



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 \$70,000 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.)

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)
- D. 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

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*)