



GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT APPLYING TO PRESSGO FOR A GRANT

1. CLOSING DATES 2024

	Funding source	Closing Dates	Considered at Board meeting in
Presbyterian Foundation	Presbyterian Foundation (matching funds up to \$10,000)	1 February 1 May 1 August 1 November	February May August November
Give it a Go grants	Presbyterian Foundation (\$500 “first steps in mission” grants)	Open anytime	Will consider as soon as possible
Mission Enterprise Fund Grants	Mission Enterprise Fund	No longer available	
Aroha Grants	20% designated portion of Mission Enterprise Fund		

Please read these guidelines and become familiar with the information before you fill in your application form.

2. APPLYING FOR FUNDS ADMINISTERED BY PRESSGO

The purpose of PressGo is to resource and equip innovative mission across the PCANZ. We want to support and encourage congregations (Presbyterian and Co-operative Ventures) who are committed to growing the Kingdom of God.

We do not fund “business as usual”, initiatives that are for the primary benefit of current members, or building projects. We can fund only a small proportion of the applications we receive.

3. WHAT DO WE FUND?

Most of our funding is targeted at new mission innovation initiatives.

New = an entirely new project, a pilot, or a major redevelopment of an existing or past initiative

Mission = for the purposes of an application, mission is active participation in God’s mission of love to the world, proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ and the reign of God



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Innovation Initiatives = specific activity developed through spiritual discernment and mission contextualization. Successful initiatives are likely to be those where leadership has been identified, a team has been formed and physical and financial resources already identified and committed. We expect to see evidence of discernment, creative thinking and contextual focus.

4. WORKING IN COLLABORATION

Council of Assembly has articulated a strategic direction in *Bringing Clarity to our Mission* (April 2014) so we work with the Leadership Subcommittee, Knox Centre for Ministry and Leadership, Presbyteries, the Assembly Executive Secretary and the national service team to achieve our objectives.

PressGo can assist congregations in many ways, so ideally making an application is only one component and will typically follow a series of conversations or engagement in discerning, planning or other activity. In these cases, PressGo will work with the applicant to put together the application. Applications are not to be made in isolation from the other processes of the church (e.g. advising presbytery of a proposed new initiative or advising CPT of desire to sell property).

Please note that applications must be accompanied by current Mission Plans and full financial accounts as provided to Charities Services. If you need assistance in preparing a Mission Plan contact the PressGo Catalyst.

5. EXPECTED OUTCOMES OF PRESSGO FUNDING

- a. That the number of those participating in the worshipping life of PCANZ increases. This includes the variety of church expressions, not just the Sunday service.
- b. That churches show amongst their members such qualitative measures as a deeper faith, strengthened commitment to Christ, and increased willingness to be involved in serving others and advocating for those who do not have a voice.
- c. That we as a church may have an avenue to share with each other for the advancement of God's Kingdom on earth and to show an attitude of generosity in keeping with our Christian faith.
- d. That vulnerable and socially disadvantaged groups, families or people receive the support they need to be a valued part of our church communities. (This particularly relates to funding from the Aroha portion of the Mission Enterprise Fund).

6. PRESBYTERIAN FOUNDATION GRANTS

Grants from the Presbyterian Foundation funds are usually under \$10,000 and for new projects such as:

- Community focused projects – people to people mission
- New ministry opportunities
- Research and investigation of opportunities



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- “Give it a Go” – these are for small projects and grants are \$500. We do not require matching funding for these grants.

There are three application deadlines each year and the closing date is in section 1 of this document and will also be advertised. Applications are accepted from churches and presbyteries for small to medium projects. Grants will be for no more than 50% of the total cost of the project or \$10,000, whichever is the lesser.

The Application Form provided is completed and emailed to the PressGo Catalyst. A subcommittee of the PressGo Board will assess each application and submit a recommendation to the Board for approval. The PressGo Catalyst will communicate the decision to the applicant, agree reporting requirements and arrange payment.

When the project is complete an evaluation template will be filled in by the applicant. This will be reviewed by the PressGo Board. Where possible, projects funded will be profiled through the PCANZ website and other channels as appropriate. The relevant presbytery may be consulted as part of the assessment process and will be advised of grants made.

7. TWELVE TOP TIPS FOR APPLICATIONS

1. If you have something important to say about the project, make sure it is on the application form as information can get overlooked in supporting material.
2. Make sure all your supporting material is relevant to the application and is either required or expands on the answers in your application form.
3. A fully completed application must be received by the closing date. If all required information, including endorsements and additional material are not supplied, the application will be declined.
4. If you have received funding from PressGo, the Mission Enterprise Fund or the Presbyterian Foundation in previous years, and you have not completed your evaluation requirements, your application will be declined.
5. Allow enough time for presbytery to consider your request to apply to PressGo and complete the relevant part of the form.
6. Allow enough time for formal processes such as presbytery or Church Property Trustees' approvals of your project.
7. Ensure your financial reporting is up to date and compliant and your obligations to Charities Services are fulfilled. We need to see all your financial statements, including those for Trusts associated with the congregation, whether you are required to consolidate them for reporting purposes, or not.
8. We give greater priority to applications where the applicant has demonstrated their own significant financial commitment to the project: either from accumulated or current funds or from designated



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giving towards the project. Presbyterian Foundation applications must show at least 50% of funds from the applicant. We do not fully fund any projects.

9. If you are applying for a Youth Worker position, please ensure that it is consistent with the Sustainable Practices for Youth Ministry (<http://pym.org.nz/management/employed-youth-worker>) as adopted by Presbyterian Youth Ministries (PYM). They also have excellent resources on position descriptions, pay rates, interview questions etc. - <http://pym.org.nz/employment>.
10. If you are applying for a Children and Families Worker it is good to talk to someone from Presbyterian Children and Families Ministries (<https://pcfm.org.nz>) as they can provide advice on sustainable job descriptions, pay rates and much more.
11. We do not accept applications from individuals.
12. Contact the PressGo Catalyst at an early stage for assistance with your application. This may result in alternative ways of funding your project or reveal options you had not considered.

8. PRESSGO CONTACT

To discuss a potential project or an application please contact PressGo by email.

Applications can be sent electronically to pressgo@presbyterian.org.nz