LOUISVILLE REGIONAL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Ministry Grant

The mission of this association of churches is to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ to the lost world and to impact significantly the lostness in the Louisville Metro area for the glory of God.

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General Information

Purpose of Grant
The Louisville Regional Baptist Association (LRBA) is committed to supporting and empowering churches within our region to effectively engage and serve their communities with the gospel. Through the grant program, LRBA seeks to provide financial assistance to LRBA churches that demonstrate innovative and impactful initiatives aimed at fostering community engagement, outreach, and transformation.

Funding For Grant
The purpose of the Missions and Ministries Fund, the Urban Ministries Fund, and the Fred Tucker Offering is to support the activities of the Louisville Regional Baptist Association churches, their ministries, and Kingdom Partners by providing financial grants. The intention of the Association is to utilize these funds to empower LRBA churches, ministries, and Kingdom Partners to implement the Great Commission.

Mission and Ministry Fund

The Missions and Ministry Fund (MMF) has been established by the Louisville Regional Baptist Association (LRBA) for the distribution of earnings from the Missions and Ministry Endowment (MME) to LRBA churches, ministries, or partners serving anywhere in the Louisville Region.

Urban Ministries Fund

The Urban Ministries Fund (UMF) has been established by the Louisville Regional Baptist Association (LRBA) for the distribution of earnings from the Urban Ministries Endowment (UME) to LRBA churches, ministries, or partners serving Louisville's urban areas. These areas are defined as locations of ministry focus where the census tract data indicates that 15% or more of the population is below the poverty threshold.

Fred Tucker Offering (FTO)

The month of May has been designated to emphasize prayer and the annual offering for our Association's local mission work and for the missions and ministries with which we partner. The FTO is dedicated to the loving memory of Fred Tucker (1885-1963), for his 42 years of service to Louisville's inner-city, including 15 years as Pastor of East Baptist Church and 27 years with the Long Run Baptist Association (LRBA). The goal today is for Louisville Regional Baptist Association churches to assist in raising the needed funds for conducting Kingdom ministry in Louisville. By cooperating together, we are able to maximize our resources to reach the lostness of Louisville for Christ. The prayers offered during the FTO Season of Prayer and throughout the year are considered the most valuable resource given.

Grant Guidelines

Eligibility Criteria:

1. **Affiliation with LRBA**: Priority for grant funding will be given to churches affiliated with the Louisville Regional Baptist Association. Affiliation status will be verified prior to grant consideration.
2. **Non-Affiliated Churches/Ministries:** Churches/ministries in pursuit of affiliation, connected to an affiliated church, or of like-minded status may be considered for grant funds at the discretion of the Mission and Ministry Team. However, priority of funds will be given to affiliated churches.
3. **Doctrine:** For churches, there is agreement with an approved doctrinal statement of the LRBA (Baptist Faith and Message, Philadelphia Confession, or New Hampshire Confession), and/or answers to Theological Questionnaire.
4. **Project Alignment:** Proposed projects must align with LRBA's mission of community engagement and outreach. Projects require church participation. Projects may include but are not limited to:
    - Social services programs
    - Youth outreach and development initiatives
    - Education and literacy programs
    - Health and wellness initiatives
    - Community events and activities
    - Economic empowerment projects
    - Refugee Engagement
5. **Sustainability:** Applicants must demonstrate a commitment to the sustainability and long-term impact of their proposed project beyond the grant period.
6. **Returning Applicants:** Returning applicants must give evidence of effective use of previous funds or include an explanation as to limited effectiveness and expectation of improved effectiveness for the current grant cycle. In addition, returning applicants must have submitted all necessary reporting for previous grant cycle.
7. **Leadership:** Effective leadership is marked by integrity, collaboration, and accountability. Leaders operate under the authority of a Board or church, emphasize financial stewardship, and equip others to lead. They participate in peer accountability to strengthen their walk with Christ and ensure ministry relevancy.
8. **Applications must be postmarked or e-stamped by December 15.**
9. **A Federal Tax Identification Number must be provided.**

Grant Funding Criteria:

Affiliation (25%)
Evangelistic Focus (25%)
Sustainability/Long-term Impact (25%)
Church participation (10%)
Feasibility (10%)
Innovation (5%)

Application Process:

1. **Application Form:** Interested churches must complete the LRBA Grant Application Form, providing detailed information about the proposed project, including goals, objectives, budget, timeline, and expected outcomes.
2. **Supporting Documents:** Along with the application form, churches must submit any additional documents or materials that support their proposal, such as letters of support from community partners, project budgets, and relevant organizational information.
3. **Submission Deadline:** Applications must be postmarked or e-stamped by **December 15**. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.
4. **Review Process:** All applications will be reviewed by the Mission and Ministry Team of the LRBA. The team will evaluate each proposal based on its alignment with the grant guidelines, feasibility, impact, and potential for community engagement.
5. **Notification:** Churches will be notified of the status of their application within a reasonable timeframe following the review process. Successful applicants will receive further instructions regarding the disbursement of funds. Grants will be disbursed by no later than **March 31**.

Reporting Requirements:

1. **Progress Reports:** Grant recipients must be willing to submit progress reports to LRBA upon request, detailing the implementation and outcomes of their projects.
2. **Financial Accountability:** Churches must maintain accurate records of grant expenditures and provide financial reports upon request by LRBA.
3. **Final Evaluation:** At the conclusion of the grant period, churches must submit a final report summarizing the outcomes of the project, including any challenges encountered and lessons learned.

Contact Information:
Louisville Regional Baptist Association
Mission and Ministry Team
960 South 3rd St, Ste 100
Louisville, KY 40203
(502) 635-2601

Note: LRBA reserves the right to modify or terminate the grant program at any time, and grant awards are subject to the availability of funds.

NEW GRANT APPLICATION FORM

(This application is for churches/ministry partners who have not submitted a grant application within past 5 years)

Name of Church or Partner Ministry

_____

Mailing Address

_____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Website (if applicable)

_____

Phone _____ Mobile _____

Email

_____

Project Title (if applicable)

_____

Project Date(s) _____ (if one-time) OR Project is: □ on-going

Name of Person Submitting the Application _____

Person Responsible for Project Supervision _____
(if different than applicant)

Title _____

Amount Requested $ _____

Please use an additional sheet if needed to respond to each of the following:

1. Ministry / Project Objective:

2. Persons to be Ministered to:

3. List the funding sources for this ministry/project.
    a. Tell other sources and amounts already received this year for the ministry/project:

    b. List any additional expected sources of income for the ministry/project:

4. If you receive a grant, how do you plan to spend it?

5. Please attach an annual budget for the church or specific ministry/project.

6. Please attach a copy of your statement of Faith.

(Ministry/Kingdom Partners without a statement of faith, please complete the "Questionnaire For Kingdom Partners.")

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR KINGDOM PARTNERS
(If this application for a Ministry/Kingdom partner without a statement of faith, answer the following questions. Please use additional space as needed)

1. What do you believe about God?

2. What do you believe about mankind?

3. What do you believe about sin?

4. What do you believe about Jesus Christ?

5. What do people need to do to be saved?

6. What is the Gospel of Jesus Christ?

Federal Tax Identification Number for this Church or Ministry:

_____

(The Tax identification number, usually the EIN – Employer Identification Number, MUST be the number for the organization to whom the check is to be made payable. If you do not know, contact the bank where the organization has a checking account. The bank has this number on file.)

If approved, please make check payable to:

_____

(Checks must be made payable to the church or ministry partner)

Mail the grant check to: _____
_____
_____
_____

Mission & Ministry Team Only:

___ Approved for $_____

We do not endorse this ministry for any funding.

This church or ministry qualifies for funding from the UMF.

Reason for Disapproval
_____
_____
_____

Chair _____

Signature _____

Date _____

Financial _____

Signature _____

Disbursed Date _____

Return this form to:

Louisville Regional Baptist Association
Attn: Mission & Ministry Team
960 S Third St, Ste 100
Louisville, KY 40203

RETURNING GRANT APPLICATION FORM

(This application is for churches/ministry partners who have received grant funds within the past 5 years)

Name of Church or Partner Ministry

_____

Mailing Address

_____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Website (if applicable)

_____

Phone _____ Mobile _____

Email

_____

Project Title (if applicable)

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Project Date(s) _____ (if one-time) OR Project is: □ on-going

Name of Person Submitting the Application _____

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(if different than applicant)

Title _____

Amount Requested $ _____

Please use an additional sheet if needed to respond to each of the following:

1. Please attach a one-page report detailing how previous year's funds were used and the effectiveness of the project.

2. Current Ministry/Project Objective:

3. Persons to be Ministered to:

4. List the funding sources for this ministry:
    a. Tell sources and amounts for last year:

    b. Tell expected sources for the coming year:

5. Please list anticipated ministry expenses.

6. If you receive a grant, what expenses will grant cover?

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