

Spring Congregational Meeting 2022
Property/Facilities Committee Report
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Nonprofit Security Grant Program 2018-2021 (\$101,200). We were granted a one-year extension that will expire on 5/31/2022. During this extension, we sought additional bids from five different contractors. We received one bid that was not compliant with the federal requirements for FEMA contracts and far exceeded the amount of the grant. We have applied for another one-year extension on 4/4/2022. In the request for another extension, we specified the following challenges we faced that hindered our performance on the grant:

- COVID-19 has sidelined much of the workforce in the construction industry. One bid was delayed in preparation due to vendors being slow in responding to the inquiries from the contractor about prices and products.
- Many companies in LA do not pay prevailing wages. One alarm contractor who visited our site was preparing a bid and on a second visit, confirmed that the bids had to be at prevailing wage. We never heard from the contractor again despite repeated attempts to contact.
- The window and door projects have some lead-based paint. All contractors expressing interest in the projects received the site testing reports, instructed them to put any abatement costs separately in bids so the church can pay those costs separately from the grant.

If granted an extension until 5/31/2023 as anticipated, we plan to seek updated bids on door and window projects only and present one project at a time, rather than the entire package of eight projects, which likely would exceed the grant budget since it was estimated at 2018 construction costs. We are hoping we can apply for the grant again on a per project basis for any remaining projects not completed.

Recovery Groups Renting Facilities - Recovery groups were invited to return to meeting in the church building in July 2021. As of March 2022, we provide meeting space to 15 recovery groups meeting weekly. This is a significant ministry of hospitality that we provide to our neighbors and surrounding community who are in recovery.