

BOARD FOR MISSION SERVICES MISSION GRANT REQUEST FORM

Eligibility: Congregations of the Eastern District, their agencies; Partnership Ministries; Schools; Circuits; Regions

Purpose: These grants shall be made to help fund **new initiatives, especially those that offer the best hope of bringing new Christian disciples into the fellowship of our Lord's Church.** They shall be made for one, two or three years, generally on a declining basis. These grants are designed as "seed" money to be used in conjunction with other monies committed by partnering groups.

The grant applications are to be submitted to the Regional Mission Region Coordinator to qualify for possible funding the following year. There must be evidence that the requesting agency or congregation will do its share to support the project with or without approval of the grant. ***Grants for capital improvements, equipment, or tuition will not be considered.***

MISSION GRANT APPLICATION

PLEASE, AS SUCCINCTLY AS POSSIBLE, PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:
(Follow the outline and attach additional pages, if necessary.)

Name: (church, agency) _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Contact Person and Phone Number: _____

Signature: _____

E-mail Address: _____

(Please indicate: ____ New request; ____ 2nd year; ____ 3rd year.
If this is a 2nd or 3rd year request, evaluate progress and plans for changes, etc.)

1. Describe the setting of the ministry to be undertaken.
 - a. Community needs to be met.
 - b. Physical location of the ministry. Where will it be?
 - c. Is this ministry in competition with or duplicative of any similar activity within the community? Is this a cooperative venture? Who are the partners (list)?

2. Describe the ministry outreach that will be undertaken.
 - a. What is the vision/purpose?
 - b. How will it meet a perceived need?
 - c. What is the plan?
 - d. Who will do what, to, for whom? Will volunteers be utilized?
 - e. How will it meet one or more of the District Ministry targets?

3. Who will manage the ministry?
 - a. Who will manage the funds?
 - b. Who will be accountable?

4. What will it cost?
 - a. Include a projected budget. (Income and Expenses)
 - b. Include salary and benefits for staff for this ministry.

5. What is the dollar amount you are requesting?
 - a. Current year
 - b. Future years
 - c. When will you be able to fully support this ministry without help from the Eastern District?
 - d. Are you requesting funds from other sources? Describe.
 - e. What amount will the sponsoring group commit to this ministry?

6. Describe your current resource base.
 - a. Income from all sources
 - b. Staff resources/needs
 - c. Are other resources (money and staff) available?
 - d. Do you have a plan for generating other resources? From whom?

7. Will you be borrowing funds for expansion or capital improvements?
From whom?
8. Describe what benefit will be derived by the wider church as a result of this Grant?
How will you share what has been learned about doing this ministry?
9. How and by whom will the outcome of this grant be evaluated and reported to the Mission Board and the Mission Action Council (MAC)?
10. Have you done a demographic study? _____ Do you plan one? _____
11. If the Mission/Ministry fails to meet set objectives, what exit plan is in place?
12. Expectations
- a. A year-end report is submitted to the Eastern District Mission Board (or on request by the Mission Board).
 - b. Current outcomes. (Statistics, new opportunities discovered, etc.)
 - c. What efforts have been made to secure other funding?
13. Approval/Denied:
- d. Mission Action Council Chair _____ Date _____
 - e. Mission Board Approval _____ Date _____

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WHEREAS,

1. We have reaffirmed our intention to give primary financial consideration to ministries that offer the best hope of bringing new Christian disciples into fellowship in our Lord's Church, and
2. It is our goal to "reduce funds to the presently assisted ministries by a minimum of 50% by the year 2000 in order to help fund a variety of ministries that may be undertaken, and
3. The PAMS should be made aware of this projected reduction so that their supervisory committees or commissions, with the MACS, may take appropriate action to reduce costs or find ways to make up the shortfall, and
4. Unforeseen changes during a year, such as a vacancy, can change the need for the subsidy that has been set; therefore be it

RESOLVED THAT

1. WE REDUCE THE BASELINE AND MATCHING FUNDS AVAILABLE TO EACH OF THE CURRENT PAMS BY APPROXIMATELY 12.5% EACH OF THE NEXT FOUR YEARS IN ORDER TO REDUCE SUBSIDY TO EACH OF THE PAMS BY 50% BY THE YEAR 2000, EXCEPT FOR STATE COLLEGE WHICH INTENDS TO BE TOTALLY OFF SUBSIDY BY THE YEAR 2000.
2. THE MACS SHALL INFORM THE PAMS OF THIS PLAN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND WORK WITH THE PAMS TO MAKE THE APPROPRIATE ADJUSTMENTS IN THEIR OPERATIONS AND TO HELP SECURE OTHER FUNDING.
3. THE MACS, AS CIRCUMSTANCES MAY WARRANT, SHALL HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO ADJUST FUNDS AMONG THE PAMS IN THEIR REGIONS WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THE TOTAL AMOUNT AVAILABLE TO THEIR RESPECTIVE REGION IN A GIVEN YEAR, BUT THIS IS TO BE DONE IN CONSULTING WITH THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BMS, WHO MAY CHOOSE TO REQUIRE THE ASSENT OF THE OTHER MAC CHAIRS.
4. WE MAY ADJUST THE AMOUNTS THAT APPEAR ON THE PROJECTION FOR ANY OR ALL OF THE PAMS IN THE FUTURE AS THE SITUATION MAY WARRANT.
5. WE SHALL REVIEW THE BUDGET FIGURES EACH NOVEMBER TO GET A TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR THE FOLLOWING YEAR TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION NEW GRANT REQUESTS AS WELL AS THE EVALUATIONS OF EACH CURRENT MINISTRY TO BE MADE IN OCTOBER BY EACH OF THE MINISTRIES IN THEIR RESPECTIVE REGIONS. (THE PAMS AND ALSO THE MINISTRIES RECEIVING SPECIAL GRANTS).