

Vision, Metric and Criteria

Vision:

The missional grant's primary purpose is to support those at Imago Dei who are seeking to launch and lead new strategic, missional ministries that mobilize the body of Christ at Imago Dei into loving, serving and prophetically engaging our city and world for the glory of God.

The following criteria can help you determine whether the missional grant is a good fit for you and your proposal. Please note that some of these criteria have been added or clarified over the years and may differ from that of prior years, as we have sought to continually refine and hone the missional grant:

Existing ministries and past missional grant recipients are welcome to apply when starting a new initiative.

Criteria:

Ministries for consideration must contain the following 3 elements:

1. Local: Missional grants are designated specifically towards creating ministries to serve our city of Portland and the surrounding region. Ministry ideas that serve the church or International ministry ideas fall outside the parameters of the missional grant. For examples of how we're already involved in the city, check out the following page:
<http://idcpdx.com/outreach/city-ministries/>

2. Church-mobilization: A successful missional grant application will show how their new ministry idea will mobilize other followers of Christ at Imago and beyond to put their faith into action in our city.

3. Committed to Imago Dei: applicants should be actively involved and committed to Imago Dei community.

Metrics:

These are things we are looking for that will make a strong application. Not having all of these does not disqualify the application, but thinking through how your initiative addresses these components will make for a stronger application:

Embody the Gospel: how does this ministry initiative help Imago Dei embody the presence of Christ to our city? Tell us about how your ministry will help us live out the Gospel teaching of Jesus in Portland. How does this initiative provide an opportunity to care for people both physically and spiritually? How do you envision people experiencing the love of Christ as a result of this initiative in both word and deed?

Mobilizing the Body of Christ: what opportunities does this ministry initiative provide for followers of Jesus at Imago Dei (and beyond) to put their faith into action?

Strategic: In what ways does this initiative meet a strategic need at this time and place? Are we reinventing the wheel or is someone else already meeting this need sufficiently and well?

Specific: Be specific about the goals this initiative will be seeking to address so that you have a clearly defined focus, rather than being too broad and ambiguous.

Sustainable: How many volunteers do you need? Who will be your leadership team? How will you avoid burn-out?

Capital Costs: Our ministries are volunteer-led. Missional Grants are intended to go to capital costs to launch the ministry, not to salary. Generally speaking, applications seeking salary will not be considered unless a strong case can be made for the initiative's unique ability to meet the above criteria/metrics, and the initiative's unique need for a salaried position to launch it. However, you must show that the initiative can find other ways to achieve sustainability in future years beyond the missional grant.