



## Mission Grant / Returnable Funding Agreement Application

Texas District LC-MS  
7900 E. Hwy 290  
Austin, TX 78724

### Select One Below:

Check here if applying **ONLY** for Mission Grant Funds  
*(maximum \$50,000 over two years)*

Check here if applying **ONLY** for Returnable Funding Dollars  
*(maximum \$200,000 over up to five years, repayable over 20 years at 0% interest.)*

Check here if applying for both Mission Grant and Returnable Funding Dollars  
*(\$50,000 max per year)*

### Instructions for Completing Applications:

#### For MISSION GRANTS (MG) complete parts

- A. Ministry Information
- B. Ministry Partner Information
- C. Mission Proposal (Person, Place, Plan)
- D. MG Request Details

#### For RETURNABLE FUNDING AGREEMENT DOLLARS (RFAD) complete parts

- A. Ministry Information
- B. Ministry Partner Information
- C. Mission Proposal (Person, Place, Plan)
- E. RFAD Request Details

#### When applying for **both** MG and RFAD complete parts

- A. Ministry Information
- B. Ministry Partner Information
- C. Mission Proposal (Person, Place, Plan)
- D. Mission Grant Funding Request Details
- E. Returnable Dollars Funding Request Details



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**Date:**

**Part A: Ministry Information**

**Name of New Start Ministry:**

**Address:**

**City:**

**State:**

**Zip:**

**Mailing Address (if different):**

**Phone:**

**E-mail:**

**Website URL:**

**Projected date of ministry start/first worship service:**

Will this be a Word and Sacrament Ministry?      \_\_\_Yes    \_\_\_No

Will this be a satellite or multi-site location?      \_\_\_Yes    \_\_\_No

## Part B: Ministry Partner Information

Is an existing congregation or network partnering with your church plant? \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No

If yes, please detail partner information below. (*funding, other resources, launch team members, prayer partners, etc.*):

Name of Congregation/Network:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Mailing Address (if different):

Phone:

E-mail:

Website URL:

## Part C: Mission Proposal

### The Person:

Who will be leading this ministry? Describe qualifications and attach a resume. Especially note other start-up activities the person has accomplished.

If a team of people is involved, please describe the team members along with their qualifications and commitment.

Has the ministry leader completed Church Planter assessment? \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No

Please summarize the assessment results and attach the assessment report:

Please attach the background check results for the planter/ministry leader.

### The Place:

**Where will this ministry be launched?** *(Include/attach demographic data and observations that reinforce the viability of this ministry start-up.)*

**The Plan:**

Provide below or attach a detailed plan that includes:

**1. A timeline of ministry development**

**2. A financial plan**

**3. How this ministry will become self-supporting**

**4. How this ministry will reach out and reproduce itself**

**5. Please attach a financial statement of the ministry or the sponsoring ministry.**

## Part D: MG Request Details

Total Grant Applied for \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Important notes:

- *Mission grants are typically awarded for the first 9-12 months of a start-up ministry that intends to become self-sustainable.*
- *Monthly grant disbursements typically begin in July of the first “training” and planning year and conclude in July of the launch year.*
- *Total Funding typically does not exceed a total of \$50,000.*
- *The Texas District fiscal year runs from February 1 through January 31.*
- *As an example, the first year of disbursements may be from July to January, \$2500 per month, totaling \$17,500 for the first fiscal year disbursement.*

### Requested Disbursement Schedule:

#### Year 1:

Month Disbursements Begin \_\_\_\_\_. Monthly Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

YR1 Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#### Year 2:

Funding disbursed \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.

Monthly Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ YR2 Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Part E: RFAD Request Details

Total Returnable Dollars Applied for \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*(Guideline: \$200,000 maximum; \$50,000 annual disbursement maximum at 100% repayment over a 20-year period)*

### Important notes:

- *A monthly returnable fund disbursement typically begins in July, August, or September near the launch of the new church, after a training dollar grant concludes.*
- *Total funding for a 12-month period typically does not exceed a total of \$50,000.*
- *The Texas District fiscal year runs from February 1 through January 31.*
- *As an example, the first year of disbursements may be from July to January, \$4,166.67 per month, totaling \$29,166.69 for the first fiscal year disbursement. The second year of disbursements will be the same monthly amount for a total of \$50,000 for year two.*

**Requested Disbursement schedule:**

**Year 1:**

Disbursements Begin \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly Amt. \$ \_\_\_\_\_ YR1 Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Year 2:**

Funding Disbursed \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
Monthly Amt. \$ \_\_\_\_\_ YR2 Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Year 3:**

Funding Disbursed \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
Monthly Amt. \$ \_\_\_\_\_ YR3 Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Year 4:**

Funding Disbursed \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
Monthly Amt. \$ \_\_\_\_\_ YR4 Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Year 5:**

Funding Disbursed \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
Monthly Amt. \$ \_\_\_\_\_ YR5 Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Executive Summary**

**Please attached a summary of the entire proposal including:**

- Your mission statement
- Key ministry focus
- Why you believe God is calling you to this ministry start-up.

After completing this application with the assistance and input of your Mission and Ministry Facilitator/Mission Strategist, the application will be submitted by the MMF/Mission Strategist for review by the Board for Mission Administration. You will be notified about modifications and/or approval by mid-January.

**Signatures:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mission and Ministry Facilitator

\_\_\_\_\_  
Ministry Representative (*not the planter*)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mission and Ministry Facilitator (*Print*)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Ministry Representative (*Print*)