

**PRESBYTERIAN MISSION AGENCY BOARD**  
**February 3-5, 2016**  
**Racial Ethnic & Women's Ministries Ministry Area**

**ITEM D.104**  
**FOR ACTION**

<i>FOR PRESBYTERIAN MISSION AGENCY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE USE ONLY</i>			
	A. Finance		E. Corporate Property, Legal, Finance
	B. Justice		F. PC(USA), A Corporation
	C. Leadership		G. Audit
X	D. Worshiping Communities		H. Executive Committee
			J. Board Nominating & Governance Subcommittee
			P. Plenary

**Subject: Second-Cycle 2015 DREAM Grant**

**Recommendation:**

**That the Presbyterian Mission Agency Board approve the following applicants as the Second-cycle 2015 Developmental, Risky, Experimental, Adaptive Mission (DREAM) Grant recipients to receive a one-time grant of up to \$10,000. The DREAM Fund Committee nominated grants totaling \$172,500 at its December 3-4, 2015 meeting:**

**\$10,000 Grants:**

- **Food for Your Soul, Synod of Lakes & Prairies, Northern Plains Presbytery**
- **Southside Youth Project, Synod of Mid-America, Giddings-Lovejoy Presbytery**
- **Bel-Mar Community Garden, Synod of South Atlantic, Presbytery of Tampa Bay**
- **Bridge, The, Synod of South Atlantic, Presbytery of Foothills**
- **First PC Church/Focus Tutoring Program, Synod of South Atlantic, Presbytery of St. Augustine**
- **Sankofa Tutorial Program, Synod of South Atlantic, Presbytery of Savannah**
- **Creciendo Junto, Synod of Southern California & Hawaii, San Diego Presbytery**
- **Desert Hills – Partners in Wellness, Synod of Southern California & Hawaii, Riverside Presbytery**
- **Life Tree Café, Synod of Southern of California & Hawaii, Riverside Presbytery**
- **Worship Outside the Box, Synod of Southern California & Hawaii, Santa Barbara Presbytery**
- **Ark, Arts, The Anchor Project, Synod of the Southwest, Santa Fe Presbytery**
- **Dual Language Worship, Synod of the Southwest, Grand Canyon Presbytery**
- **Holy Way Mission Associate, Synod of the Southwest, de Cristo Presbytery**
- **Beaux-Arts Musicians & Storytellers for Peace, Synod of the Trinity, Upper Ohio Valley**
- **Spot, The, Synod of the Trinity, Philadelphia Presbytery**
- **Well, The Synod of the Trinity, Philadelphia Presbytery**

**\$7,500 Grant:**

- **Science Based Outreach Event, Synod of the Rocky Mountains, Presbytery of Western Colorado**

**\$5,000 Grant:**

- **Healing Communities Re-Entry, Synod of South Atlantic, Presbytery of Savannah**

**Background:**

In September 2009, the Presbyterian Mission Agency Board (then known as the General Assembly Mission Council), formally acted to end the program known as National (Domestic) Mission Partnership Funding (NMPF) at the end of 2013. This action was taken with the knowledge that the funding stream for the program was rapidly declining and was no longer sustainable.

However, \$500,000 in residual funds remained from the NMPF program that the GAMC determined to utilize. Therefore, the GAMC funded an initiative called the Developmental, Research, Experimental, Adaptive Mission (DREAM) Fund, which was to begin in 2014. These monies were earmarked for use in consonance with the original, historic principles of the NMPF, which are outlined in the instructions.

Since the Partnership Funds had originally been allocated to four synods – Alaska-Northwest, Boriquén En Puerto Rico, Rocky Mountains, and Southwest – it was recommended that the DREAM Fund should be utilized to continue funding work in those synods.

The DREAM Fund Committee met in 2014, the first year of the program, and made eight awards. The committee then decided to open up the process to all 16 synods of the denomination.

The committee encourages proposals from mid councils that wish to inspire and support, but not limited to, the following types of *new and creative* ministry ventures:

- Rural, remote, or urban churches that are establishing ministries that will enable them to better accomplish mission in an appropriate context;
- Ministries that are charged with reaching, loving and teaching college age or young adults so that they may be lifelong followers of Jesus Christ;
- Congregations that are effectively becoming more multi-ethnic in character;
- Ministries with racial ethnic and new immigrant populations that are thriving and wish to accomplish even more;
- Emerging leadership models for mid councils that create safe space for innovation.