



GRANT APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Purpose

The NT-NL Mission Council and the NT-NL Stewardship Committee established the Mission Endowment Fund (MEF) in 1992. The purpose of the MEF is to enhance the Mission Area's efforts to support its mission ministries and offer individual stewardship opportunities beyond the general operation of the NT-NL Mission Area. The goal of the Mission Endowment Fund is to award grants for specific and identifiable projects or programs of NT-NL Mission Area missions and congregations.

Priorities

Specifically, The Mission Endowment Fund seeks to support the following:

1. Proposals to assist new mission starts;
2. Proposals to fund mission development leadership training for developers, missionaries, and mission partners;
3. Proposals to assist ministries in newly organized congregations that are not yet self-sufficient;
4. Proposals to assist existing congregations with exceptional potential but inadequate financial resources.
5. Proposals to assist in leadership development for lay and clergy.

Note: The MEF board will not consider applications for funds to be used for construction of buildings or upgrades to existing buildings.

Guidelines

The following guidelines shall be used to request and administer MEF grants:

1. Any mission or established congregation of the NT-NL Area is eligible to apply for a grant. However, no grants shall be awarded to individuals, and no pass-through grants to other organizations shall be awarded.
2. Grants that support leadership formation for clergy and laity.
3. MEF grants may augment grants from other sources only if compelling substantiation is provided.
4. Grant awards will be disbursed following the February board meeting.
5. Each recipient mission or congregation shall send an end-of-year report to the Chair of the Grants Committee that summarizes the impact of the grant on the ministry. Missions and congregations are ineligible for subsequent increments or awards without the requisite final reports.
6. In the event that the funded program or ministry does not occur, all funds received shall be returned, and if appropriate reapplication for an alternate activity may be submitted to the Mission Endowment Fund for consideration at its next quarterly meeting
7. All applications must use the attached application form. (See below) One (1) copy of the completed application form, along with requested attachments must be received by **October 31:** by email to: hattie.hammer@sbcglobal or by snail mail to:
ATT.: Hattie M. Hammer, Executive Director
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Note: Application forms are also available online at <https://ntnl.org/partners-ministry/mef/>.