



Ministry Initiative Grant Application Form Atlantic Baptist Mission Board of the Convention of Atlantic Baptist Churches

Application Criteria

The Atlantic Baptist Mission Board is committed to supporting churches and ministries that evidence concrete plans and specific strategies for obediently moving ahead and reaching their potential for Jesus Christ and His Kingdom. Consequently, applications will only be considered if the following requirements are met.

From churches with a concrete **vision** and **intentional strategy** for one of more of the following:

- a. To revitalize the church's ministry or re-plant of the congregation;
- b. To become a healthy and growing "mission-edge" church (How will this initiative help the church live more effectively "on mission" and in a way that is culturally relevant?)
- c. To establish a specific outreach ministry in the "neighbourhood" or beyond;
- d. To establish a "point of mission" or plant a new congregation;
- e. To begin a new ministry initiative or move the ministry of the church in a new Direction.

If the church making the application has a **demonstrable financial need** that must be met in order for the vision is to be achieved,

If the application has been approved by the respective Association and contains their recommendation,

Note: *When completed, **two copies** must be sent to your Association Mission Commission (or equivalent). The Association must forward **one copy** to the Atlantic Baptist Mission Board by November 15 and **retain one copy** for their records. It is important that **all** information requested be provided. Otherwise, consideration will be delayed.*

Questions or clarification inquiries should be directed to Mrs. Jacqueline Derrah.

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Application Form
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Church Requesting Grant: _____

Church Mailing Address: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

Church Treasurer: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

Pastor: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

CBAC churches with a concrete **vision** and **intentional strategy** for one of more of the following will be eligible to make application for a Ministry Initiative Grant. Please check which of the following apply:

- _____ To revitalize the church's ministry or re-plant of the congregation;
- _____ To become a healthy and growing "mission-edge" church (How will this initiative help the church live more effectively "on mission" and in a way that is culturally relevant?)
- _____ To establish a specific outreach ministry in the "neighbourhood" or beyond;
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Amount being requested for 2020: _____

Grant funds are normally disbursed from January – December and only for a 1 year period.

Ministry Grant Proposal

This proposal need not be burdensome or seen as a “hoop”. Thinking through these issues will serve you and your team as you prepare and anticipate launching this new ministry initiative.

The following questions are important questions to consider and include in your proposal. **(These questions and this proposal can be written on a separate piece of paper.)**

THE WHY? Make the compelling case and rationale for this new ministry initiative. What is your “three minute elevator talk” to excite and energize someone about this project? What will be the clear Kingdom impact if this initiative is “successful”?

THE WHO? Who do you see being the target audience? Who do you anticipate trying to reach or impact through this initiative?

THE WHERE? Where do you see this new ministry initiative taking place? In what neighbourhood or location will this initiative have impact? What could be the lasting impact for that neighbourhood?

THE WHAT?

- What type of strategy will you be using as you begin this initiative?
- What will it look like? What will the approach be?
- What steps are you and will you be taking to see this initiative become reality?
- **IMPORTANT: What are the exciting OUTCOMES that you would anticipate occurring if this ministry initiative is “successful”?**

THE WHEN?

- How do you see the timeline unfolding?

THE COSTS? Please provide us with financial information associated with the initiative/ministry opportunity that you are requesting a Ministry Initiative Grant.

Expenses

- Broad strokes of what the budget looks like for this initiative
- Staff related costs
- Costs associated with rental of equipment, resources or facilities, etc.

Revenue streams

- Are there other sources of income (grants, outside donations, etc)?
- How much of this initiative will be funded by income (offering and/or fundraising) from congregation?

Additional Information: Please include any additional information that is strategic or helpful as it relates to this ministry initiative.

Return Grant Requests:

If this is a return ministry initiative grant request, on a separate piece of paper outline what has taken place thus far in this initiative. What were the dreams and goals and potential outcomes anticipated? How have you seen those outcomes realized? What has taken place thus far and what do you anticipate taking place additionally in the next year if you receive additional grant support?

QUALIFYING INFORMATION

Grants are intended to help seed a new ministry initiative. Due to limited funds, grant support should not exceed 3-5 yrs for any initiative and support levels should decline for each of those years. How many years has your church been receiving support for this initiative?

_____ (#) years OR _____ New Initiative/Vision – New Application

Does your church support the work of CBAC by contributing financially to CBAC Fund (formerly known as United in Missions)?

_____ Yes _____ No

Is your pastor/lay pastor credentialed with the CBAC or currently in the credentialing processing with our Board of Ministerial Standards and Education? _____ Yes _____ No

DECLARATION OF CHURCH CLERK(S)

Before this Application is sent to the Association Missions Commissions it **must be brought before the church(es)** at a regular specially-called business meeting. The church, **by vote of those present** at the business meeting, must agree upon the following:

- 1. The amount of the grant being requested
- 2. To support the Convention’s CBAC Fund (formerly known as “United in Mission” Fund)

“As clerk of the applying church, I declare that the above matters were discussed and voted upon at a duly called meeting of the church.”

Name _____ Phone _____

Date of Church Business Meeting _____

ASSOCIATION RECOMMENDATION

Name of Association _____

Chair of Mission Commission _____

Mailing Address _____

Telephone/E-mail _____

Recommendation:

We recommend a grant of \$_____ per annum be extended to this church by the Atlantic Baptist Mission Board.

In support of this application, our Association has agreed to issue a grant of \$_____ to this church.

Supporting Comments and/or Remarks:

Signature: _____

Date of Mission Commission meeting: _____