

HOPE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

HOPE FOR MEMPHIS FUND

Grant Request Guidelines

Mission Statement: The Hope for Memphis Fund's mission is to invest strategically in Christian Organizations seeking City transformation: Spiritually, Educationally, Economically, and Relationally.

Geographic focus: Memphis Metro area

Types of funding: Our primary emphasis of funding for 2010 is to support development efforts to create more sustainable and effective ministries and leaders. Such efforts would include the following:

- Leadership training and development and leadership mentoring
- Long term business planning and strategic planning
- Development of 'Best Management' practices
- Board development
- Donor communication and development
- Creation of 'Case Study' reports on highly successful ministries.
- Development of benchmarks or measures of effectiveness

Staff additions to improve ministry effectiveness or sustainability, such as development staff, will also be considered. Grants for capital campaigns or to support ongoing operations will not be considered.

Nature of recipient: The Fund desires to make grants to ministries that seek to combine Christian faith and Christian action in furthering God's kingdom in our city. Our focus is on established organizations or a "start-up" which is affiliated with an established organization, in both cases, with a 501c-3 designation. Start ups not affiliated with existing organizations are less likely to be considered.

Type of Grants:

- Direct grants
- Loans (where repayment is clear & only in special circumstances)
- Leveraging with matching grants

Grant Amounts: Grant requests should generally range between \$3,000 and \$50,000. Multi-year requests will be considered.

Procedures: Grant requests should be no more than two pages in length and include:

- Description of Ministry & Mission Statement
- Population served
- Amount requested
- A clear and concise description of the request including the existing limitation on the ministry due to some constraint
- Intended measurable outcomes from the project or program including how the request will remove and diminish the constraint

- Expected time frame of intended outcomes
- Website address and complete contact information including e-mail address.

To the request, please attach list of Board members, evidence of 501c-3 status, most recent audited financial statement, and current operating budget. If applicable, also include proposals from service providers.

Grants are usually recommended and approved three times per year (on or about January 25, May 25 and September 25). The deadlines for submission to be considered for these approval dates are November 15, March 15 and July 15, respectively. The Hope for Memphis Fund Committee is responsible for the recommendation of grants from the Fund. Such recommendations will be approved by the Board of Hope Christian Community Foundation.