



ENDURING WITNESS FUND

Thriving Congregations Grant Application Cover Sheet

Please check appropriate box

- Board of Pensions Grant Program Grant
 Capital Grant * SLD Coaching Grant

**CAPITAL GRANTS are only available for existing Programs/Projects*

Date of Request: ____/____/____

Amount Requested: \$ _____

REQUESTOR INFORMATION

Last Name	First Name	
Name of Member Church		
Address	Apt #	
City	State	Zip
Phone	Email	

Make grant payable to:

Full Name of Individual or Congregation

Street Address

City State Zip Code

Requestor Signature: _____ Requestor Title: _____

Please return complete application to:

Enduring Witness Grant
Presbytery of Baltimore
5400 Loch Raven Blvd.
Baltimore, MD 21239

Or email to:

ewgrant@baltimorepresbytery.org

CTC USE ONLY

Authorized Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____
 Approved Not Approved

Comments: _____



Enduring Witness Fund Thriving Congregations Grants Information

The Presbytery of Baltimore is privileged to receive funds from congregations whose ministries have closed either through the sale of church property or other situations whereby the Presbytery of Baltimore receives assets. The legacy of the faithful members of these congregations continues through the life and ministry of remaining congregations in the Presbytery.

Many churches in our Presbytery are seeking to transform themselves through the development of viable and vibrant ministries, yet some lack the current leadership or membership capacity to fully realize their goals. The Commission on Thriving Congregations is aware of the growing number of congregations where assessment, planning and grant assistance may make the difference between continued ministry and closing.

This application will be used for congregations applying for grants administered by the Commission on Thriving Congregations. The types of grants are:

1. **Board of Pensions Grant** - Assistance for pension dues to supplement part-time pastoral leadership **(up to 3 years MAXIMUM)**
2. **Program Grant** - Assistance for Congregational transformation and intentional evangelism through programmatic initiatives **(up to \$35,000.00/year)**
3. **Capital Grant *** - Assistance for capital building costs/repairs related to a programmatic initiative **(up to \$35,000.00/year)**
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4. **SLD Coaching Grant** - Assistance for Clergy Coaching for (1) any clergy entering our presbytery to take a new call or for (2) clergy who are pastoring churches that have completed an assessment process and are implementing a new vision for their congregation **(up to \$1,500/year to be distributed at the discretion of the POB SLD Liaison)**

**THE MAXIMUM AVAILABLE FUNDS FOR ALL THRIVING
CONGREGATION GRANTS IS \$100,000 PER YEAR**



Upon approval of the **Board of Pensions Grant**, the recipient shall receive a check each year for three years (if necessary) payable to the Board of Pensions for one year of dues. The recipient is responsible for submitting the check and relevant information to the Board of Pensions.

Upon approval of the **Program Grant** or **Capital Grant**, the recipient shall receive one half of the grant amount at the beginning of the grant period. After receipt of a six-month status report, the second half of the grant will be released. This report should indicate how the project/initiative is meeting its stated goals and provide a financial update.

Upon approval of the **SLD Coaching Grant**, the POB SLD Liaison shall receive the full amount of the grant in a “lockbox” to be distributed at the discretion of the POB SLD Liaison using a **POB Check Request Form**

All Projects/Programs/Coaching/Pensions must begin within three (3) months of receipt of the grant. If there are reasons funds cannot be spent wisely by the end of the year in which they were received, please notify the Commission on Thriving Congregations.

A final report evaluating the use of funds is required one year after award. Congregations may not receive additional funding until the report is submitted.

***** ALL UNSPENT GRANT FUNDS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE PRESBYTERY OF BALTIMORE *****



Enduring Witness Fund Thriving Congregations Grant Application

For Board of Pensions Grants, please complete the Thriving Congregations Grant Application Cover Sheet and Section One questions 1-5 only.

For Program Grants and Capital Grants, please complete the Thriving Congregations Grant Application Cover Sheet, Section One and Section Two questions.

For SLD Coaching Grants, the POB SLD Liaison must complete the Thriving Congregations Grant Application Cover Sheet and a POB Journal Entry Request Form.

PLEASE NOTE: These funds are not designed for long term use and are not meant to be part of any congregation's budget process. The filing deadlines for grant applications are May 15, 20XX and October 15, 20XX. Applications received after the due date will be considered at the next deadline.

The Commission on Thriving Congregations reserves the right to adjust or decline an applicant's request. The Commission on Thriving Congregations does not discriminate between applicants based on race, color, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, age, or disability.

Section One - Financial/Congregation Questions

1. Amount of financial assistance you are requesting for this current year.
2. Have you received any Presbytery financial assistance in previous years?
If so, please supply amount, year and type of grant/assistance.
3. Have you received any Presbytery financial assistance in the current year?
If so, please supply amount and type of grant/assistance.
4. Significant changes (positive or negative) at your congregation in the past three years? Do you anticipate any significant changes (positive or negative) in the current year?



5. Average Sunday attendance last year? Pledging Units last year?

6. Do you have an endowment? If so, how much? What are the restrictions?

7. Have you completed a building assessment through the Commission on Thriving Congregations?

8. Have you recently done an objective assessment of your congregation and mission (using a tool such as New Beginnings or the Congregational Assessment Tool-CAT)? If so, when? Briefly summarize the results. **(This is required to be considered for funding)**

9. Amount the church is contributing toward this initiative.



Section Two - Programmatic Questions

1. Write a Proposal Summary. This summary should be about one paragraph of 1-3 sentences and should include a general description of the use of the funds.
2. What is the exact need or issue your project will address?
3. What is the desired impact and results of your project?
4. How will measure your project's success?
5. When do you anticipate the project being self-sustaining?



6. Is your ministry known in your neighborhood? What would they say at the local supermarket or gas station? What do you know about your community?

7. Is there anything else you would like to communicate to the Commission?