



# Grant Application Process

## Grants

SoCal Baptist Ministries provides one time grants for short term ministry and mission projects and purposes to churches that are in active cooperation with the California Southern Baptist Convention and churches and agencies affiliated with them. If your California Southern Baptist church or related organization is interested in applying for a grant, please read the following information and follow the directions given.

## General Operating Support vs. Project Support

SoCal Baptist Ministries does not provide general operating support grants or unrestricted fund grants for an organization's overall budget. Rather, the grants provided are intended to support specific ministry and mission projects being sponsored by a Southern Baptist church or other Southern Baptist organization or educational entity.

## Focus Areas

The SoCal Board focuses its grant making on five focus areas:

- Evangelistic Outreach Events or Projects
- Ministry Outreach Projects or Events
- Missions Projects or Events
- Disaster Relief Efforts
- Hunger Relief Efforts

Applicants are encouraged to review these focus area priorities to better understand how their organization's work or project fits within the priorities of the SoCal Baptist Ministries Board.



Fund Management provided by The Baptist Foundation of California

## Board Meeting Dates

The SoCal Board meets four times a year. Below is the meeting schedule for 2019. Please take note of these **meeting dates** and **deadlines for submissions** when planning your events for the year. Since the Board does not grant funds retroactively, your event **MUST** be scheduled after the meeting date for which you are applying. We do not want any organization to miss an opportunity because they have missed the deadline for submitting an application.

**\*\*\*\*Grants are now limited to 2 per church per year.**

- **Board meeting date is February 23, 2019** - The **deadline for submitting** your application for consideration at the February meeting is **January 25, 2018**.
- **Board meeting date is May 11, 2019** - The **deadline for submitting** your application for consideration at the May meeting is **April 12, 2019**.
- **Board meeting date is August 17, 2019** - The **deadline for submitting** your application for consideration at the August meeting is **July 19, 2019**.
- **Board meeting date is November 9, 2019** - The **deadline for submitting** your application for consideration at the November meeting is **October 11, 2019**.

**\*\*\*\***Before beginning an application, please carefully review the following section on Eligibility.

## How to Apply for a Grant

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### 1. Eligibility

**FIRST:** SoCal Baptist Ministries is restricted to making grants to the California Southern Baptist Convention and to churches and other tax-exempt, 501(c)(3) organizations affiliated with the Convention. **Eligibility for a grant requires that a church must be participating in annual contributions to the California Southern Baptist Convention.** Grants are **NOT** made to individuals or businesses for any purpose. Grants are not provided for staff salaries or capital improvements, such as acquiring or improving physical assets, property or equipment. Grants must be for ministry and mission programs, projects and events. **Your grant application must include a specific statement of how and when the Gospel is going to be presented.**

**SECOND**; You **MUST** have proof of 501(c)(3) status **OR** proof that you qualify under the California Southern Baptist Convention's group exemption.

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## 2. What To Prepare for the Application

**ALL** applications **REQUIRE**:

- ✓ A detailed explanation and purpose of the project/event.
- ✓ A statement of specifically HOW and WHEN the Gospel is going to be presented at the project/event.
- ✓ Scheduled date of the project/event.
- ✓ Detailed budget page of the project/event.
  - Total amount of the budget for the project/event
  - Detailed list of how funds will be used
  - Amount your church/organization is committing to this project/event
  - Dollar amount requesting
- ✓ Proof of 501(c)(3) tax-exemption status.

**ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS** if applying for an amount **OVER** \$4,000:

- ✓ Your church/organization annual budget.
  - ✓ Your church/organization current financial statements.
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3. Apply Online at [www.scbministries.org](http://www.scbministries.org) or mail completed application along with all additional documentation to address shown below keeping in mind the deadline date(s) of when applications are due.

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**Mail completed application and documentation to:**

SoCal Baptist Ministries  
c/o The Baptist Foundation of California  
3210 E. Guasti Road, Suite 640  
Ontario, CA 91761

**4. Keep a copy of the application and attached documentation for your records.**

## Grant Application

**Church or Ministry Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Pastor or President:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Church/Ministry COMPLETE Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Church/Ministry Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Church/Ministry Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Church's Average Attendance:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CONTACT PERSON'S NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CONTACT PERSON'S PHONE NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CONTACT PERSON'S EMAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Project/Event Amount \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Church/Ministry Amount toward Project/Event \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Grant Request Amount \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Type of project**      **Missions** \_\_\_\_\_      **Ministry** \_\_\_\_\_      **Other** \_\_\_\_\_

