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Great Rivers Region*

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2026 MINISTRY GRANT

This Great Rivers Region Grant is offered to encourage and empower our region churches to make God's mission their passion in new ways. These are matching grants that can be used by GRR churches for any new ministry directed to those outside the church while engaging members of the applying church. A ministry grant is not to be sent to a person or ministry nor to fund individuals' on mission trips.

Grant Qualifications:

1. _____ This is a new ministry.
2. _____ The focus is on those outside the church.
3. _____ It must engage church members.
4. _____ The grant request is for ministries that will be completed in 2026.
5. _____ The grant request may be sent any time in 2026 while funds last. See #4.

Requirements:

1. _____ The requesting church must be in good standing with the region.*
2. _____ Submit a 1–2-page plan about the new ministry, including the merit of the project.
3. _____ Submit the 2025 church approved budget showing the project budget.
4. _____ Submit the application form with all information, including signatures.
5. _____ Submit this form once all lines are complete and checked off.
6. _____ When the ministry is complete, email a short summary to the region office showing benefits to the church and what was learned.

Ministry Grants awards are 50% of the project budget, up to \$1,500. For instance:

- If the project is budgeted at \$5,000 and the grant request is approved, the award is \$1,500.
- If the project is budgeted at \$500 and the grant request is approved, the award is \$250.

The Region Executive will review each proposal and make awards based on merit and the availability of funds. Notice of awards will be made as soon as possible by email.

Great Rivers Region

Ministry Grant Application 2026

Church Legal Name: _____

Church Mailing Address: _____

Contact Phone: _____

Contact Email: _____

Project Name & Description: _____

We certify that the church has authorized this project and included it in the 2026 church budget in the amount of \$_____, The budget is included with this application.

Pastor Signature/Date

Moderator Signature/Date

*"Good Standing" is evidenced by a current church annual report on file in the Regional office and having contributed to the financial support of the Region, either through United Mission, America for Christ, or Specifics during the preceding year.

Submit all documents to either nancy@abcgrr.org or ABCGRR POB 13457 Springfield IL 62791