

Marquette District Creative Ministry Grant

Purpose: The Creative Ministry Grant program provides incentive to encourage new creative ministries of outreach and program development which might otherwise not be possible because of local budgetary consideration.

Church _____ Church phone _____

Church address _____

Name of Ministry _____

Briefly describe the ministry:

What results/benefits do you expect from this ministry?

Key persons planning/administering this program will be:

Name _____ Name _____

Address _____ Address _____

Phone _____ Phone _____

e-mail _____ e-mail _____

Has this program been done in your church within the last five years? _____

Budget:

Expenses anticipated:

| | |
|---------------|----------|
| _____ | \$ _____ |
| _____ | \$ _____ |
| _____ | \$ _____ |
| _____ | \$ _____ |
| Total Expense | \$ _____ |

Income expected:

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|---|----------|
| From local church and other local sources (Must be a least equal to grant request) | \$ _____ |
| Other sources (not local) | \$ _____ |
| Grant request (not more than \$300) | \$ _____ |
| Total Income | \$ _____ |

Pastor's signature _____ Date _____

Ad. Bd./Council rep. signature _____ Date approved by Ad. Bd./
Ad. Council _____

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111 E. Ridge, Marquette, MI 49855**

What is a “Creative Ministry?”

The intent of the Creative Ministry Grant program is to encourage local churches and clusters of churches to initiate new programs.

Some characteristics of a Creative Ministry might be:

- < A program that is new for that church or cluster of churches.
- < A program which the local church cannot afford to initiate without help from the district.
- < A “pilot” program for which the local church will take full ownership after the first year.
- < A short-term ministry.

Some examples of possible Creative Ministries are:

- < Beginning a new youth ministry.
- < Sponsoring a Mission Work Trip.
- < Drama Ministry: a play that could be taken to other churches.
- < Start-up/training costs for a program such as Stephen Ministers or Disciple Bible Study programs.
- < Developing an information brochure about your church which would be distributed to tourists through motel, restaurants, etc.
- < Employing a college student to work with youth and children during the summer.

Some limitations of the Creative Ministry Grants are:

- < Maximum grant is \$300.
- < Local church must provide at least as much funding as the grant request. (For example, if you request a \$150 grant, your local church must guarantee to raise at least \$150 toward the program.)

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