**Flint River Presbytery**

**2024 Technology Grant Application**

Name of church or campus ministry and city in which it is located:

Church or campus ministry address:

Church website, Facebook page, and/or Instagram Account:

Number of church members (not applicable for campus ministries):

Contact info for the person(s) who can best answer questions about this grant application:

Name:

Phone #: Email:

About the grants: While there is not a limit on the size of the grants, but we hope to help as many of our churches or campus ministries as possible. **Any size FRP church or campus ministry may apply, including churches of more than 100 members.**

The grants may used for equipment that will enhance the church’s social media presence, and in particular, “virtual” worship services, meetings, and events. The grant might also be used to pay outside personnel for consultations, installation fees, or ongoing services, and for music copyright licenses and streaming services. The grant may also be used to upgrade audio visual equipment for use in in-person worship or Christian education, or for church office equipment such as computers. Other tech equipment, such as surveillance cameras and security equipment and services, are also eligible.

Please note that with the closing of the FRP office, there is some gently used equipment available that could meet your needs.  Items include monitors, cables, hard drives, and networking gear.  Contact Ralph Hawkins, pastor at Northminster, to find out what if anything might meet your needs.  Ralph is also available for consultations about technology in general and live streaming in particular and may be able to assist you in determining what you may need.  He is a wonderful source of information and suggestions.

**Application deadline is March 15th.** Please send applications to pambmoye@charter.net, and copy to ecantrell@flintriverpresbytery.org. If you have questions, contact Pam Moye at the above email address or text 706 505 5551 (be sure to include your name and church in the text or email.) **APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED UNLESS THE GRANT APPLICATION IS COMPLETE, DETAILED, AND PROVIDES ALL NECESSARY FINANCIAL INFORMATION**.

When you submit your application document, please provide the name of the church for which you are applying in the title and/or body of the email…and please be aware that have many “First Presbyterian” churches in Flint River, so please identify yours as “First Presbyterian of (city)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”, or just, for instance, “Tifton”.

Also, please title the application document itself thusly: “2024 Tech Grant Application—[name of church]” Thus your application title might read “2024 Tech Grant Application—Americus” (as there is only one FRP church in Americus, it is not necessary to include “First Presbyterian” in the title. This will help us greatly since some applications come to us without any church identification in the title and we therefore must re-title them so we can tell which church it is for at a glance.

**Please answer the following questions:**

1. What are you currently doing in terms of virtual or “hybrid” worship services, meetings, and events?
2. What is your current social media presence?
3. What would you like to improve or enhance in this regard, and what equipment would be required? Please provide a detailed list of all items and their approximate costs, based on your research, and any necessary personnel costs for consultations, installation, or ongoing services.
4. If your needs are not specifically related to social media or virtual worship and/or meetings, and events, please provide a description what your need is and a detailed list of what equipment, services, or personnel will be required.
5. What is the total cost of the project? Does the church or campus ministry have funds that can be used to cover the cost of the project not covered by the grant?
6. Who will install any needed equipment?
7. Who will operate any equipment on an ongoing basis?
8. Please explain why you require a grant to help you with this purchase, and why and how your church or campus ministry will benefit.
9. Please indicate how your session supports this project and how the session as a whole and/or particular individuals will oversee it.
10. How is your church, both members and pastor or CRE, involved in presbytery or larger church initiatives or programs? Indicate below any involvements over the past three years.

**Pastor/CRE/Campus Ministry Director involvement (check all that apply)**

\_\_\_\_ Pastor/CRE/Campus Ministry Director serves on a FRP committee or commission or in another specific presbytery role.

\_\_\_\_ Pastor/CRE/Campus Ministry Director has served as a chaperone for presbytery youth conferences, mission trips, or camps (such as Montreat or Dogwood Acres.)

**Church-hosted presbytery events (check all that apply): CAMPUS MINISTRIES MAY DISREGARD**

\_\_\_\_ Church has hosted a Rise Against Hunger event.

\_\_\_\_ Church has hosted or co-hosted a presbytery meeting.

\_\_\_\_ Church has hosted a youth overnight or another presbytery-wide event.

\_\_\_\_ Church has hosted a FRP continuing education workshop or seminar.

\_\_\_\_ Church has agreed to host occasional FRP in-person committee or task force meetings if needed.

**Church financial contributions to FRP (check all that apply): CAMPUS MINISTRIES MAY DISREGARD**

\_\_\_\_ Church has provided financial contributions for RAH.

\_\_\_\_ Church pays per capita.

\_\_\_\_ Church makes a pledge to FRP in keeping with its church size and resources.

\_\_\_\_ Church contributes to the Ripples in the River FRP stewardship campaign.

\_\_\_\_ Church provides financial support for one of our campus ministries.

\_\_\_\_ Church has contributed to the Jerry Watts Campus Ministry Fund.

**Individual member participation** **(please indicate the number of members involved in each activity or program. An approximate number is fine): NOT APPLICABLE TO CAMPUS MINISTRIES**

\_\_\_\_ Members serve on a FRP committee or commission or in another specific presbytery role.

\_\_\_\_ Members have completed TRE/CRE training.

\_\_\_\_ Members have served as chaperones for presbytery-led youth or children conferences or camps

 (such as Dogwood Acres or Montreat)

\_\_\_\_ Members provide meals for one of our campus ministries.

\_\_\_\_ Members have volunteered at Rise Against Hunger Event.

1. While FRP is pleased to be able to assist churches and campus ministries financially with their technology needs, we believe that each should make good faith efforts to maximize their income from their own membership. Please describe your efforts in this regard:

\_\_\_\_Conducts an annual stewardship or fundraising campaign

\_\_\_\_ Conducts fundraising events to support operating expenses

\_\_\_\_ Has instituted cost saving measures to stretch income a bit further (please describe)

1. Does your church have any special funds (endowments, bequests, reserve funds, etc.) or revenue streams such as rental income that help support the annual operating budget? If so, please provide details of such funds or revenue streams and how the funds are used. If you have special funds with restricted uses that cannot be used for operating, please also provide that information.
2. Please complete the attached financial information summary form and provide the account information requested below. A document explaining the summary form is attached. Applications will not be considered unless this form is COMPLETELY FILLED OUT and the information requested below is provided. If you have any questions, please contact Pam Moye prior to submitting your application.

**List below all bank accounts or other financial holdings (money market accounts, CDs, etc.)** and indicate current balance as of January 1, 2024 and provide a total of all financial holdings**. If any of these funds are restricted in use (endowments, building funds, etc.) please explain the restrictions.**

Checking account balance January 1, 2024 $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Total of all other financial holdings, balance as of January 1, 2024 $ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (please list separately below)

 Total of all financial holdings as of January 1, 2024