



## COVID-19 NBA RESPONSE GRANTS

### *Frequently Asked Questions*

#### **Eligibility Requirements**

Applications will be accepted from Disciples congregations and Disciples-related health and social service ministries in the United States and Canada. Applicants must identify a specific and immediate organizational need related to their front-line health and social service work that has resulted because of the Coronavirus health pandemic (COVID-19).

In addition, the project or ministry must:

- Be consistent with and reflective of the mission and vision of the NBA.
- Be a registered nonprofit or charity:
  - Applicants must have a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status (status through a church affiliation is acceptable).
  - Canadian projects must be registered charities through the CRA.

#### **Application Process and Timeline:**

The COVID-19 NBA Response Grant application process will open to applicants in early April and will consider applications on a bi-weekly rolling basis through December 2020. Applications will be considered in three cycles. In each grant cycle, when all grant funds have been allocated for that cycle, the application portal will close. The application portal will be reopened at the beginning of the next scheduled cycle. The NBA reserves the ability to update the process including the criteria and use of funds from grant cycle to grant cycle. Please visit [nbacares.org](http://nbacares.org) for up-to-date information and to view the current status of each application cycle.

- April – June: Initial Response
- July – September: Initial and Recovery Response
- October – December: Recovery Response

All applications must be submitted through the online process — no hard copies will be considered. Your ministry or organization may only submit one application for a COVID-19 NBA Response Grant per cycle. Awards will be determined by the COVID-19 NBA Response Grant Team and funds will be disbursed within a month of application.

As part of the COVID-19 NBA Response Grant application, you will need the following information:

- Organizational contact information
- Project Summary clearly outlining the impact of COVID-19 on the ministry or project as well as suggested goals and outcomes to address the emergent needs of the applicable population group.
- Budget Overview and Grant Request
- Current W-9
- Project or Ministry Logo (if available)



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

**Q: My organization currently receives other grant funds from NBA; can we apply for a COVID-19 NBA Response Grant?**

Yes, Disciples-related congregations and health and social service ministries in the United States and Canada are eligible to apply for these grant funds. This includes current NBA Incubate partners, Connect Partners, and former Mission & Ministry Grant awardees.

**Q: My previous mission and ministry grant was denied; can I apply for a COVID-19 NBA Response Grant?**

Yes, an organization may apply for a COVID-19 NBA Response Grant regardless of their approval status from previous and/or other NBA grant programs.

**Q: Can I apply for and receive **both** a COVID-19 NBA Response Grant **and** a 2020 Mission & Ministry Grant?**

Yes, if you apply and receive a COVID-19 NBA Response Grant you are still eligible to apply for a 2020 Mission & Ministry grant.

**Q: What kinds of expenses can the COVID-19 NBA Response Grants be used to fund?**

- Support access to essential human needs such as food access, educational support, support services for individuals and families and other front-line health and human needs.
- Implement an organizational pivot and/or implement projects that address the needs of those your organization serves given needs created or increased as a result of COVID-19.
- Restore lost funding due to COVID-19 that impacts the organization's ability to carry out its front-line work. Lost funding will need to be demonstrated as part of the grant application.
- Grants requested to cover expenses must present a clear case of detrimental impact to the project's fiscal and/or administrative operations due to COVID-19. Maximum grant requests for compensation/staff expense support is limited to \$10,000 per request.
- Sustain an innovative and effective ministry the organization started as a response to the crisis created by COVID-19.
- Receiving grants from other Disciple-related granting entities does not disqualify a project from a COVID-19 NBA Response Grant.

**Q: What are the areas that NBA COVID-19 NBA Response Grants will **not** support?**

- Individuals (only Disciples-related congregations and entities are eligible)
- Endowments
- Capital improvements (i.e. construction, remodeling, building expansion)
- Purchase requests (i.e. equipment or goods purchased without clearly articulated programmatic impact or expansion)
- National ceremonies, memorials, conferences, fundraising dinners, testimonials, or other similar events
- Elected officials
- Projects outside of the United States and Canada

*Note: this list is not exhaustive, and the NBA holds the right to determine fit and connection to the NBA mission of each proposal and grant application received.*



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**Q: What is the amount of funding that can be applied for?**

We will accept grant requests in the amounts from \$1,000 to \$15,000 USD. A maximum of \$30,000 over the three open application periods will be awarded to one entity.

**Q: What other requirements will NBA have if I receive a grant?**

The NBA will require you to provide a written (or other media format) **Story of Impact** about your project and how these funds aided in your response to the COVID-19 health pandemic. These stories will be used to foster learning for the whole church about effective responses from health and social service ministries, and to help you amplify the success and impact of the work your ministries are doing.

**Q: Who do I contact with questions regarding the COVID-19 NBA Response Grants program?**

Email the NBA Grants Coordinator at [grants@nbacares.org](mailto:grants@nbacares.org).