



Ministry Initiative Grant
Application Form
Atlantic Baptist Mission Board
Canadian Baptists of Atlantic Canada

Criteria

The Ministry Initiative Grant (MIG) is an Atlantic Baptist Mission Board (ABMB) grant specifically designed to support churches and ministries that evidence concrete plans and specific strategies for obediently moving ahead toward reaching their potential for Jesus Christ and His Kingdom. Consequently, applications will only be considered if the following requirements are met. The application must be from a CBAC church that has:

1. a **clear, concrete vision** and **intentional strategy** for at least one or more of the following:
 - a. The renewal or revitalization of the church's ministry;
 - b. To become a healthy (or healthier) growing church;
 - c. To establish a specific outreach ministry in the community or beyond;
 - d. To reach the immediate community and beyond with the Gospel;
 - e. To establish a point of mission or plant a new church;
 - f. To begin a new ministry initiative or move the ministry of the church in a new direction
2. a **demonstrable financial need** that needs to be met for the vision is to be achieved,
3. **been approved by the respective Association and includes their recommendation.**

Reminder: The Vision of the Canadian Baptists of Atlantic Canada *is to join God in changing Atlantic Canada one neighbourhood at a time.* **Applications for a Ministry Initiative Grant should clearly demonstrate evidence of the church exercising this vision in their ministry plan.**

Note: When your application is completed, two copies must be sent to your Association Mission Commission (or equivalent). The Association must forward one copy to the Atlantic Baptist Mission Board by November 12, 2025 (in preparation for MIG's review at the AGM of the ABMB) and retain the other copy for their records. It is important that all information requested be provided. Otherwise, consideration will be delayed.

Questions or clarification inquiries should be directed to Rev. Kevin Vincent

E-mail: kevin.vincent@baptist-atlantic.ca



Ministry Initiative Grant Application

*Atlantic Baptist Mission Board of the
Canadian Baptists of Atlantic Canada*

Applicant Church/Field/Organization: _____

Full Mailing Address: _____

Website: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Church/Field/Organization Treasurer: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Pastor: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

CBAC churches with a concrete **vision** and **intentional strategy** for one of more of the following will be eligible to make application for a Ministry Initiative Grant. **Please check which of the following apply:**

- The renewal or revitalization of the church's ministry;
- To become a healthy (or healthier) growing church;
- To establish a specific outreach ministry in the community or beyond;
- To reach the immediate community and beyond with the Gospel;
- To establish a point of mission or plant a new church;
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Amount requested for 2026: _____

Grant funds are normally disbursed from January – December and only for a 1-year period.



Ministry Initiative Grant Proposal

This need not be burdensome or seen as a “hoop”. Thinking through the following will serve you and your team as you prepare and anticipate launching your new ministry initiative.

The following are important to consider and integral to a successful proposal. (These questions and your proposal can be typed on a separate piece of paper.)

WHAT...?

- ... is the new ministry initiative? Be crystal clear and specific.
- ... strategy will you use as you begin this initiative?
- ... will the new initiative look like? What will the approach be?
- ... steps are you taking and will continue to take to see this initiative become reality?
- **IMPORTANT: What are the exciting OUTCOMES that you anticipate occurring if this ministry initiative is “successful”?**

WHY? Make a compelling case and rationale for this new ministry initiative. Why is this new ministry needed? Include your “three-minute elevator talk” as a way to engage, excite, and energize others about this project. What will be the clear Kingdom impact if this initiative is “successful”?

WHO? Who is the target audience for this new ministry initiative? Who do you anticipate trying to reach or impact through this initiative? Who will be involved?

WHERE? Where do you see this new ministry initiative taking place? In what neighbourhood or location will this initiative have an impact? What could be the lasting effect in that neighbourhood?

WHEN? Timeframe. How do you see the timeline unfolding? (Is there a specific start and end to this initiative? Is there a hope that the initiative will carry on?)

HOW? Include COSTS How will this new ministry initiative get done? (People + Resources) Provide **all** financial information associated with the ministry initiative.

Expenses

- Broad strokes of what the budget looks like for this initiative (i.e., not your church budget but a budget specifically for this ministry initiative)
- Staff related costs
- Costs associated with rental of equipment, resources, or facilities, etc.

Revenue streams

- Other sources of income (grants, outside donations, etc) apart from an MIG?
- How much of this initiative will be funded by income (offering and/or fundraising) from the congregation?



Additional Information: Include any additional information that is strategic or helpful as it relates to this ministry initiative. For example, a community survey that reveals the need the church is addressing through this initiative.

Return Grant Requests:

If this is a return ministry initiative grant request, on a separate piece of paper outline what has taken place thus far in this initiative. What were the dreams and goals and potential outcomes anticipated? How have you seen those outcomes realized? What have you learned from things that went wrong? What did you have to adjust (scope, schedule, budget, people)? What has taken place thus far and what do you anticipate taking place in the next year if you receive additional grant support?

QUALIFYING INFORMATION (to be included in ALL Applications)

Grants are intended to help seed a new ministry initiative. Due to limited funds, grant support is intended to seed a new ministry initiative for not more than 3-5 yrs and support levels should decline for each of those years. *How many years has your church been receiving support for this initiative?*

_____ (#) years **OR** _____ New Initiative/Vision – New Application

Does your church support the work of CBAC by contributing financially to CBAC Fund (formerly known as United in Mission)?

_____ Yes _____ No

Is your pastor/lay pastor credentialed with the CBAC or currently in the credentialing processing with our Board of Ministerial Standards and Education?

_____ Yes _____ No

Church/Field/Organization Representative Declaration:

To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this application is true, accurate and complete. I understand that ABMB Ministry Initiative Grant funding is awarded at the discretion of the Board based on this application and if the conditions set out here change over the course of the granting period (2026), I have a responsibility to inform the ABMB of those changes. I am the church/field/organization representative with the designated decision-making authority related to this request for a Ministry Initiative Grant.

Signature: _____ Date: _____



ATTENTION:

Please note that CRA recommendations for charitable organizations providing grants, the following accountability “tools” including:

- due diligence review of the grantee,
- description of grant activity (this application),
- a written agreement, including minimum standards, milestones, outcomes, and budgets,
- monitoring and reporting, *including final reports, and interim reports if suitable,*
- separately tracked funds.

CRA guidelines will result in the ABMB requesting written reports related to the project detailing how the funding was utilized. This includes your providing a story for publication to our CBAC family.

Payment of the Grant: Grants are distributed through direct deposit and may be a one-time payment (depending on grant size) or in installments beginning January 2025. On receiving your letter regarding the Board’s decision (made the ABMB AGM end of November), please contact Debbie Barriault CBAC Finance Officer at debbie.barriault@baptist-atlantic.ca .

DECLARATION OF CHURCH CLERK(S) Before this Application is sent to the Association Missions Commissions it **must be brought before the church(es) or key Church Leadership Team at a regular or specially called business meeting. The church/leadership team must vote to endorse the following:**

1. The amount of the grant being requested
2. To support the CBAC Fund (formerly known as “United in Mission” Fund)

“In applying for a Ministry Initiative Grant, we declare that the above matters were discussed and voted on at a duly called meeting of the church.”

Name _____ Phone _____

Date of Church/Leadership Team Meeting _____



ASSOCIATION RECOMMENDATION

Association Name _____

Chair of Mission Commission _____

Mailing Address _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Recommendation:

We recommend a grant of \$ _____ per annum be extended to the (name of church) _____ by the Atlantic Baptist Mission Board.

In support of this application, our Association has agreed to issue a grant of \$ _____ to this church/field/organization.

Do you feel that this ministry initiative is something that meets the criteria/qualifications for a Ministry Initiative Grant? (see page 1)

Has the church given adequate information in their proposal that their Vision, "business plan" and budget for this ministry initiative is clear?

Does this proposal support the Vision of the CBAC, *joining God in our neighbourhoods*?

Supporting Comments and/or Remarks:

Signature: _____

Date of Mission Commission meeting: _____