

SYNOD OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAINS
Church Loan Fund
Loan Policy

CHURCH LOAN FUND POLICY

1. Loans from the Church Loan Fund will be available to churches and to other presbytery entities for the following purposes:
 - a) Emergency repairs to existing structures and/or equipment,
 - b) New construction for new church development projects,
 - c) Preventative maintenance and repairs to existing structures/equipment,
 - d) Additions or alterations to existing structures.
2. Loans shall be made only for projects involving properties to which presbytery or one or more of its congregations hold title.
3. Loans from this fund may be used to supplement loans from presbytery and General Assembly lending programs and/or commercial lending institutions, when overall financing complies with the purposes for which this fund is established.
4. Churches receiving loans from this fund shall budget at least ten percent of their current operating budget for Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) mission, or present a plan to increase mission giving to Presbyterian causes to the requisite level within three years. No application will be considered from churches giving less than five percent to Presbyterian mission. (Support of general mission through presbytery, synod and General Assembly; General Assembly special offerings; and General Assembly directed/extra commitment giving and disaster relief may be used to calculate level of giving.)
5. The maximum unsecured loan amount is \$50,000.00. Ordinarily loans will be repaid within ten (10) years, and the term shall never exceed fifteen (15) years.
6. The rate of interest charged on a loan ordinarily will be two thirds percent of prime at the time of closing.
7. Loan proceeds will not be disbursed until the borrower has executed a promissory note and has provided other documentation as may be required by the Budget and Finance Committee of the Synod of the Rocky Mountains in order to comply with accepted business practice.
8. The Budget and Finance Committee of the Synod of the Rocky Mountains shall administer the fund in accordance with synod policies and shall develop procedures necessary for the promotion and implementation of this program. Requirements for borrowers shall include but not be limited to the following: financial statements and budgets; verification of costs; proof of adequate insurance and of compliance with federal, state, and local regulations; certification of congregational or governing body actions regarding the loan request; and periodic financial information during the life of the loan.
9. The Budget and Finance Committee shall report all loans made under this program to the synod and shall report the status of each existing loan annually.