

Ministry Initiative Grant
Application Form
Atlantic Baptist Mission Board of the
Convention of Atlantic Baptist Churches

Application Criteria

The Atlantic Baptist Mission Board is committed to supporting churches and ministries that evidence concrete plans and specific strategies for obediently moving ahead and reaching their potential for Jesus Christ and His Kingdom. Consequently, applications will only be considered:

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 the church making the application has a **demonstrable financial need** that must be met in order for the vision is to be achieved,
3. If the following financial documentation is included. (Application is not considered to be complete without the financial information.)
 - a. Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for the previous year
 - b. Proposed Budget for the Coming Year (including anticipated receipts) – A draft copy of your budget is acceptable for consideration of this application. Final budget can be submitted once voted on by your church.
4. If the application has been approved by the respective Association and contains their recommendation,

Note: *When completed, **two copies** must be sent to your Association Mission Commission (or equivalent). The Association must forward **one copy** to the Atlantic Baptist Mission Board by November 15 and **retain one copy** for their records. It is important that **all** information requested be provided. Otherwise, consideration will be delayed.*

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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: _____

CABC churches 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;
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Amount being requested for 2017: _____

Grant funds are normally disbursed from January – December and only for a 1 year period.

Please complete the following statement:

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

Grants are intended to help seed a new ministry initiative. Due to limited funds, grant support should not exceed 3-5 yrs for any initiative and support levels should decline for each of those years. How many years has your church been receiving support for this initiative?

_____ (#) years OR _____ New Initiative/Vision – New Application

Does your church support the work of CABC by contributing financially to United in Missions?

_____ Yes _____ No

RATIONALE FOR SUPPORT

Please briefly outline below (or on a separate paper or document – not more than 1 page) the **vision** your church has and the **specific goals** or **strategies** that are in place to help you move toward the vision. These goals/strategies should be clear and concrete.

THE VISION

SPECIFIC GOALS AND STRATEGIES (list in brief point form)

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND NEED

Please provide the following summary information from your church financial records (*if in a field of churches, please photocopy these pages and provide separate information for each church*):

INCOME	Actual for Past Year	To Date in Current Year	Budget for Next Year
Envelopes	_____	_____	_____
Loose Offering	_____	_____	_____
Other (internal)	_____	_____	_____
Association	_____	_____	_____
Total Church Income	_____	_____	_____

EXPENDITURES	Past Year	Current Year	Next Year
Total Salary Related ¹	_____	_____	_____
Total Building Related ²	_____	_____	_____
Other (internal)	_____	_____	_____
Association	_____	_____	_____
Total Church Expense	_____	_____	_____
Surplus (Loss)	_____	_____	_____

CURRENT ACCOUNTS

Chequing Account(s)	_____	_____	_____
Savings Account(s)	_____	_____	_____
Investment Account(s) ³	_____	_____	_____

If the church has investment account(s), what is the intended purpose for those funds?

¹ Please include the amount paid by the church for annuity, CPP, EI, or group insurance premiums. **DO NOT INCLUDE** amounts deducted by the church from the pastor’s salary for these premiums

² This amount should include expenditures on both the church building and, if applicable, the parsonage

³ Please include any restrictions on funds or ministry plans for any investment funds .

LOANS AND CHARGE ACCOUNTS

Please indicate below the balances owing on any loans or charge accounts which the church has:

	Balance Owing	Reasons for Loan
Loans Accounts	_____	_____
Charge Accounts	_____	_____
Other	_____	_____

SPECIAL EXPENSES

Please indicate below if (within the next year) you are anticipating any **extra expenses** (ie capital repair like roof or furnace replacement) that are beyond the normal income or operational expenses:

	Estimated Amount	Comments
Expenses	_____	_____

FURTHER INFORMATION

If there is any other information which you believe would assist the Atlantic Baptist Mission Board in its deliberations, please indicate below.

SALARY-RELATED COMMITMENTS

The Mission Board is concerned that the pastor of any church being supported by a Ministry Initiative Grant receives a salary that adequately compensates for services being rendered. Please indicate below your church’s annual commitments. If any item does not apply in your situation, please mark it “N/A”. Report only those amounts which are commitments of the church (eg., do not report what the church deducts from the employee for Annuity, CPP, EI or group insurance premiums.)

Salary (**exclusive** of any amount listed below)\$ _____

Car Allowance\$ _____

Parsonage Utilities Expenses:\$ _____

 Fuel \$ _____

 Electricity \$ _____

 Telephone \$ _____

Pastor’s Continuing Education.....\$ _____

Book Allowance.....\$ _____

Convention Assembly Expense.....\$ _____

Group Insurance and Medical/Dental Plan paid by Church.....\$ _____

CBM Pension Plan paid by Church.....\$ _____

Employer’s CPP and EI costs.....\$ _____

Other (please specify).....\$ _____

TOTAL..... \$ _____

DECLARATION OF CHURCH CLERK(S)

Before this Application is sent to the Association Missions Commissions it **must be brought before the church(es)** at a regular specially-called business meeting. The church, **by vote of those present** at the business meeting, must agree upon the following:

1. The amount of the grant being requested
2. To support the Convention’s “United in Mission” Fund

“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 _____

Questions or clarification inquiries should be directed to Mrs. Jacqueline Derrah.
E-mail: Jacqueline.derrah@baptist-atlantic.ca; Telephone: (506) 635-1922 ext 115; Fax: (506) 635-0366

ASSOCIATION RECOMMENDATION

Name of Association _____

Chair of Mission Commission _____

Mailing Address _____

Telephone/E-mail _____

Recommendation:

We recommend a grant of \$_____ per annum be extended to this church by the Atlantic Baptist Mission Board.

In support of this application, our Association has agreed to issue a grant of \$_____ to this church.

Supporting Comments and/or Remarks:

Signature: _____

Date of Mission Commission meeting: _____