



The Synod of the Trinity


SELF-DEVELOPMENT OF PEOPLE

CRITERIA FOR GRANTS



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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
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- 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**