

Community Impact Grants from Pantops Community Church Grant Application Guidelines

Purpose:

Through the Eddie Freeman Memorial Fund, Pantops Community Church (PCC) of Charlottesville, Virginia, seeks to partner with local organizations by issuing a series of community impact grants to support projects and initiatives that directly impact the lives of our neighbors.

Eligibility:

Applicant must be a 501(c)(3) organization, religious entity, public school or fiscally sponsored by a 501(c)(3) organization. The grantor will consider applications from organizations working to benefit the City of Charlottesville and/or the County of Albemarle. Recipients may be considered for subsequent grants based on the success of previous grant cycles. Organizations are eligible to apply once every year. Please reach out to us at pccmail1525@gmail.com if you have questions about your organization's eligibility.

Grants are to be used to launch or support initiatives or programs that directly support the ability for our neighbors to thrive and experience abundant and joyful lives. Grants may not be used to support operational costs for organizations (e.g., rent, utilities, administrative support) or to pay salaries. If all grant funds are not used within one year from acceptance, they are to be returned to PCC.

All organizations and project proposals must align with PCC's commitment to inclusion, building community, and uplifting service as expressed in our statements of mission, vision, and welcome. Organizations and projects are not required to be faith-based in nature.

Mission

Seeking and serving God together through Warm-Hearted Fellowship and Thoughtful Inquiry.

Vision

To worship God and seek God's will in our lives.

To offer a place of peace, prayer, healing, grace, and fellowship for all.

To deepen our understanding of the Bible and apply it to today's world.

To minister individually and collectively to our community as God leads.

To equip each individual to be a better disciple of Christ by developing our personal gifts for God's service.

To build relationships inside and outside our church family with kindness, forgiveness, and mercy.

Welcome

We strive to be a people of grace, and we welcome all God's children regardless of race, gender, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, nationality, ethnicity, marital status, physical or mental ability, or political stance. When we say we welcome all to worship and serve with us, "all" means all.

How to Apply:

The application will be available at pantopsc.org/community_impact_grants on August 18th.

Application Window:

Applications open August 18, 2025, and close at 11:59PM on September 30, 2025. Applicants will be notified of grant award decisions by December 30, 2025.

Award Size:

Up to \$5,000 (We offer three competitively based \$5,000 yearly micro-grants.). Any unused funds must be returned to PCC at the conclusion of the one-year grant project cycle project.

Reporting:

At the conclusion of the grant project cycle, recipients will document the use of funds and project impacts in a one-page report provided to the church. Recipient organizations will visit PCC to offer a brief report to the congregation on the impacts of the grant. PCC may also request a mid-grant cycle update by phone call or email.

Non-Discrimination Statement:

PCC promotes equity and respect for all people. The church does not discriminate based on race, color, age, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability, religion, ancestry, national origin or any other characteristic protected by federal, state or local law in its grantmaking programs. The church requires that all grantees share and adhere to this policy in the implementation of programs funded by the church.