

FAQ: Receiving Ignite Funds

Who can receive Ignite funds?

Any NCP congregation can apply for Ignite funds. We encourage congregations to apply together, in partnership with one another and/or with community organizations. The inviting congregation must have at least one partner, another congregation and/or community organization.

How do we receive Ignite funds?

Ignite would love for you to invite us into partnership with you! On the NCP website you'll find an "Invitation to Ignite Partnership." Fill out this invitation and send it our way at Ignite@ncpresbytery.org.

When can we apply for funding?

Your invitation may be sent to Ignite as soon as it is ready to be reviewed.

When will we receive Ignite's response to our invitation?

Ignite will try to respond to your invitation within 3 weeks, depending on our meeting schedule and the number of invitations we receive.

Ignite may respond to some invitations with a request for more information at that time. Invitations that are requesting \$20,000 or more and are actively being considered by Ignite will be asked to prepare a dynamic presentation, a "pitch", to present to Ignite prior to the next Presbytery meeting at an Ignite Combustion Chamber. At this time, we'll talk through together what our partnership could look like. After these presentations, Ignite will respond to those seeking larger amounts with a final answer.

When will we know if our invitation for partnering has been approved and at what funding level?

If you receive less than \$20,000, we'll share with NCP about your invitation at the next Presbytery meeting. You will be notified prior to that meeting.

If your request is for \$20,000 or more, you will hear Ignite's response following the pitches and prior to the next NCP meeting. At that NCP meeting, you will be asked to present a condensed version of your "pitch" to the Presbytery in order to introduce your project.

Ignite hopes to be able to fund all approved projects in 2019 but release of funds will be constrained by the number of projects that are approved, the funding levels for these projects, funding priorities, and the amount of money available for grants.

Ignite funding recipients will be asked to: attend a training session at an upcoming presbytery meeting, be in communication with your Ignite liaison, submit a quarterly report reflecting how things are going, and a final report no later than January 30, 2020.

What if we don't get funding? Can we apply again?

YES! If Ignite chooses not to fund you, we'll have a conversation with you about why and discuss how you could receive funding in the future.

How much can I apply for?

Ask for what you need! After reviewing your invitation, Ignite will decide how much funding you will receive.

What types of funding are offered?

Currently, Ignite will entertain multiple funding options. Tell us what you're thinking!

What types of projects will you fund?

Ignite will prioritize invitations that are bold, relational, and contextual in the ministry they propose. Projects that have to potential for igniting and increasing missional ministry in NCP congregations are those who will receive Ignite's "Yes!" For more guidance about the types of projects Ignite is charged to fund, look at Ignite's marching orders in the Presbytery Manual which captures the vision for Ignite first described by Balcony II.

We are not an NCP congregation. Can we get funding?

Not on your own. You can extend an invitation to Ignite in partnership with one or more NCP congregations.

