

**Classis Grand Rapids East
STARTING AND STRENGTHENING CHURCHES
GRANT APPLICATION FOR 2024-2025**

Through financial assistance and prayer, Classis Grand Rapids East offers to assist congregations of classis that desire to seek new vitality in their own church or to help plant and develop a new church. The Starting and Strengthening Churches Team is allocated budgeted grant funds annually. Ordinarily grant proposals ranging from \$1500 to \$7500 will be considered.

GENERAL CRITERIA FOR GRANT FUNDING

1. All grants from Classis Grand Rapids East (hereafter Classis) are to align with its values and priorities (see Classis GR East web site) and help fulfill its mission.
2. Classis grants are designed to support new ministry initiatives, related training needs, and other ministry opportunities.
3. Classis grants are intended to help develop self-sustaining ministry through broader partnership and support (rather than long-term funding by Classis).
4. Classis grants require meaningful partnership and accountability with the appropriate ministry team of Classis and, ordinarily, with one or more member congregations.
5. Grant amounts are finalized by recommendation of the ministry team, endorsement of the ministry planning team, and approval of the executive team.
6. Grant recipients are to report to and be reviewed by the appropriate ministry team at least annually.
7. Actual payment of approved grants will be contingent on available funds. Note:

Member churches requesting an S&SC Grant are expected to have (or pledge to have) a Safe Church representative and Safe Church policies in place and up to date.

Your application for an S&SC grant is due on March 1st each year. Upon approval, generally in April, quarterly grant installments will commence in early November, based on the classis fiscal year which begins on August 1st.

Church name:

Contact person's name:

Contact person's email address:

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Contact person's telephone number:

Project name:

Note: a project can be a ministry initiative of an established church or a church plant sponsored by an established church.

Amount of grant being requested:

Annual budget of the ministry project or church plant for 2020:

Annual budget of the sponsoring congregation (give total and attach budget):

In your opinion, what characterizes a vital, healthy ministry?

Describe the ministry/project for which you are requesting funds:

How will your program, or ministry help create missional vitality inside and beyond your congregation?

What broad strategies will the project use to achieve the described change?

List specific expenses of the project: (or attach a budget):

What other commitments (funding or otherwise) are being made to the expense of this ministry by the church or sponsoring organization?

What commitments (funding or otherwise) are being made by outside entities to this project?

Are you submitting other grant applications to Classis Grand Rapids East for 2022-2023? If yes, please explain?

Does the requesting church have a Safe Church representative and Safe Church policies in place and up to date? If no, please explain?

Please email the proposal in an attached Word document to Classis Grand Rapids East Starting and Strengthening Churches Team via Pastor Nate DeJong-McCarron at PastorNate@FullerCRC.org

We will contact you if we need more information. Thank you for your application.