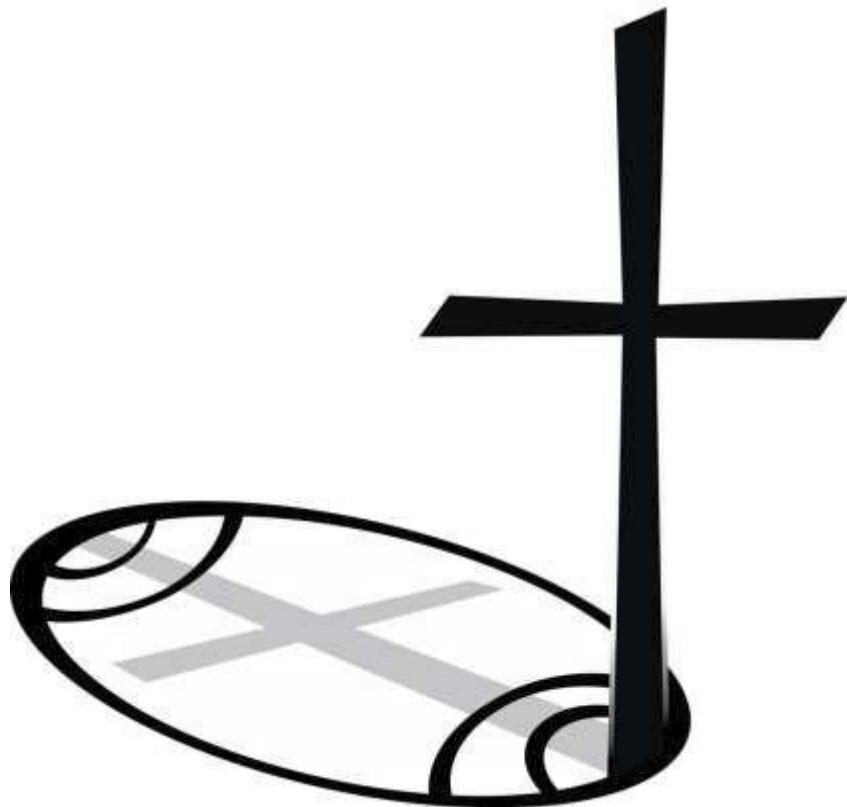


Akron Area Association of American Baptist Churches

CHURCH MINISTRY GRANT PROGRAM

APPLICATION



3/8/2021

ABC/OHIO AKRON AREA ASSOCIATION CHURCH MINISTRY GRANT APPLICATION

PURPOSE:

The intention of this grant program is to offer some assistance and encouragement for implementing ministries which will serve unchurched people and meet human needs in the name of Christ; bring many to faith in Him; and encourage, strengthen, unite and spark renewal in our churches.

ELIGIBILITY:

1. The applying church shall be a recognized member of ABC/Ohio Akron Area Association.
2. The applying church must be current with Akron Area Association dues.
3. Grants will not be made to individuals.

GUIDELINES:

1. The Grant Fund will be used for new programs and projects which further the Gospel of Jesus Christ by focusing on outreach and evangelism ministries, holistic and community service ministries (serving “the least of these” – assisting the poor, marginalized and oppressed by serving their physical and/or spiritual needs), children and youth ministries, media and technology (engaging culture for evangelism or spiritual formation through forms of traditional and emerging media), spiritual development and discipleship, church renewal and revitalization, and strengthening the Association’s educational or spiritual base.
2. Grant applications will be accepted for ministries that are no more than two (2) years old on the date of application (e.g., for “scaling up” a successfully tested initiative), or new projects not beyond six (6) months from inception on the date of application.
3. Grant money cannot be applied toward capital fund building campaigns.
4. Grants shall not exceed fifty (50) percent of project costs.

GRANT REQUEST PROCEDURE:

1. Grant applications can be submitted at any time during the year. The Review Committee considers grant requests at its meetings in March, June, August and November. Grant requests must be received by the first business day of those months to be considered at the corresponding Committee meeting.
2. Grantee churches may receive only one grant per twelve (12) month period, and may only receive a total of three (3) grants in a five (5) year period.
3. If a grant is denied, the applying church will receive a letter informing them that the request has been denied.
4. If a grant is denied at a meeting of the Board of Trustees (for any reason), the grant application may be resubmitted six (6) months after the denial.
5. Grant applications may be withdrawn at any time prior to the Review Committee meeting in which the application is scheduled to be considered. If withdrawn, the applicant may re-apply at any time.

REQUIREMENTS:

1. Completion and submission of the ABC/Ohio Akron Area Association Grant Application, including signatures requested.
2. All churches and church organizations which receive funding will furnish the Executive Leadership Team with reports and updates on the outcome and success or failure of the project.
 - a. Interim report will be required six (6) months from the date the grant was awarded.
 - b. Final written report and evaluation of the project may be submitted at any time but are otherwise due one (1) year from the award date, unless an extension is requested and granted.
3. Funded churches agree to share the results of their project with other ABC/Ohio churches (e.g., display at convention, association rallies, workshops, etc.) if requested.
4. If the project/program/ministry fails to materialize, full reimbursement of grant money is expected.

SPECIFICS:

1. In order to assist as many churches as possible, grants are not renewable.
2. When a proposal is received, it will be scheduled for our next available Review Committee, which meets approximately quarterly. It is this Committee, comprised of the Executive Leadership Team (ELT) of the ABC/Ohio Akron Area Association, which will determine if the proposal will be reviewed by our full Board of Trustees for possible funding. This process may take up to approximately 180 days.
3. There may also be an interview process in order to gather additional information.
4. Grants are awarded at the sole discretion of the ABC/Ohio Akron Area Association Board of Trustees. There is no guarantee that a grant applied for will be awarded.
5. Many projects and programs are worthy of funding; however, our funding is limited. Applicants should understand that rejection of a proposal in no way indicates a rejection of the worthiness of the proposal or the rejection of the proposer.

If you have any questions regarding this grant application, please email the ABC/Ohio Akron Area Association Clerk at clerk@aaa-abc.com.

Email completed documents to clerk@aaa-abc.com,
or mail all documents to:

Akron Area Association Church Ministry Grant Review Committee
c/o Trinity Baptist Church
1211 East Maple St.
North Canton, OH 44720

**ABC/OHIO AKRON AREA ASSOCIATION CHURCH MINISTRY GRANT
APPLICATION FORM**

Date: _____

Church: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Office Phone: _____

Senior Minister: _____ Phone Number: _____

Project Name: _____

Amount Requested: _____ Total Project Cost: _____

Project Director: _____ Phone Number: _____

Brief Description of Project

1. Statement of Need: Clearly define your project, its main focus, and how it addresses a need of your community and/or church. _____

2. What are the project's goals/objectives? (Specific, measurable, achievable, realistic, time-framed)

3. To whom is the project directed? _____

4. Who will lead and/or oversee this project? _____

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Project: _____ Church: _____

5. What are the expected immediate and lasting benefits? _____

6. Do you envision the project continuing further? If so, how long? _____

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8. How will you know when the project is complete or fully implemented?

Process for Accomplishing Goal(s) (How will the project be carried out?):

1. Who (what ministry group) is responsible? _____

2. Start date? _____ 3. Where will this happen? _____

4. What steps will you take to achieve your goals? What is the timeline for each step?

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Project: _____ Church: _____

ESTIMATED PROJECT BUDGET			
ESTIMATED EXPENSES		ESTIMATED INCOME	
Staff	\$	Local Church	\$
Consultants	\$		
Supplies	\$	LIST OTHER SOURCES:	
Equipment (list)	\$	1.	\$
	\$	2.	\$
	\$	3.	\$
Advertising	\$	4.	\$
Office Expenses	\$	5.	\$
Printing	\$	6.	\$
Postage	\$	7.	\$
Meals	\$	8.	\$
Transportation	\$	9.	\$
Miscellaneous (list)	\$	Request: Akron Area Association of ABC/Ohio	
	\$		
	\$		\$
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$	TOTAL INCOME:	\$

	Total Church Budget	Total Church Income	Total Church Expenses
Most recent completed fiscal year	\$	\$	\$

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Project: _____ *Church:* _____

YOU MAY ATTACH OTHER SUPPORT MATERIALS THAT CONTRIBUTE TO THE MERIT OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT.

Approved By Church/Board Vote On (Date): _____

By the signatures below, the applicant church authorizes this application and agrees to the requirements of the ABC/Ohio Akron Area Association Church Ministry Grant.

Senior Minister's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Church Treasurer's Signature: _____

Date: _____

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