

Church Ministry Assistance Application

The purpose of the church ministry assistance fund is to enable the receiving church to become more effective in fulfilling their mission in reaching their community for Christ.

Guidelines for Procurement of Assistance

The applying church should approve the project request in a business meeting. Please contact your associational Director of Missions to let him know about your request from the Missouri Baptist Convention.

Project requests should indicate a commitment on the part of the applying church to participate in a planning process which will include, but not be limited to, the proposed project and/or event.

Applying churches agree to support the Cooperative Program. Individual churches are encouraged to give at least ten percent of undesignated funds to the Cooperative Program and five percent to associational missions.

Checks for Church Ministry Assistance will be disbursed by Financial Services, Missouri Baptist Convention, upon approval of the application by the Executive Team of the Missouri Baptist Convention staff and the availability of funds.

Churches requiring details, in addition to the information contained herein, should write to the Executive Director, Missouri Baptist Convention, 400 East High Street, Jefferson City, Missouri 65101-3253 or call 1.800.736.6227 ext. 701.

Glossary of Terms

Evangelism Project

Illustrations of such projects would be evangelism training, witness training events, community-wide crusades, etc. Further assistance in the area of evangelism projects may be secured by contacting the Evangelism Specialist, Missouri Baptist Convention, 1-800-736-7227 ext 650.

Stewardship Project

Information on church budgets, annuity and insurance, as well as the various kinds of stewardship programs developed by the Southern Baptist Convention or Missouri Baptist Convention may be obtained by contacting the Stewardship Specialist, Missouri Baptist Convention, 1-800-736-7227 ext 200.

Vital Church Project

Examples of vital church projects include, but are not limited to: (1) community surveys; (2) action campaigns; (3) church enlargement campaigns; (4) Vacation Bible School; etc. Further information on these and other church growth projects may be obtained by contacting the Sunday School Specialist, Missouri Baptist Convention, 1-800-736-7227 ext 413.

NOTE: Under normal circumstances, this fund is not for the purpose of paying off debt.

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		Approved By	Date Granted	Amount \$
	Church Name			
	Address			
	City/State/Zip			
	Association			

Section I: Application

We, the _____ Church of _____ (city/state) hereby make application for church ministry assistance.

Church Mailing Address:	
Church City/State/Zip:	
Church Telephone:	()
Church Email:	

Briefly describe the proposed project if monies are made available to the applying church:

Provide a cost breakdown estimate for the proposed project:

List specific dates for the proposed project:

Has the church received financial assistance previously from the Missouri Baptist Convention?

Yes _____ No _____ If so, when? _____

We are receiving support from the association or another church in the amount of (total per month) \$ _____

Amount of assistance requested \$ _____

Total estimated cost of the project \$ _____

REQUIRED SIGNATURE

The above request was adopted by our church on the _____ day of _____, 20 _____

Clerk's Signature	
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ASSISTANCE PLEDGED FROM OTHER SOURCES

Indicate the amount of assistance pledged from local sources and specify those sources:

Source _____ Amount \$ _____

Source _____ Amount \$ _____

Source _____ Amount \$ _____

Section II: Information

PASTOR DATA

Pastor's Name:			
Home Address:			
Work/Office Phone:	()	Home Phone:	()
Email:			
Previous Pastorate:		City/State/Zip:	

CHURCH DATA

	Enrollment	Average Attendance	
Sunday School			Date of Organization _____
Youth Ministry			Resident Church Membership _____
Worship Service			Total Additions Last Year _____

During the past year, did your church conduct any of the following projects (if so, please describe project)?

Evangelism Project	
Stewardship Project	
Vital Church Project	

Does the applying church annually complete and return the ACP report? Yes _____ No _____

CHURCH BUDGET

Current Balance in Church Checking Account:	\$
Current Balance in Church Savings Account:	\$
Current Amount of Church Debt:	\$

If church has an annual church budget, please attach a copy.

If copy of annual church budget is not attached, please complete the following budget information.

	Description	Annually
Cooperative Program Giving		\$
Special Missions Offerings		\$
Associational Missions Giving		\$
Pastor's Salary		\$
Pastor's Other Allowances		\$
Education (include literature)		\$
General Promotion		\$
Evangelism		\$
Building and Equipment		\$
Debt Retirement		\$
New Building Fund		\$
Total Budget		\$

Section III: Endorsement

ASSOCIATIONAL INFORMATION

Is your church affiliated with a Baptist Association of churches? Yes _____ No _____

If you answered NO, proceed to Section IV.

If you answered YES, complete the following information:

Name of Association:			
Association Address:			
Director of Missions: (Print name here)			
DOM's Signature:		Date:	

Section IV: Follow Up Report

When the project is completed, our church will send a follow up report on the implementation of our plan.

YES _____ NO _____

Section V: Commitment

Our church will become involved in a planning process required for the receipt of Church Ministry Assistance.

YES _____ NO _____

The above statements concerning the church data, budget information, and request for assistance has been reviewed and approved by the pastor. As the Pastor, I will attest to all of the above statements as being accurate. Should this request be granted, AS PASTOR, I will seek to fulfill my part of this agreement to the best of my ability for the purpose of building up the church in all its Kingdom work.

Pastor's Signature:		Date:	
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Mail completed form to:

Executive Director
Missouri Baptist Convention
400 East High Street
Jefferson City, MO 65101-3253

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