

First and Last name:

Cheryl Teton

What church are you affiliated with? Worcester Catholic Church

Describe the project to reach your community and advance God's Kingdom:

I am passionate about art and community. I teach art classes part time at a local high school and I have this vision of taking some of the artwork that my students create and using it to bring life to some of Worcester's old buildings and brick walls that could use some decorating. I teach my students many creative styles and I love to have a nature theme. I have been privileged to teach many talented students and would love to find a way to bring these pieces of art to the community. As a Christian, my hope is to partner with some local Churches on some of these pieces of art as a way to make a connection between the Church and public school system. Some of my students are religious and some are not. But I see this as an opportunity to bring these 2 communities together through a shared interest of art and nature.

Requested Grant amount: \$5,000

Describe in detail how the funds will be used:

The funds will be used to purchase enough art supplies to make some of my students' projects larger than life. Some money may also be needed to purchase permits or equipment to post this art on city buildings and signage.

What is the end goal? Describe how success looks for achieving this goal. The main goal is to create a meaningful relationship between the Church and the city of Worcester. Secondly, it is to present my student's creativity and talent around the city of Worcester and also bring some of the old signs and buildings to life with art. The money I am asking for would be enough to get the program out there and then partner with different Churches to potentially continue the program long term.

Excluding funds, what do you see as the biggest challenge/barrier preventing you from achieving this goal?

The biggest challenge will be getting permission from the city of Worcester to post the art itself. I would also like to post in places where it will be visible and stand out to the public. Negotiating costs may be difficult, especially since this is a Christian mission.

What is the desired start date? And what is the estimated length of the project if applicable? Starting as soon as possible would be ideal. I would love to have art hanging in the city within the next year. I would say this project would take at least two years with the potential to be indefinite if the city is willing to work with us without too many stipulations.

Provide a Statement of Faith. Describe how you came to know the Lord and what role faith plays in your day to day life:

I have known the Lord since I was a young child. My parents were very busy growing up but we always made it to church on Sunday and talked about the message during the car ride home. I was baptized when I was 12 and that is when I really started to understand how my relationship with the Lord was unique to me. My parents continued to guide me in my faith and instill good habits in me. I continue to pray daily and attend church every Sunday. This foundation is what allows me to teach with such grace and joy. I try to set an example for my students everyday that God would be proud of.

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