

Gateway Strategic Fund Definitions and Guidelines

New churches:

Definition: An effort that results in a new church being established.

The Gateway Conference BOA may award financial support to a new church initiative in the following manner:

Support Criteria

The new work has been discerned as necessary by the sponsoring pastor, Sponsoring church BOA, church planter, a core group with agreement from the District leader and Conference Superintendent.

Time commitment

Three years in a decreasing graduated scale. Support for a fourth year may be awarded with documented evidence of ministry viability and additional support need.

Support structure.

The amount awarded is left to the wisdom and discretion of the Gateway Conference BOA.

There must be multiple income streams for the new church initiative.

-Expectation: Fundraising by church planter; members and attenders tithes; sponsoring church, Conference, and possibly District financial support.

The financial support shall be distributed quarterly.

A basic accounting of how the money is spent shall be received from the new church initiative yearly by October 1 prior to Conference BOA Budget meeting.

An agreement shall be signed between the Church planter/and or supporting church which governs additional details of financial oversight.

A ministry report will be submitted to the MEGA and BOA yearly by the date of Annual Conference

BUSTING BARRIERS:

Definition: An effort that results in overcoming a substantial hindrance to ministry effectiveness.

The Gateway Conference BOA may award financial support to a church in need in the following manner:

Support Criteria

The request must prove a hardship of time or lack of financial means to meet a critical structural need for the facility to be operational for ministry.

-OR-

The request must prove a hardship regarding a lack of financial means to take advantage of a ministry opportunity that is easily and practically understood as such. Priority shall be given to the sustainability of the ministry the request aids

Time commitment

none

Support Structure

The amount awarded is left to the wisdom and discretion of the Gateway Conference BOA.

There may be multiple income streams for the new church initiative.

-Possible expectations: Special giving initiatives by members and attenders, and/or a partnering church.

The financial grant shall be given in one sum.

The BOA shall request an accounting for how the financial support was spent.

Ministry Incubation

Definition: An effort that results in a new ministry being established that meets a unique need in the conference region.

The Gateway Conference BOA may award financial support to a new ministry initiative in the following manner:

Support Criteria

The request must prove a current unmet critical need.

Priority shall be given to the sustainability of the ministry the request aids

Time Commitment

Three years or less in a decreasing graduated scale. Support for a fourth year is awarded only with documented evidence of ministry viability and additional support need.

Support Structure

The amount awarded is left to the wisdom and discretion of the Gateway Conference BOA.

There must be written commitment of multiple income support streams.

The financial grant may be given in multiple ways as directed by the Gateway Conference BOA

The BOA shall request an yearly accounting for how the financial support was spent by October 1 prior to Conference BOA Budget meeting.

A ministry report will be submitted to the MEGA and BOA yearly by the date of Annual Conference