

## Application Period



All grant proposals must be received in the Region Office no later than April 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.

Grant money will be awarded once a year starting in 2016.

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



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## Special Ministry Grants

**Do You Have an  
Idea to Reach  
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AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCHES  
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**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 during the application window of February 15 - April 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 May Board meeting. Proposals will be judged in connection with Pastoral Salary Support Applications on a competitive basis as set forth 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. APPLICATION WINDOW**

Applications will be received at the Region Office between the dates of February 15 and April 15 only. Effective in 2016, there will be only one application window for that year's awards.

**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.

Applications and Reports can be submitted attention the Finance Office or emailed to Rita Adams at [rcagrizzly@aol.com](mailto:rcagrizzly@aol.com).