

# Northern Presbytery Mission Resourcing Policies

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## 1. Rationale

The purpose of the Mission Fund Committee (MFC) is to take a strategic approach in the consideration of how the Mission funds are to be utilised and to support the implementation of the Presbytery's Strategic and Annual Plans by approving proposals to support Mission initiatives within the agreed budget allocation.

## 2. Mission Fund Resources

The financial resources currently held by Northern Presbytery available for mission funding are allocated by full Presbytery as part of the budget approval process.

## 3. Resourcing Priorities

Support will be in the form of grants to provide for:

- Up to two initiatives per Region for up to a total of \$170,000 per annum for the next three years to advance Mission (2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23)
- Up to \$50,000 in 2020/21 to support churches enhance their use of technology
- Up to \$15,000 for each of the next three years to undertake joint Community Mission initiatives with Presbyterian Support Northern.

Generally, the mission funding is not for 'business as usual' e.g. repairs and maintenance, restoration of church buildings or ongoing existing ministry costs that are for the primary benefit of current members. It is for new initiatives and existing projects that will grow and deepen the life and influence of a worshipping community and its witness to Jesus Christ within our current context.

## 4. Expectations of Applicants

The applicant will provide a significant portion of the funding, usually 50%, for the initiative from their own resources, local community or other funding groups outside of the Northern Presbytery. This helps the MFC to be confident that there is ownership of and commitment to the project from the applicant community.

The applicant will enter into an accountability agreement with the Presbytery regarding reporting on the progress of the initiative and the use of the funding received. This will be via a written memorandum of understanding signed by both parties to the agreement as per the Mission Resourcing Guide.

## 5. Applications

Applications must be from congregations belonging to Northern Presbytery, preferably with the support of their respective Region. If no support is demonstrated, the Committee will assess the application on its own merits but may refer back prior to finalising to seek Regional support. Preference will be given to new initiatives that align with PCANZ Five Faces of Mission and Northern Presbytery's Strategic Plan.