

Application Information Sheet

Applicants

An individual or organization from one of the categories below may apply for Grant or Information Resources:

- An individual follower of Jesus Christ who has been inspired by God to carry out a specific ministry project, or
- a newly developing Christian organization called to carry out a specific ministry project, or
- A person with a confirmed biblical calling to fivefold Christian servant ministry who does not receive full time support from a church or a denomination.

Applicants who receive a micro grant (see below) will be asked to provide a brief written report on the outcome of the project no more than 30 days after completing the activities covered by the grant.

We expect that Applicants who receive grants will abide by all laws, regulations and the highest standards of Christian, moral and ethical behavior in use of any grant received. You will be asked to sign a waiver relieving The Lydia Tree of any liability for the activities conducted with grant funds.

The grant application asks Applicants to share some limited background information with The Lydia Tree so that we can better focus our fundraising efforts and services. Our survey questions do not cover sensitive issues, and the responses will be used for anonymous data collection.

Geographic Service Area

The Lydia Tree will give first preference to ministries located within the United States, , but we also accept applications from ministries in other locations, including internationally.

Grants

Grants are made at the sole discretion of The Lydia Tree. Since 2007, The Lydia Tree has awarded micro grants of up to \$1000 in response to qualified applications, and as of 2024 we've increased the maximum amount to \$2000. Learn about some of our success stories [here](#). Generally, examples of projects that we might select to receive a micro grant include:

Do-the-Word Projects, which are apostolic activities that focus on disseminating principles, doctrines and teachings of evangelical Christianity, such as

- Teaching or training for lay ministers and helpers
- Support of itinerant preaching and other missionary field projects or events
- New ministry development initiatives not related to church construction or other capital projects

Say-the-Word Projects, which are prophetic or "forth-telling" activities that focus on encouraging adherence, attention and reverence to the written and contemporaneously spoken word of God, as corroborated in the Old and New Testaments, such as

- worship arts and worship renewal
- events and activities organized for the primary purpose of group intercession and prayer
- ministry to the sick
- activities that teach and encourage the corporate Church toward righteousness, holiness, worship and unity

Evangelism Projects, which focus on carrying the Gospel of Christ to all persons, wherever located or situated, such as

- Outreach activities
- Training in evangelism
- Materials for evangelism
- Messianic outreach activities

Community Building Projects, which focus on increasing the involvement of the corporate Church, through its spiritual philosophy and activity, in the development of the greater community, such as

- Faith-based social outreach
- Training of field workers for social services
- Youth development
- Workforce preparedness and counseling, and application of theocratic principles to organizational dynamics and corporate culture

Please note these are only examples of project types that interest us. We may consider projects that have the same focus or purpose, but which are not listed above.

Information Resources & Networking Assistance

Please request these services if we can assist you in the following areas of interest:

- Survey information about ministry projects of similar scope and purpose in your geographic area
- Learning about how small and newly developing faith-based ministries can prepare to seek grant funding from various sources
- Networking support to connect you with like-minded individuals and organizations
- Research assistance to project leaders seeking information on ministry development (note: your requests must be limited to a specific ministry project and scope)

To Apply

Please complete the enclosed application form. If you are applying for a micro grant, please complete sections I, II, III, IV and V. If you are applying for information resources only, please complete sections I, II and III. To apply for both, complete sections I-V.

All applications must be signed by a person who is authorized to represent your ministry.

Please attach an additional sheet(s) of paper if you would like to provide more information.

Please mail your application to the following address:

The Lydia Tree, Inc.
ATTN: Microgrant Applications
PO Box 171
Frederick, MD 21705

If you have any questions, please contact us by sending an email to info@lydiatree.org.

Micro Grant/ Resource Application

(To be completed by the leader of your organization or an authorized representative)

I. Please Tell Us about Your Project/ Initiative		
Organization/ Ministry Name:	Time in Operation :	Director/ Leader:
Street Address:		Phone: () Email:
Reason for Requesting this Grant : (If needed, please include additional details on a separate sheet of paper)		
Please tell us what type of resource you are requesting:	<i>Please review the Application Information Sheet for a more detailed description of each resource type</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Micro Grant <input type="checkbox"/> Information <input type="checkbox"/> Networking Assistance If you are requesting a grant, please complete the Financials Section below.	
Please tell us if the project for which you are requesting resources is a: <input type="checkbox"/> Do-The-Word Project <input type="checkbox"/> Say-The-Word Project <input type="checkbox"/> Evangelism Project <input type="checkbox"/> Worship Arts Project <input type="checkbox"/> Community Building Project <i>Please review the Application Information Sheet for a more detailed description of each project type</i>		
II. Please Tell Us about Your Ministry Purpose (All applicants should complete this section)		
Ministry Purpose:	How does this project match your ministry's vision and goals?	
Ministry Calling:	What is the particular calling of your ministry? Please explain briefly how it was confirmed.	
III. Background Information		
Have you conducted this ministry activity in the past?	<input type="checkbox"/> No, it is new <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, it was entirely self-funded <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, we received support from another organization	

Would you be interested in receiving more information about funding support to small and newly developing faith-based initiatives? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes		
Will you allow us to use this background information to evaluate how business and community resources can be used to benefit small and newly developing faith-based ministries? You must answer either Yes or No to this question, but please be assured that your answer will not affect how your application is considered. Any information you provide will be used to inform us generally about the needs of these ministries and the kinds of support they receive. Your organization and project will not be specifically identified in the data we collect. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, The Lydia Tree may use the information in this application for general data collection <input type="checkbox"/> No		
IV. Financials, Oversight & Accountability (Complete this section only if requesting a grant)		
What is the total budget for this project?	Please indicate how much of this amount will be used for salary or compensation?	This request is for a grant to match the amount of \$_____ already raised
Please indicate whether you plan to seek support from other contributors? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Who will oversee this project?	What is this person's role in your organization?
Will any portion of this project be conducted outside the US? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, in which country or territory?	Does your organization/ ministry have 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status? (Not a requirement for grant approval) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Please tell us how you will measure the success of this project, and in particular the application of any grant you may receive from The Lydia Tree.		
V. Terms and Conditions (All applicants should complete this section)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You, the individual or organization named above, understand that grants are made at the sole discretion of The Lydia Tree. You agree that as a condition of receiving a grant from The Lydia Tree, you will provide a brief written report on the outcome of the project to The Lydia Tree no more than 30 days after completing the activities covered by the grant. You agree to abide by all laws, regulations and the highest standards of Christian, moral and ethical behavior in use of any grant received. By accepting the grant, you agree that The Lydia Tree may use information from this application and your report on the project in communications with sponsors, and to help us evaluate our own operations. You certify that all the information provided in this application is true and correct, and the person signing below is properly authorized to submit this application. 		

Signature

Print Name

Title

Date: _____

Review Date: _____

Disposition: _____

Tracking: _____

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