



**SYNOD OF THE TRINITY  
 SELF-DEVELOPMENT OF PEOPLE  
 PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)**



PRESBYTERIAN COMMITTEE ON THE  
**Self-Development  
 of People**

**If a group wishes, it may fill out this pre-application before completing the full version of our grant application. If your group submits a pre-application, the committee will review and discuss with you whether to proceed with filing a complete grant application for a Synod Self-Development of People Grant.**

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 Self-Development of People  
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**PRE-APPLICATION**

**Please review SDOP Criteria on back before filling out the Pre-Application**

Name of the Project: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of the Group: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_ Position/Title: \_\_\_\_\_

What is the project? Why is it needed? Be specific. \_\_\_\_\_

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Who initiated the project, how are they involved, and how will they benefit from the project? \_\_\_\_\_

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# The Synod of the Trinity

## **SELF-DEVELOPMENT OF PEOPLE**

### CRITERIA FOR GRANTS



***Applications should be received prior to May 1. Applications received after this date will be considered until October 1 if funds are available.***

## **Self-Development is...**

a ministry that affirms God's concern for humankind. We are Presbyterians and ecumenical partners dissatisfied with poverty and oppression, united in faith and action through sharing, confronting, and enabling. We participate in the empowerment of economically poor, oppressed, and disadvantaged people, seeking to change the structures that perpetuate poverty, oppression, and injustice. The major responsibility of the Synod of the Trinity's Self-Development of People Committee is to establish partnerships with groups of economically oppressed people, through outreach, solidarity, and financial support.



Who should apply? Groups within the bounds of the Synod of the Trinity who:

- 1) are oppressed by poverty or social systems,
- 2) have the desire to take charge of their own lives,
- 3) have organized (or are organizing) to do something about their own conditions and have decided what they are going to do,
- 4) have determined that what they are going to do will produce long-term changes in their lives and/or the community in which they live,
- 5) own and control the project they propose,
- 6) will benefit directly from the project they propose,
- 7) have a project to propose that meets these SDOP criteria.

To be considered for funding, a proposed project must:

- meet the SDOP criteria and guidelines
- applications should be received in the Synod office prior to May 1. Applications received after this date will be considered until October 1 if funds are available.
- be presented, owned, and controlled by the group of people who will benefit directly from it
- address long-term correction of conditions that keep people bound by poverty and oppression
- describe in detail its goal (the point of the project); what immediate and long-term conditions the project proposes to address and correct; the project's objectives (the specific steps the group will take to accomplish the goal); and the way the direct beneficiaries will be involved in all stages of the project
- be sensitive to the environment while accomplishing its goal and objectives
- not advocate violence as a means of accomplishing its goal and objectives

- describe fully the resources known to be available for its support, including a description of resources within the community, resources available to the community, and the in-kind resources and other financial resources sought, promised, or to be sought
- contain a balanced income and expenditure budget
- include a financial plan showing the expected income and expenditures over the funding term of the project
- specify when and how progress toward the stated goal and objectives of the project will be evaluated by the group
- state what member(s) of the group will make the project evaluations
- clearly detail when and how the project will become self-sustaining

Self-Development of People is **not**:

- a crisis fund for emergency situations
- a provider of funds to social service agencies
- a financial institution for personal loans or grants
- a provider of scholarships
- a source of assistance for church-controlled mission programs
- a charity



**PLEASE KNOW THAT HELP IS AVAILABLE!**

If you have questions regarding the criteria, guidelines, or application, do not hesitate to contact the Synod of the Trinity office. We will answer your questions and/or match you with a local SDOP committee member to assist you. Applications should be received prior to May 1. Applications received after this date will be considered until October 1 if funds are available.

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2010 Recipients of Synod SDOP grants:



**The Alumni Group  
Wallingford, PA**



**Holy Smokes! Fellowship Café  
Cheswick, PA**



**A Second Cup  
Pittsburgh, PA**

Who will benefit directly from the project and how are they involved? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Who are the decision makers for the project, how will they benefit from the project, and how are they involved?  
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What is the total cost of your project: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Amount being requested from Synod SDOP: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

List how the Synod SDOP funds will be used?

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) \_\_\_\_\_

### **Criteria for Funding**

The following standards are used by Self-Development of People Committees to determine whether a project is valid for funding within this ministry.

1. A project will be presented, owned, and controlled by the group of people who will benefit directly from it.
2. A project will address long-term correction of conditions that keep people bound by poverty and oppression.
3. A project presented for funding will describe, in detail, its goal (the point of the project), its objectives (the specific steps the group will take to accomplish the goal), the way the direct beneficiaries will be involved in all stages of the project, and the methods to be used to achieve the goal and objectives.
4. A project will be sensitive to the environment while accomplishing its goal or objectives.
5. A project will not advocate violence as a means of accomplishing its goal or objectives.
6. A project presented for funding will describe fully the resources known to be available for its support, including a description of a) those within the community, b) those available to the community, and c) the in-kind and other financial resources sought or to be sought.
7. A project presented for funding will contain a balanced income and expenditure budget. A financial plan showing expected income and expenditures over the funding term of the project would be included.
8. A project presented for funding will specify how the group will evaluate progress toward the stated goal and objectives, and when the evaluation will be made.

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