

Local Mission Grant Guidelines

The Local Mission Grant seeks to promote projects that help your congregation strengthen its mission, witness, and outreach to your community and life together as the body of Christ. It is a project of Mennonite Church Manitoba (MCM) made possible by our 2021 surplus. This grant is offered to member congregations who are involved in local community ministries. Initial grant awards will be distributed in preparation for Fall 2022.

The goals of this grant project are to:

- Assist congregations in doing local mission in their communities
- Encourage the use of church resources to respond to local needs
- Create partnerships with local agencies and/or other congregations

Here's how it works. Member congregations of MCM may apply to receive grant money. One time grant funds may be requested for amounts up to \$5000. Initial requests should be made by June 30, 2022. One project per congregation will be considered. Smaller congregations will be given priority. Grants will be awarded by a committee including the Mission Engagement Director, the Executive Minister, and an MCM board member.

PROPOSAL REVIEW CRITERIA AND ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

When we evaluate grant proposals, we consider the following questions:

- What is the potential impact of the project?
- Does the proposal encourage the use of partnerships?
- Does the proposal leverage current resources?
- Does the proposal involve volunteers?
- Are there other sources of funding for the project?
- What is the long-term sustainability of the project?
- Has the proposal been affirmed by a committee/church board/ or congregation?
- Ability to report back on the project regarding project outcomes

The following projects typically fall outside of our mission and goals but may receive consideration:

- Fundraising campaigns;
- Funding to meet congregational budget

GRANT PROPOSAL REVIEW PROCESS -- Here are the steps in our review process for grants

1. **Application Deadline:** Initial grant applications should be submitted by June 30, 2022. An additional appeal may be added depending on whether funds remain. Applications can be found at [MCM-Local-Grant-Guidelines.pdf \(mennochurch.mb.ca\)](https://mennochurch.mb.ca/MCM-Local-Grant-Guidelines.pdf)
2. **Grant review: Proposals** will be reviewed by the committee in preparation for Fall 2022. If there are questions regarding the proposal, you may be contacted for additional input. Please feel free to contact the Mission Engagement Director prior to submission if you would like assistance in the application process including feedback and suggestions to help refine proposals.

Submit applications or questions to: Melanie Neufeld, Director of Mission Engagement
mneufeld@mennochurch.mb.ca

- 3. Grant Follow Up:** After you have been awarded a grant and have carried out your activity, you will be asked to submit a Follow-up Summary. This will include statements about the benefits of the grant for your congregation, learnings for your congregation, and how you might share what you experienced and learned with others at the conference.

Here are some examples of possible grant areas. This is not an exhaustive list. We welcome creative proposals beyond what is listed.

Responding to immigration needs, taking action on climate, developing programs in areas of diversity, equity and inclusion, running a summer DVBS program, responding to homelessness, forming partnerships, hosting community youth programs, hosting an 'Introduction to Christianity' class in your community, making church facilities accessible, providing translation or interpretation

MCM Local Mission Grant Application

MCM invites you to submit a proposal to help your congregation develop and strengthen your community outreach. MCM is interested in encouraging congregations to think creatively.

Please provide the following information for the grant review committee:

1. Grant request amount:
2. Describe your project activity and goals
3. Who will oversee the project?
4. Who will benefit from the project?
5. How will the project engage your congregation?
6. How will the success of the project be measured?
7. How will your project be sustained in the long term?
8. What is your budget? Please describe other sources of funding for the project.

Name of Congregation requesting funds:

Contact person (Name, address, e-mail, phone):

Date of Application:

Signature of contact:

Printed Name and Signature of congregational officer:

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