

The One Fund

Grantmaking Guidelines

Purpose: The One Fund is established at the National Christian Foundation – Twin Cities and is created to support the work of local churches and ministries who, because of historic inequities, are disproportionately affected by Covid-19.

The One Fund will disburse small grants to empower local churches and ministries uniquely affected by this pandemic so that they can continue to fulfill their mission of proclaiming the truth of the Gospel and demonstrating the love of God.

Granting Guidelines

Eligible recipients are churches and ministries located in Minnesota. Recipient organizations must be either a 501(c)(3) charitable nonprofit or be recognized as a church. No grants will be made to individuals. Grants are intended to help augment normal ministry budgets that have been cut due to the economic impact of Covid-19 resulting in decreased contributions.

The primary focus of The One Fund is to support predominantly African American churches, and ministries serving African Americans. The initial round of grants will be given to churches and ministries whose pastors and leaders have been participants in the Sankofa *Journey to Harmony* experience. Other African American churches and ministries will also be considered and are encouraged to apply for grants. The Fund Advisors have discretion to make grants to churches and ministries serving other marginalized populations that are disproportionately affected by Covid-19 so long as the majority of funds granted support African American churches and ministries.

Depending on funds available, grants will be from \$500 - \$5,000.

Criteria

The following criteria will be considered when reviewing the proposals in this order of priority:

1. **Impact on clergy and ministry staff:** highest priority will be given to churches and ministries that have had to layoff staff as a result of Covid-19 economic factors, with the intent being to help churches and ministries continue to pay their staff.
2. **Sustained ministry:** grants may also be given to help churches sustain normal ministry activities with their own members and to their community, including services and equipment needed to successfully deliver those ministry activities virtually as needed.
3. **Serving unmet community needs:** grants may be given to help churches and ministries meet unmet needs in their community for which there is no other public funding resources available.

Funds will be awarded on an ongoing basis until further notice and grant awards will be based on priority of requests in relation to fund balance. Proposals will be considered at least monthly. Proposals may be updated as circumstances may change, however proposals received will be retained for ongoing evaluation and consideration.

Application Review

Applications may be submitted through an online form at www.bethechurchmn.org/onefund or by email to onefund@bethechurchmn.com .

Applications will be reviewed on an ongoing basis by the Fund Advisors who will make grant recommendations to the One Fund at the National Christian Foundation.

Application Instructions:

We intend the application process to be simple and concise. Applications can be in letter format between 1-2 pages and should be emailed to onefund@bethechurchmn.com or you can use the online format that we will send those who email us.

Organization Information

Name of Church/Ministry

Senior / Lead Pastor of Church

Address of Church

Contact phone & email for pastor, leader or other representative:

Proposal Information (each answer should be 1-2 sentences, or a maximum of 2 paragraphs)

1. Give a short description of your church or ministry. You may include your mission and vision statement.
2. Amount Requested
3. Describe the financial impact of Covid-19 on your church? (i.e. approximate effect on donations, impact on budget, staffing, program activities).
4. If requesting funds to enable online worship capability and/or capability to host remote gatherings for prayer, study, business or other ministries, describe your current capabilities, if any, and/or connectivity, and any equipment limitations your church faces.
5. How will potential grant funds benefit your church or ministry?