



2020 MINISTRY GRANTS PROGRAM

Metro Ministries, Inc.'s Mission:

Work in conjunction with the Central District center, its member congregations, lay and clergy leaders -- connecting resources to ministries and ministries to resources for the cause of Christ.

Metro Ministries, Inc.'s Vision:

In the service of Christ, partners identify needs, relationships are developed, and new passionate initiatives are created to serve our neighbors.

In addition to being in line with the vision of Metro Ministries, activities funded by Metro's Grants Program must be intentionally focused on at least one of the following areas:

- **Leadership Development** – youth and/or adult training which provides motivation and hands-on opportunities to becoming passionate, educated, and well-informed Christian leaders with the practice of service. These trainings should include outward-focused church and community ministries, beyond perpetuating the supporting institution.
- **Risk-taking Mission & Service** – projects, efforts, and work that is being accomplished with the goal of making a positive difference in the lives of others for the purposes of Christ, regardless of whether those served will ever be a part of the community of faith.
- **Engaging in Ministry with the Under-resourced**–ministries which engage **with** the under-resourced and marginalized - meeting individuals where they are; listening to them; understanding their needs, strengths, and goals; and working with them to achieve their goals. Initiatives may address the causes of poverty in order to respond in ways that lift up individuals and communities.

Grant Criteria

- Project or program must meet one or more of the focus areas detailed above:
 - Leadership Development
 - Risk-taking Mission and Service
 - Engaging in Ministry with the Poor
- Plan for self-sustainability for the project or program
 - Metro Ministries, Inc. grants are intended to provide seed money for community-based ministries in one or more of the areas of focus.
 - Metro Ministries, Inc. will consider continued funding of a project or program up to a **maximum of 3 years**, with grantee re-applying each year where funds are to be requested.
 - Metro Ministries, Inc. **MAY CONSIDER** extensions of or additions to existing programs to be new requests as it pertains to the 3-year maximum.
- Must include a demonstrable funding model, as Metro Ministries generally does not provide 100% funding.
- Project or program must serve individuals and/or communities within the Central District (Hancock, Hendricks, Johnson, Marion, Morgan and Shelby counties).
- While preference will be given to faith-based organizations, any qualifying organization will be considered.

- Metro grants are intended for programming expenses not direct salary expenses.

Grant Requirements

- Attendance at one of the Grant Workshop offerings is **mandatory** for 2020 Ministry Grant submission consideration.
- Draft applications must be received by January 6, 2020 in order to be considered for grant awards.
- Applicants are expected to engage with assigned mentors.
- Final submissions must be received by March 1, 2020.
- Grant recipients agree to:
 - Allow one or more site visits from Metro’s Executive Director and/or Grants Team Members during the course of project/program.
 - Submit Project Report (form will be available on website after May 1, 2020)
 - Time-limited project: within 30 days after completion of project.
 - Ongoing program: Within 90 days after receipt of funds.
 - Allow publication of program outcomes, impact stories and images on Metro Ministries, Inc.’s website, social media platforms, press releases, newsletters and/or sharing at future events attended or sponsored by Metro Ministries, Inc.
 - When posting photos or stories about the program on social media, when appropriate tag Metro Ministries and include hashtag “#2020MMIMinistry”.

2020 Ministry Grants Timeline

- October 15, 2019: Schedule and Criteria Announced
- October 29/November 8, 2019: Dates of Grant Workshop Sessions (attendance at one is required)
- January 6, 2020: Draft Submission Due
- January 10, 2020: Metro Mentors Assigned
- January – February 2020: Mentor Reviews and Q&A
- March 1, 2020: Final Submission Due
- March 2020: Submission Evaluations and Recommendations by Metro Grants Team
- April 2020: Metro Board Approves Recipients
- April 30, 2020: Recipients Announced, Checks Mailed