

What Do I Have To Include in My Proposal?

The application is found on our website as an electronic PDF form or a paper form is available in the CPC office. All proposals will need a project summary including why we should pursue the idea, the population served, a detailed description including goals and a budget, a time line, if funding is needed for multiple years or just one, and any anticipated road blocks and possible solutions. We also need an idea of how the project can be evaluated for its successes and challenges and lessons learned. The board understands sometimes it might be hard to know all the details, so the process may include a meeting with the Envision Fund Board so your vision can be fully heard and explored.

What If I Am Not a Member of Catonsville Presbyterian Church?

The Envision Fund is not limited only to members of our church. If you want to apply for funds, fill out an application and contact a member of our church to partner with you. If you are not sure whom to contact, you can ask any Envision Fund Board member. CPC wants to reach out beyond our walls so please, feel welcome to apply.



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Envision This....

Do you have a spark of an idea about how God might want to expand the mission and ministry of the Church? Maybe you've worked out a full-blown plan? Are you wondering how to go about putting the idea into action? The Envision Fund was created precisely for these reasons.



What is the Envision Fund?

The Envision Fund of Catonsville Presbyterian Church was initiated by a generous bequest from long-time member and trustee Robert Riley. By carefully investing the monies, the annual growth of the fund is available for distribution as seed money to incubate new projects or programs. The vision of the fund is to expand beyond what CPC is already doing by allowing us to creatively step out and take a chance on something new and innovative.

What Kind of Projects Will Be Funded?

Proposals must fall under at least one of the required categories:

- Development - identify new or expand current ministry areas
- Mission - local, national or international
- Peace and Justice Advocacy
- Capital Improvements – buildings and grounds. These proposals MUST be approved by the Trustees prior to submission to the Envision Fund Board.

How Does the Fund Get Distributed?

Each year, funds will be available for disbursement through a proposal evaluation process up to two times a year. The opportunity to apply is open to everyone - church member, CPC committee, CPC staff member, and other individuals or organizations who partner with a CPC church member. A proposal request form is submitted to the Envision Fund Board for evaluation. Proposals are due March 1 and September 1 (if funds are still available for disbursement). The proposals are submitted anonymously for evaluation and may later include an interview with the board for further opportunity to explain your idea. The Envision Fund Board presents recommended proposals to the Session for final approval.

Wow, This is Overwhelming...I Only Have an Idea, Not a Plan...

The application process might seem daunting, but the Envision Fund Board members can help you with the process. We understand that you might not have a line-item budget, but general ideas are helpful in terms of cost and duration. Don't forget to use other members as resources. Talking and dreaming together can help solidify your idea.

I Don't Even Have an Idea!

Dream first and then worry about the plan. We need to learn how to exercise our imagination without worrying about a budget. We need to listen to the passions of our hearts. Jesus told us, "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Luke 12:34). Explore what God is calling you and our community to do. Make your idea become a reality and truly transform our world and ourselves. The Envision Fund was created specifically to allow us the space to dream and to make those dreams come true – and in the process, make Kingdom life happen here and now.