Projects (15%) – Yearly (\$12,750)**
Montview Boulevard Presbyterian Church organized and managed programs. A one-year seed grant of up to \$5,000, renewable for up to three years.
- **Denver Metro Area (30%) - Three-Year Grant Cycle (\$25,500)**
Organizations working on initiatives that address one or more of the main focus areas. Three-year grant cycle with yearly updates.

- **International Communities (30%) - Three-Year Grant Cycle (\$25,500)**
Organizations working on initiatives that address one or more of the focus areas in international communities. Three-year grant cycle with yearly updates.
- **Opportunities (10%) – Yearly (\$8,500)**
This category provides MLC funding discretion for new opportunities in local or international locations needing quick action sooner than the traditional multi-year grant cycle. A one-year grant.
- **Presbytery Partnerships (15%) – Ongoing (\$12,750)**
Partnerships with Montview Boulevard Presbyterian Church supporting the Presbytery

4. Long-Term Funding Policy

- Organizations may receive funding for a maximum of **3 consecutive years**. A grant may be renewed once, after which a **1–3-year break** occurs before reapplying.
- This allows for a more inclusive distribution of funds, ensuring new applicants have an opportunity while balancing strong relationships with long-term partners.
- With limited funding, a long-term relationship can benefit Montview and the organization receiving the grant.

5. Funding Cycles

- **Year One: (2026)**
International Communities (three-year cycle) + Opportunities + Internal Projects + Annual reviews.
- **Year Two: (2027)**
Denver Metro Area (three-year cycle) + Opportunities + Internal Projects + Annual reviews.
- **Year Three: (2028)**
Opportunities + Internal Projects + Annual reviews.

6. Application & Review Process

- Applications will be reviewed annually with a clear deadline for submissions.
- The selection process will prioritize:
 - Projects that address social injustice and serve marginalized communities through one or more of the main focus areas
 - Projects demonstrating significant impact and sustainability
 - Montview Membership Involvement
 - Organizations with clear financial transparency which may include annual budgets or financial reports
- Final decisions will be made by the committee, with an effort to ensure fair and diverse grant distribution.