

Application Period



All grant proposals must be received by Region staff no later than August 1st. Successful grant applicants will be notified by October 31st. Remember, all grants will be determined on a competitive basis according to the guidelines enclosed.

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Special Ministry Grants

**Do You Have an
Idea to Reach
Your Community,
But Lack the
Money??**



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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. Proposals for Special Ministry Grants shall be submitted in writing to the Region Executive Minister or any Associate Executive Minister by August 1 of the year preceding the grant. Grants will be awarded on a competitive basis. Grants will not exceed \$5,000 and the total of grants awarded, including Pastoral Salary Support Grants cannot exceed 4% of the principle balance of the Church Transformation Fund (formerly Church Extension 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
2. Grant proposals shall include the following information:
 - a. Explanation of project or ministry
 - b. Who the church is trying to reach through this ministry
 - c. How the church will report its success and use of any money granted
 - d. What the church itself is investing in the project (could include time, facilities and/or money)
 - e. Who will be responsible for administering the project or proposal
3. Proposals will be judged by the Administration and Finance Vision Team at its September Board meeting and a recommendation for award made to the Region Board of Directors at that meeting. Proposals will be judged in connection with Pastoral Salary Support Applications on a competitive basis as set out above. Notification of award amounts will be sent out following the meeting to churches notifying them of the amount of the grant award and any special requirements attached to their grant. An effort will be made to contact all applicants regarding their proposal.
4. Should funds remain following the September meeting, notification of a second window of opportunity will be published in the Central Region Life with the proposals due to be received by the appropriate staff prior to January 1st. Applications that are not received prior to the August 1st deadline will automatically be included in this second window, but no special priority will be afforded them.
5. Churches that have received a grant are eligible to apply for a further grant the following year. Repeat grants will not be given special consideration.