ENDOWMENT FUND
FOR
NEW LOCAL CHURCH OUTREACH AND EVANGELISM MINISTRIES

“When Jesus had called the Twelve together, He gave them power and authority to drive out demons and to cure
diseases, and He sent them out to preach the kingdom of God and to hear the sick ... So they set out and went
from village to village, preaching the gospel and healing people everywhere.” Luke 9:1,2,6

BACKGROUND:

The Building on Common Ground Campaign (1995-1997) created an Endowment Fund to provide
grants and resources to ABC/Ohio churches to support new outreach and evangelism ministries in their local
communities. Local churches are best positioned to design and build programs and projects that address the
situations in their communities. The intention of this Endowment Fund is to offer some assistance and
encouragement for implementing ministries which will serve unchurched people and meet human needs in the
name of Christ, bring many to faith in Him and spark renewal in our churches.

Income from this Endowment Fund will be made available each year in individual grants starting at
$500.00. Priority will be given to start-up models or to support one-time short-term projects.

ELIGIBILITY:

1. The applying church shall be recognized member of ABC/Ohio.
2. The applying church shall consistently financially support ABC United Mission or ABC/Ohio
Specifics.
3. In order to assist as many churches as possible, this will be a one time grant award.

GUIDELINES:

The ENDOWMENT Fund will be used for programs and projects which focus on new outreach and evangelism
ministry. The program will invoke a vision of ministry which can address a situation unique to that church and
community. Grant applications will be received for ministries that are no more than two years old on the date of
application.

Consideration will be given to the following questions:

1. What is the main focus of the ministry project?
   A. Renewal
   B. Evangelism
   C. Community Service

2. Does the project identify and address a specific situation within your
   community and/or church?

3. What is your specific plan to accomplish this project?
   A. Chart of the process by which this program will be achieved.

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B. Job descriptions of work positions.

4. Do the plans incorporate a training or equipping dimension?

5. Grant money cannot be applied toward capital fund building campaigns.

6. Grants shall not exceed 50% of project costs.

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**REQUIREMENTS:**

Churches which receive a grant will be asked to meet the following requirements:

1. Provide progress report(s) as prescribed in approval letter.

2. Provide a final written report and evaluation of the project.

3. Agree to share the results of your project with other ABC/Ohio churches, e.g., display at convention, association rallies, workshops, etc.

4. If project fails to materialize, full reimbursement of grant money is expected.

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**GRANT REQUEST PROCEDURE:**

Applications are due **April 1** and **August 15** each year.

There may also be an interview process in order to gather additional information. Churches making requests may be asked to come to an interview with the selection committee. Interview schedules will be announced each year. [Spring and Fall].

1. Information about your church:
   A. Confirmation of your church’s budget, expenses, and income for the last 3 years.
   B. Confirmation of your church’s financial support of ABC/Ohio for the past 3 years.

2. Information about your community:
   A. A brief description of the needs of your community.

3. Information about your project:
   A. Fill-in the application form on page 3.
   B. Describe your project, answering questions on pages 4 & 5.
   C. Fill-in the estimated budget and secure signatures requested on page 6.

If you have any questions regarding this grant application, please call the ABC/Ohio Region Office in Granville at (740) 587-0804 or e-mail — lhoskinson@abc-ohio.org.

Mail all documents to: Endowment Fund
Local Church Ministries
American Baptist Churches of Ohio
136 North Galway Drive
Granville, Ohio 43023-9577
APPLICATION FORM

Date: ________________________________

Church: ________________________________________________________________

Address: __________________________________________________________________

City: _______________________________ State: _____ Phone: _____________________

Minister: __________________________________________________________________

Phone Number Where You Can Be Reached: _______________________________________

Project Name: __________________________________________________________________

Amount Requested: ________________________  Total Project Cost: ___________________

Project Director: __________________________________________________________________

Phone Number Where You Can Be Reached: _______________________________________

Amount of your mission giving to ABC/Ohio the last 3 years: _______________________

The last 3 years total church budget, expenses, and income: __________________________

Type of Church:  Open Country  ☐

Small Town/City  ☐

Suburban  ☐

Urban/Downtown  ☐

Urban/Residential  ☐
Project Name: ________________________________________________________________

Church Name: ________________________________________________________________

City: _______________________________________________________________________

A Brief Description of Your Project

1. What is the main focus of your project?
   ________________________________________________________________

2. How does it address a need of your community?
   ________________________________________________________________

3. What are the project’s goals?
   ________________________________________________________________

4. To whom is the project directed?
   ________________________________________________________________

5. Who will lead and/or oversee this project?
   ________________________________________________________________

6. What are the expected immediate and lasting benefits?
   ________________________________________________________________

7. Do you envision the project continuing further?
   ________________________________________________________________

8. How will you evaluate your project?
   ________________________________________________________________

9. How will you know when the project is complete?
   ________________________________________________________________
Chart Your Process for Accomplishing Your Goals

1. Who is responsible?

2. What steps will you take to achieve your goals?

3. What is your starting date?

4. Where will this happen?

5. Time when your project will occur?

6. Time line for each step?
Estimated Project Budget

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Approved By Church/Board Vote On: ________________________________
Pastor’s Signature: ______________________________________________
Church Treasurer’s Signature: ___________________________________