

Western USA Mission Field

Mission Initiative Grants

PURPOSE: The purpose of Mission Initiative Grants is to provide seed funding support for field mission ministries focused on at least one of the following missional priorities established by the Council of Twelve:

- Congregational mission and disciple-making ministries
- Church planting ministries
- Young adult ministries/outreach
- Ministries with the marginalized and vulnerable (including ministries to children and youth)
- Ministries with non-dominant culture groups

1. Funding

- a. Grant funds are made available through the MIC Block Grant fund awarded to each field apostle to be utilized specifically for mission ministries.
- b. These funds are not available for capital improvement projects or facilities; land purchases; personnel salaries; automobiles or other vehicles.

2. Grant Application

- a. Please submit a completed grant application to the Apostolic Assistant to be reviewed by the field team (Apostle, Apostolic Assistant, Field Mission Coordinator).
- b. Applications are accepted year round and reviewed four times annually based on the following deadlines: March 15, June 15, September 15, December 15. Approved grants will be awarded within three weeks of each deadline cycle. Annual funds are made available July 1 of each fiscal year (July 1 - June 30). Applications received later in the fiscal year may be limited by fund availability constraints

3. Process of Grant Approval

- a. Applications are reviewed by the field team to be awarded, denied, or returned for additional information and/or documentation.
- b. The primary criterion for approving grant requests is the proposed missional impact in the context of ministry.
- c. Priority **may** be given to projects with matching funds in place.
- d. Grant requests from initiatives previously receiving Mission Initiative Grant funds **may** be given lower priority than first time grant requests.

4. Grant Recipient Documentation

- a. Grant funds are to be used for the missional ministries as described in the original grant application.
- c. If the approved mission initiative evolves and funding needs are redefined, notify the field team for authorization of redirection of funds.
- d. Grant recipients will provide a written summary report to include ministry progress and complete financial report no later than **April 1** of fiscal year. Photos are helpful.

Community of Christ

WESTERN USA MISSION FIELD MISSION INITIATIVE GRANT APPLICATION

Jurisdiction: _____ Date: _____

Amount requested: \$ _____ Total project cost: \$ _____

Describe your project and identify how it proclaims Christ's peace, addresses mission goals, and is in harmony with the missional priorities established by the Council of Twelve (see grant guidelines):

Describe the initiative's timeline and projected itemized budget. How will you evaluate the initiative?

Application Signatures:

MCP/FO : _____

Mission Initiative Leader: _____
(the individual administrating this initiative)

Mission FO: _____
(the individual administrating the initiative funds)

Use additional or separate pages as appropriate. Application may be submitted electronically to dnii@cofchrist.org.