

Grant Summary,
Ministry Development Fund
Episcopal Community Services
March 27, 2007

Ecumenical Youth Ministry, Humboldt County \$10,000

This proposal is to reach out to youth in a rural county with a high rate of poverty and unemployment. Through inter-generational activities, under the umbrella of an inter-faith group called the All Faith Partnership, a Lutheran Pastor by the name of Jeri Gray-Reneberg intends to use a model developed by both the Episcopal and Lutheran Churches called "God's Mission in the World," based on the United Nations Millennium Development Goals.

Recommendation: The program is innovative and could serve as a model for the church at large. It fits the ECS mission of reaching out to people beyond our churches, with the added benefit of creating community for youth in Humboldt County.

Comments: Could we use some of the Jerry and Jane Lamb Fund for this project?

Humboldt All Faith Partnership \$10,000

The shelter program was developed in 2002 by various faith communities in Humboldt County. This request is for help in building a new shelter, and administrative support. The shelter program serves single men and women.

Recommendation: The program meets the mission objectives for ECS, and is looking forward to growing and expanding its services.

Comments: The program serves some of the most needy in our communities.

St. Luke's Pre-school, Calistoga

\$8,540

The school reaches out to a growing Hispanic Community, requiring them to have bi-lingual staff. They need to add a full time person to meet this need: the grant would fund 1/5 of that full-time position.

Recommendation: The school reaches out to a community that is underserved, including some of those least able to access day-care because of cost.

Comments: The outreach to the Hispanic community by the school has increased dramatically. 47% of the youth at St. Luke's pre-school are Hispanic. They are getting support from a variety of sources. This is the only full-time day-care center in Calistoga.

La Meriposa, Woodland

\$5,000

This is a thrift store serving the Woodland community. The proposal is to increase advertising, signage, and general outreach to the community. Because of current financial difficulties, staffing has been reduced and volunteer support has increased.

Recommendation: The thrift store provides a community need for people in the area.

Comments: The program has struggled financially. The board for La Mariposa now meets regularly and is working to correct this problem. They have recently reconfigured the store itself. Volunteers come from St. Martin's, Davis, and St. Luke's, Woodland. A request was made for current profit/loss statement for the organization.

Holy Family, Rohnert Park

\$1,400

They want to expand their current ministry through the Noah program, by using the Church facility for a once a month hot-meal, showers, and other services in concert with other county and religious agencies. Noah has good community support and history.

The grant money would fund rental for a shower and insurance for the program.

Recommendation: The program is necessary, and services are unique and could serve as a model for other churches.

Comments: Could we support them in building a permanent shower, rather than put money into rental?

St. Matthew's, Sacramento

\$10,000

The church has many years of history serving the poor and marginal. This grant would help repair a roof over the food closet, and support the salary of a part-time teacher in the after-school program. It would also be used for an additional stipend for an assistant to the youth leader, and program expenses for the youth program, so that they can reach out to youth in the community.

Recommendation: This fits our mission to reach out. They have additional funding in place.

Comments: Does ECS want to fund youth programs in the future as part of its outreach? The point was made that there is no funding to support youth programs in churches, and that this program and the Humboldt County project are aimed at reaching out to under-served youth.

Diocesan Health Ministry

\$2,500

The grant would be used to start a new program of outreach to the elderly, called "Aging to Saging." Senior citizens are a fast growing community. The funds would be used to pay for a facilitator to develop support groups in our parishes, and for materials. Other funds would also be used to support this program.

Recommendation: This reaches a community that is underserved, and could serve as a model for other churches, and perhaps nationwide.

Comments: This program would serve churches throughout the diocese.

St. Andrew's Mission, Monte Rio

\$4,000

The funds would go to support additional meals (they are expanding from 3 to 4 days a month in feeding the homeless.) They would also partially fund the purchase of a dishwasher, and provide hot-water to the kitchen. Other funds would be solicited to cover the full \$11,000 estimate.

Recommendation: This program reaches people not in a position to help themselves, and provide them with some stability. It could serve as a model for small churches doing outreach. Most of the support for the program comes from volunteers within the church.

Comments: They have begun a worship service before the meal, which is growing by the week, and serves more people than are in attendance on Sunday (around 20).

Cloverdale Community Outreach Committee \$4,500

This is an ecumenical outreach program serving the homeless. The property is owned by the Diocese. The funds would be used to reimburse ECS for past due owed, partially fund a case-worker, and for utility assistance to help prevent homelessness.

Recommendation: This grant helps them expand their services and meets our mission for outreach.

Comments: Need to clarify debt situation, and whether ECS wants to use the Ministry Development Fund for this purpose.

North Valley Episcopal Ministry \$10,000

This is a relatively new cluster of Episcopal Missions. A Deacon from Honduras would help them in the visioning process toward a joint ministry to the Hispanic community between the four churches in the cluster. Additional funding has been obtained from All Saints, Redding, and from the Companion Diocese Commission.

Recommendation: This fits our mission of reaching out to underserved people in our diocese.

Comments: There will be a cultural challenge on both sides if the Deacon comes to the USA. She would be a resource for the whole diocese, in addition to NVEM.

Jerry and Jane Lamb Fund for Youth and Young Adults

Holy Family, Rohnert Park

\$1,000

These funds would support the work of youth from Grace Church, Fairfield, and St. Mary's, Napa at Holy Family. They will be painting the church building. Funds would cover paint costs and feeding and housing costs for the mission project.

Recommendation: This fits the mission of the Jerry and Jane Lamb fund.