

General Assembly Restricted Funds Unassigned Funds Grants

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. What are General Assembly Unassigned Restricted Funds?

A: Certain existing restricted funds and new funds intended for use in the United States and Puerto Rico that do not specifically designate use by a Presbyterian Mission Agency ministry area are used to fund a program that provides grants to other PC(USA) mid councils. These are known as Unassigned Funds.

2. Who is responsible for this program?

A: The Restricted Funds Oversight Subcommittee (RFOS) is responsible for this program.

3. When is the list of funds available for application released?

A: By March 1 of each calendar year.

4. When is funding made available to grant recipients?

A: Grants are distributed in early October of each calendar year.

5. Are grants made for mission work outside the United States and Puerto Rico?

A: No, grants are not made for mission work outside the United States and Puerto Rico.

6. Is funding available for mission trips?

A: No, funding is not available for mission trips.

7. Are grants made for church construction and/or repair?

A: No, grants are not made for church construction and/or repair.

8. Are grants made for student financial aid?

A: No, grants are not made for student financial aid.

9. Is unassigned funding available for audiovisual/computer equipment?

A: Typically, the RFOS Committee does not fund audiovisual and/or computer equipment.

10. Is unassigned funding available for salary and/or staff support?

A: Typically, the RFOS Committee does not fund salary/staff support.

11. We would like to pay young adults who participate in the internship program. This program would include their education in the church, specialized tasks, etc. To apply for the funds, is it necessary to meet the specific needs of the provider? Or, is it a more general type of inquiry?

A: The donor places restrictions on these funds, and the project/program has to meet the donor's intent in order for it to be considered for funding. The Committee does not fund salary/staff support.

12. Can an application be submitted for a program that is scheduled to be held this summer?

A: No, an application cannot be submitted for a program that is scheduled to be held this summer. The RFOS committee meets in September to review applications and make funding recommendations, and grants are disbursed in early October.

13. Can you explain more about fund 59239—mission program with preference given to advocacy for environment and evangelism? What do you mean by "advocacy for environment?"

A: The proposal should demonstrate a connection to the environment and God's creation. In addition, the application should demonstrate that the program will likely draw new members and/or expose nonmembers to the beliefs of the Presbyterian Church. For example, a compost bin in unused space in the church's backyard and a meditation garden; this will be used for VBS, church school, meditation and worship.

14. Are grants awarded for reimbursement of individual expenses?

A: No. The RFOS does not award grants for reimbursement of individual expenses.

15. How long do we have to use the grant?

A: Approved applications receive a one-time grant in October, distributed in a lump sum. Grants must be used within two years of distribution.