

Step-by-step *Classis New Brunswick Community Development Corp*
can assist your church to raise \$
to operate your community services and social justice projects.

Step 1 *Explore*

Invite the CNBCDC Project Developer to come see your church and learn about your congregation and the community it is in. This meeting could be with the pastor and/or one or more members of your consistory. It can be day or evening, weekday or weekend -- at your convenience.

Step 2 *Express*

Schedule a time when the CNBCDC Project Developer will visit your Consistory meeting (for 20 minutes of your agenda), to hear from your Consistory about projects that your church may already be doing, or may dream of someday doing. Hear briefly about possible sources of funding for your current and future projects.

After Step 2, your church will receive a written report from the CDC's Project Developer, reflecting your congregation's stated priorities and desires, with recommendations of immediate steps to find money for your projects.

Step 3 *Examine*

Convene a Task Force of about 3 people from your congregation that will meet with the Project Developer by phone, email, or at your church. The Task Force will fill out a one-page questionnaire for each social justice idea or community service that your congregation seeks to fund. The Project Developer will research and present grant opportunities to your Task Force.

Step 4 *Execute*

When your Task Force chooses a possible grant to apply for, the Project Developer will assist the group in all aspects of preparing and submitting the grant application. Grant-givers ask a long list of questions about how you will run the program you want them to fund. Your answers to the questions comprise your proposal. The process of applying for a grant is the process of making many decisions about the details of running your program. Your Task Force will make these decisions. Your Consistory and the CNBCDC must approve your proposal before it is sent to the funder. The speed at which all this is done is driven by the grant deadlines.

Step 5 *Exclaim!*

Take pictures of your project in action and put them on your church's website and/or the CNBCDC website. When your project wins a grant, share your good news. As your church succeeds at meeting true community needs, the CDC could help you look for further grants to continue to fund your project. Or, you may wish to take on a second social justice endeavor; convene a new Task Force to examine how your church could proceed to make a difference on that issue.