Creative Outreach Ventures 2.0 (COV)

The Classis Huron Mission Team (CHMT) would like to introduce a new fund, which utilizes a portion of their budget to support and encourage Classis Churches and Ministries to engage in their communities in a missional way. Mission is defined as bringing God’s Kingdom, Shalom or wholeness to our world, aligning it to His design. Wholeness can be economic, social, physical, psychological or spiritual. As God transforms us – we seek to transform the world around us

Other Classes in the Canada East Region have also taken this approach, aiming to encourage momentum and community engagement that may lead to congregational growth and community awareness alongside of meeting the practical and spiritual needs within the community and congregation. The Creative Outreach Ventures Fund was developed by Classis Huron in early 2000 and utilized for a number of years. The 2.0 Fund builds on this strong foundation.

Successful recipients will be asked to report and share their projects and outcomes with Classis to motivate others and to help create a culture of mission within Classis. Reporting will also act as an accountability and review mechanism, allowing the fund to adapt as needed. A detailed application process will outline the project, required commitments, provisions for feedback and evaluation as well as plans for sustainability or next steps.

We are looking for proposals from congregations, specialized ministries and ministry areas. We would like to support initiatives that are about increasing the vitality of congregations and strengthening discipleship in Jesus Christ while meeting community needs. Projects can be about developing relationships, experimenting and exploring opportunities and finding out where God is already working among us and through us. We are open to multi-year/multi-phase projects but ask that initial projects are completed before subsequent funding is requested. Churches/ministries are only eligible for one project per year.

Proposals will be reviewed by CHMT and designated Classis leaders. Proposals will be accepted on an ongoing basis but must be received two months before an upcoming Classis meeting to ensure adequate time to consider (December 15, March 01, July 15). An initial sum of $50,000 will be designated for fund use. This amount will be updated as necessary. Applications can range in size from $2,000-$10,000. Anyone requiring support in the application process can reach out to the Classis Huron Mission Catalyst at jbrady@crcna.org .

**COV grants can support applications that:**

* are exploratory and experimental in nature;
* seek to develop relationships with others in local communities and neighbourhoods;
* encourage participation in God’s mission in local communities and neighbourhoods.
* reflect the mission/vision of the applicant church or ministry.
* demonstrate a significant partnership commitment on the part of the applicant.
* incorporate/encourage the participation of the congregation and or members in the proposed project.

Low priority is given to flow-through funding. (e.g. purchasing of groceries for a food bank

**Now What?**

1. Start dreaming…praying…and discerning.
2. Consult with members of your congregation, council and wider community. What opportunities for partnership and collaboration exist?
3. Reach out to us if we can support you as you discern how God is calling you to “Do A New Thing.” We’re here to help! Contact the Classis Huron Mission Catalyst, Joan Brady for her support at jbrady@crcna.org
4. Prepare Your Application and submit by the deadline.

**Sample Projects:**

1. Partnering as community churches and youth themselves to host a monthly Youth Coffee House.
2. Partnering with or developing a community food security initiative, such as a weekly community meal, student lunch program, or community kitchen.
3. Supporting a neighborhood group in planning and community assessment
4. Helping to support a community capital campaign by training volunteers
5. So many…

#  Application Form

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| Organization Information |
| Organization name and location |  |
| Contact person and position held  |  |
| Who – If anyone will you partner with for this project? What will their contribution be?  |  |
| Have you applied for COV funding in the past? – If so what year? |   YES |   NO  | YEAR: |
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| Project Overview |
| Is this a new or continuing project  |  NEW |   Continuing  |
| Please provide a brief description of the project |
| Please describe the problem or need which you seek to fill or resolve. |
| Please identify the individuals or communities that will benefit from this project. Describe how they will benefit.  |
| How will you know if you have been successful? What kind of conditions or changes do you anticipate in the community? |
| How will this community-oriented project affect your Church or Ministry? What kind of conditions or changes will you see?  |
| Please describe your plan for sustainability or continuation of the project or initiative after the grant award has been exhausted.  |
| Is there anything else, you would like to share about your project? |

Please provide an overview of your proposed activity timeline.

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| Activity Timeline |
| Activity | Start  | End | Duration  | Notes  |
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Please provide your proposed project budget.

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| Project Budget |
| Activity  | Cost  | Grant Funding  | Other Funding  | Notes  |
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