



Guidelines for COVID-19 Pandemic Grants

U.S. Church of the Brethren Congregations or Districts

Purpose:

The COVID-19 pandemic is causing widespread disruption, hardship and severe illness in much of the world. In response the Church of the Brethren is providing different resources and support to congregations, districts and international partners. This COVID-19 Relief Grant program is one of those resources. Reserves from the Emergency Disaster Fund and donations earmarked for the COVID-19 pandemic are being used to provide a response to both U.S. churches and Global Brethren congregations and partners.

The primary purpose of this domestic grant program is to help Church of the Brethren congregations and districts in the U.S. provide humanitarian relief for vulnerable people in their congregations and communities. This includes people who are ill, single parent households, elderly, children, widows, widowers, handicapped, immigrants and those living in poverty. Churches are encouraged to assist with a community-based response by working in the community and coordinating their activities with other response organizations.

Funds are more likely to be awarded if the following **guidelines** are considered in the grant request and program planning:

- The request is for humanitarian programs and interventions, such as one or more of the following:
 - Food assistance or feeding programs
 - Temporary housing, sheltering or rental assistance
 - Emotional & spiritual care
 - Programs/initiatives that support the well-being of the faith leaders
 - Support of children and education
 - Assistance with healthcare needs or access to healthcare
 - Equipment needs for program implementation, such as protective equipment
- The activity serves the needs of people regardless of race, creed, religion or economic status.
- The congregation or district are contributing or have access to funds, volunteers or services to expand the grant's impact.

Awards will be balanced between districts and the level of COVID-19 impact to spread these resources where needed most. Other factors impacting decisions to award grants include the number of people served, the length of program, the likely long-term impact of the program and involvement of church volunteers.

Grant Awards: Directly to congregations up to \$5,000; Directly to districts up to \$25,000.

Additional Awards: Additional grants to the same congregation or district can be submitted in June and will be considered early in July if funds are still available. A report from the first grant is required before additional grants will be considered.

Program Report: A brief report will be required on the completion of the program/intervention to bdm@brethren.org. The report should include a simple expense report, brief details of the program, description of the beneficiaries and share the impact of the activity. Please also share stories and pictures about this ministry.

Questions:

Contact Brethren Disaster Ministries at 800-451-4407 or bdm@brethren.org

COVID-19 GRANT REQUEST FORM
Church of the Brethren Congregations or Districts



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601 Main St, PO Box 188
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bdm@brethren.org

Please Include the Following Information

Church/District:
Mailing Address:
City/State/Zip:

Date of Request:

Church Pastor or District Executive:
Email and Phone:

Contact Person

Name:
Role in the Church: (member, board chair, etc)
Phone Numbers:
Email Address:

Amount of Funds Requested:

Briefly describe the need for this grant and the planned program by including the following areas:

- A. Provide a brief summary of the effects of the pandemic on the church community or district.
- B. Briefly list or describe the concern or identified need this grant is intended to address.
- C. Provide a brief description of the target population or group and geographic area this includes. Please include the interventions already made to assist this group.
- D. Please describe the program or intervention this grant will fund or help fund. Include the goals or aims of the project, the timeline and how this fits the priorities described in the guidelines.
- E. Provide a simple budget for the project. Please include funds, volunteers or other resources the church, district or another group is providing.
- F. Anticipated long-term impact of this program.

Signature of Requester

Date of Request

Signature of District Executive (if a District office is receiving the funds)

Date of Request