

Ministry Initiative Grant
Application Form
Lunenburg-Queens Baptist Association

Our Association, and our churches should look for ways to support each other. When a church has a concrete plan and specific strategy to reach their community for Jesus, but lacks the resources to fulfill that call, then it would be a privilege for other churches to share in and support that vision. This is the intention behind the ministry grant initiative. Consequently, applications will only be considered if the following requirements are met.

1. From churches with a concrete **vision** and **intentional strategy** for one of more of the following:
 - a. The renewal or revitalization of the church's ministry;
 - b. To become a healthy (or healthier) growing church;
 - c. To establish a specific outreach ministry in the community or beyond;
 - d. To reach the immediate community and beyond with the Gospel;
 - e. To establish a point of mission or plant a new church;
 - f. To begin a new ministry initiative or move the ministry of the church in a new direction

2. If finances would be an obstacle to your initiative, and/or you are following God's leading and stepping out in faith beyond your normal yearly budget.

This is not meant to be an ongoing source of revenue. The intention is to help you initiate something, not maintain it. Therefore, a church may only apply for a grant for two consecutive years.

We understand that not every initiative will have a great success story. Many times it may not go as planned and will be a learning process. However, stories of God at work and lessons learned would be a blessing for all to hear. We may arrange an opportunity at an Association Rally or other gatherings for you to share your story with others.

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Church or Field Requesting a Grant: _____

Church Mailing Address: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

Church or Field Treasurer: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

Pastor: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

Churches in the Lunenburg-Queens Baptist Association 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:

- _____ The renewal or revitalization of the church's ministry;
- _____ To become a healthy (or healthier) growing church;
- _____ To establish a specific outreach ministry in the community or beyond;
- _____ To reach the immediate community and beyond with the Gospel;
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Date of Request: _____

Please complete the following statement:

Receiving a Ministry Initiative Grant helps our church fulfill its vision for the Kingdom by

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Has your church received grant money from the Association in the past? _____
If so, please indicate the year(s) and amount received

Has your church received grant money from the Atlantic Baptist Mission Board? _____
If so, please indicate the year(s) and amount received

Does your church support the work of CBAC by contributing financially to CBAC Fund (formerly known as United in Missions)? _____ Yes _____ No

Does your church give financially to the work of this Association? _____ Yes _____ No

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

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Expenses - please provide in broad terms what the budget looks like for **this initiative**:

Revenue - Are there other sources of income (grants, outside donations, etc)? Please indicate:

How much of this initiative will be funded by income (offering and/or fundraising) from congregation? _____

DECLARATION OF CHURCH CLERK(S)

This application must be brought before the church at a duly called business meeting. The church, by vote of those present at the business meeting, must agree to the specific ministry project being done, and to the grant being requested.

“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 _____