

Ranney-Balch Fund

Background Information

The Ranney-Balch fund resulted from the provisions of a will signed in 1938 and received by the Presbytery of Detroit in 1940 upon the death of Mrs. Elizabeth Balch Ranney. The will provided for the creation of the Ranney-Balch Fund, “with full owner and discretion in the Trustees to handle, manage, control, sell and otherwise dispose of, invest and reinvest the assets comprising such fund and that the annual income be used for the *aid of the aged poor of the congregations of the Presbytery of Detroit and / or for the benefit of Christian work among Italian, Negro and other under privileged groups within the bound of said Presbytery, in such manner as the Presbyterian Board of Church Extension of Detroit shall in its discretion from time to time direct; and that in the discretion and at the direction of the Presbyterian Board of Church Extension of Detroit the whole or any part of the principal of said fund be used for such purposes.*”

By action of the Coordinating Cabinet of the Presbytery of Detroit (and approval of the Presbytery of Detroit in 2008) it has been determined that the assets of the Ranney-Balch Fund will be managed by the Trustees. Should those assets produce income, this income will be managed by the Presbytery as successor to the previous Board of Church Extension, and that the income should be disbursed in a manner and for purposes consistent with the provisions of the will through an Application For Proposal process developed by the Metropolitan Urban Ministry Work Group.

The Metropolitan Urban Ministry Work Group has developed the *Application for Proposal* with each criteria weighed to assist in the evaluation of applications and subsequent recommendations to the Planning and Visioning Committee of the Presbytery. The Social Justice and Peacemaking Ministry Committee and the Planning and Visioning Committee shall review and approve the recommendations and report them to the Trustees and the Coordinating Cabinet for review and approval prior to the presentation to the Presbytery for final approval and distribution of funds. Any one ministry is eligible to receive Ranney-Balch funds for three (3) consecutive years upon annual application.

Grants from the Ranney-Balch Fund will be used for efforts that move us toward a more beloved community that is interrelated and interdependent. Priority will be given to collaborative relationships/partnership efforts that are able to demonstrate probable impact on the targeted populations. Projects to be funded will help the Presbytery guide and direct the ministry of the members of Presbyterian Churches in the metro-urban communities, cities, suburbs, townships and rural areas in the six county areas of Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Livingston, St. Clair and Washtenaw, to the end that racially and culturally diverse communities within this area come to see themselves as economically, socially, politically and spiritually interdependent and interrelated.

Emphasis will be given to efforts focused on creating healthy congregations across the Presbytery of Detroit that will be enabled by the use of grant monies to carry out collaborative ministries of proclamation, evangelism, and reconciliation, focusing specifically of the creation of “healthy congregations. Targeted groups as laid out in the will are:

- Aged poor within congregations of the Presbytery of Detroit*
- Underprivileged groups within the boundaries of the Presbytery of Detroit*
- Christian work among Italian, Negro and other underprivileged groups within the boundaries of the Presbytery of Detroit*

PROCESS for APPLICATION

Please note there are some additional requirements on the application for this year. A matrix is included for your convenience at the beginning of the application.

1. Application for Proposal are available on the Presbytery of Detroit Website. The website is DetroitPresbytery.org. Click the **Menu** tab on the upper left had corner. When the second drop down menu is displayed select **Ministry Teams**, then **Social Justice**, then **Metro Urban Ministries**. Click on the link and download the application which contains both the Background Information and the Application for the Grant. Please complete and submit the Application portion.

2. Deadline for Application is February 1, 2021.

3. Request for technical assistance in completing and submitting the application may be directed to the Metropolitan Urban Ministry work group.

4. Applications should be e-mailed to: ranneybalch@detroitpresbytery.org. If application cannot be emailed then please submit the original Application to the Office of the POD by 4:30 p.m. on the date due (No Faxed copies will be accepted.)

5. The MUMT is responsible for the Objective Review Process and will make their recommendation to the appropriate committees. Metro Urban will meet to review applications following the January 15th deadline. They will bring their recommendations to Social Justice, Planning and Visioning, Trustees and Cabinet in February and Early March order to have them ready for approval at the March Presbytery meeting.

6. Applicant will be notified no later than two (2) weeks after approval by the Presbytery.

7. For those ministries awarded grants, a final report/evaluation regarding the use of the grant funds must be submitted at the end of the year of the award. This report/evaluation must also be included in any future grant applications. The final report information can be mailed to the Presbytery or e-mailed to ranneybalch@detroitpresbytery.org.

Application for Ranney-Balch Funds - 2021

For Congregations and groups under authority of a Church's Session:

- Session Approval
- Copy of Minutes showing approval of application is included
- Signature of Clerk of Session on the last page of the application.
- Most recent financial statement

For Entities under the authority of a Board of Directors:

- Board Approval
- Copy of Minutes showing approval of application is included
- Signature of Chairperson of Board on the last page of the application.
- Copy of current year State of Michigan License to Solicit Funds
- Copy of most recent Annual Report submitted to the State of Michigan
- Most recent financial statement
- Detailed budget for ministry project including funding sources (this is application question # 13).
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- Prior Year Recipient: Report of previous project outcomes including a narrative, supporting detail, and use of grant funds. This is required for previous recipients before release of any subsequent funding (application question #12 a & b).
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Name of the Requesting Presbytery Entity: (please circle the appropriate entity)

Congregation, Team, Organization, Committee, Work Group, Task Force, Collaborative relationship/partnership

Chair or Responsible Person:

Address:

Phone:

E-mail:

Entity to receive awards:

Payee:

Contact Name:

Address:

Federal Tax ID:

2. Ministry to be funded:

Brief summary of overall purpose of the program/project to be funded. *(FIVE POINTS)*

3. Mission Statement for the Ministry: *(FIVE POINTS)*

4. Goals of the Ministry – What need or problem is being addressed? *(FIFTEEN POINTS)*

Goals are broad statements of what you propose to do/ the long range benefits.

5. Describe the targeted group / neighborhood or service area reached by this ministry? *(TEN POINTS)*

6. Projected Start Date (Please note, the grant is to be used in the year in which it is awarded):

7. List three to five specific outcome objectives of the program to be funded. (The objectives must be related to the goals described in question 4 and be meaningful and measurable. *(FIFTEEN POINTS)*

Objectives: Describe the beneficial results of the program. Tell WHO is going to do

WHAT, HOW MUCH will be done and HOW it will be measured.

Begin each objective with “to”, followed by an action verb. State results, not activities!

8. In what specific way does this Ministry meet the objectives of the Ranney-Balch Fund (see background information for objectives)? Include current, relevant data (demographics and/or other) of the population to be served. *(TWENTY POINTS)*

9. Describe how this Ministry supports the goals of the Presbytery of Detroit Mission Statement. *(TEN POINTS)*

10. To what extent does the Ministry reflect efforts to partner / collaborate with other parts of the Presbytery and the community at large? *(TEN POINTS)*

11. Describe plans to measure your progress and evaluate your project. It will be necessary to submit a final evaluation of your project to the Metropolitan Urban Ministry Work Group by the end of the year in which the funds are received. *(TEN POINTS)*

12. Has this ministry received a grant from the Ranney-Balch Fund in the past? If yes,

a. When and for what ministry?

b. Include an evaluation comparing the outcomes to the goals and objectives for funds received (attach separate sheet if necessary). Please note: This evaluation is required by previous recipients, and, if not included future grant awards may be reduced.

13. What monetary amount is your ministry is requesting from the Ranney-Balch Fund?

a. Describe in detail how these funds will be used and include a total projected budget for the program/project – this includes other funding sources as well. *(FIFTEEN POINTS)*

Date of Application submission:

Date of Application review/Approval by Responsible Presbytery Entities:

Signature/Date: Entity:

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