

Application Period



All grant proposals must be received in the Region Office no later than January 15. Successful grant applicants will be notified within two weeks of approval by the ABCCR Board of Directors. Remember, all grants shall be determined on a competitive basis according to the guidelines enclosed.

If grant money remains available after the first round of awards, a second window of opportunity will open with proposals due August 15 (see inside for details).

For more information, contact the Region Office at 785-272-7622 or email Dr. John Williams at john.williams@abccr.org.



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Special Ministry Grants

**Do You Have an
Idea to Reach
Your Community,
But Lack the
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AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCHES
OF THE CENTRAL REGION

SPECIAL MINISTRY GRANT GUIDELINES

SPECIAL MINISTRY GRANTS ARE DESIGNED TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO ENABLE EFFECTIVE MINISTRY PROGRAMS BY CONGREGATIONS AND ABCCR RELATED INSTITUTIONS IN THEIR COMMUNITIES.

1. CRITERIA

Proposals for Special Ministry Grants are to be submitted in writing to the Region Office by January 15. Grants will be awarded on a competitive basis. Grants will not exceed \$5,000. The total grants awarded, including Pastoral Salary Support Grants, cannot exceed 4% of the principal balance of the Church Transformation Fund. Proposals will be judged on the following criteria:

- a. Appropriateness for the Ministry setting
- b. Creativity and vision for effective ministry
- c. Financial need
- d. Ministry effectiveness and intended use of grant monies
- e. Church investment in the ministry (could include time, facilities and/or money)
- f. Project or proposal administrator

2. PROPOSAL

Grant proposals need to include the following information:

- a. Name and contact information of church/institution.
- b. Explanation of project or ministry
- c. Target group for this special ministry
- d. How the church will report ministry effectiveness and use of grant monies
- e. Church investment in the ministry (could include time, facilities and/or money)
- f. Project or proposal administrator (See Proposal Application Form)

3. REVIEW & AWARD

Proposals will be reviewed by the Administration & Finance Vision Team, who will recommend awards to the ABCCR Board of Directors at its February Board meeting. Proposals will be judged in connection with Pastoral Salary Support Applications on a competitive basis as set in the Criteria. Notification of awards will be sent within two weeks following the board meeting, including amount of the grant award and any special requirements attached to the grant. An effort will be made to contact all applicants regarding their proposal.

4. SECOND WINDOW

Should funds remain following the February ABCCR Board of Directors meeting, notification of a second window of opportunity will be published in the *Central Region Life* with proposals due to the Region Office prior to August 15. Applications not received prior to the January 15 deadline will automatically be included in this second window, but no special priority will be afforded them. Second window proposals will be reviewed by the Administration & Finance Vision Team, who will recommend awards to the ABCCR Board of Directors at its September Board meeting. All Review and Award specifications listed in #3 will apply to the Second Window.

5. ELIGIBILITY

Ministries that have received a grant are eligible to re-apply in successive years; however, repeat grants will not be given special consideration.

6. FULFILLMENT

Ministries that receive a grant must document usage of the grant monies and submit a report to the Region Office by the end of the calendar year in which the grant is received.