

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 underprivileged 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 Trustees will manage the assets of the Ranney-Balch Fund. Should those assets produce income, this income will be managed by the Presbytery as successor to the previous Board of Church Extension. 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, with each criterion weighted to assist in evaluating applications and subsequent recommendations to the Presbytery Planning and Visioning Committee. The Social Justice and Peacemaking Ministry Committee and the Planning and Visioning Committee shall review and approve the requests and report them to the Trustees and the Coordinating Cabinet for review and approval before the presentation to the Presbytery for final approval and distribution of funds. Any ministry can 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. Priority is given to collaborative relationships/partnership efforts that can demonstrate probable impact on the targeted populations. Projects 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 connected.

Emphasis is given to efforts focused on creating healthy congregations across the Presbytery of Detroit that carry out collaborative ministries of proclamation, evangelism, and reconciliation, focusing specifically on building healthy communities. 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

Application Process

A matrix is included for your convenience at the beginning of the application.

1. Applications are available on the Presbytery of Detroit Website under documents.
2. Deadline for Application is Friday, February 17, 2023.
3. Request for technical assistance in completing and submitting the application may be directed to the Metropolitan Urban Ministry work group (MUMT).
4. Applications should be emailed to: ranneybalch@detroitpresbytery.org. If the application cannot be emailed, please submit the original application to the Office of the POD by 4:00 p.m. on the date due.
5. MUMT will meet to review applications and bring their recommendations to Social Justice, Planning and Visioning, Trustees, and Cabinet for approval at the next scheduled Presbytery meeting.
6. MUMT will notify applicants within two weeks after approval by the Presbytery.
7. Each awardee must submit a final report regarding the use of the grant funds at the end of the year. Please include evaluation in any future grant applications.

The final report information can be mailed to the Presbytery or emailed to ranneybalch@detroitpresbytery.org.

Application for 2023 Ranney-Balch Funds

For Congregations and groups under the authority of a Church Session:

- ~ Session Approval
- ~ A copy of the Minutes showing approval of the 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
- ~ A copy of the minutes showing approval of the application
- ~ Signature of the Chairperson of the 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
- ~ A detailed budget for the ministry project, including funding sources (this is application question # 13).
- ~ Prior Year Recipients: Report of previous project outcomes, including a narrative, supporting detail, and use of grant funds (questions #12 a & b) are required before release of any subsequent funding.

1. 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:

Entity to receive awards:

Payee:

Contact Name:

Address:

Federal Tax ID:

Email:

2. Ministry to be funded:

A summary of the 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 will this address?

(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 must be used in the year 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 measurable. (FIFTEEN POINTS)

~ Objectives: Describe the specific measurable results

~ Begin each purpose 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 goals)? Include current, relevant data (demographics) of the population 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? (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 grant year. (TEN POINTS)

12. Has this Ministry previously received a grant from the Ranney-Balch Fund? 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, may reduce future grant rewards.

13. What amount is your ministry 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)

Signature/Date of Application submission: