



COMMUNITIES IN ACTION

AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCHES OF NEW JERSEY

2023-2024 Grant Application

Proposed Ministry Name: _____

Church Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Name of Pastor/Leader: _____

Additional contact name/information: _____

Is the church in covenant with ABCNJ? (see <https://www.abcnj.net/our-covenant-congregations-and-region>) Yes or No (Circle one)

{Please note: Churches not in covenant with the region will not be considered for grants.}

Amount Requested: (Maximum - \$2,000) _____

Signature: _____ Date _____

Application Deadline - September 8, 2023

Applications should be sent to:

American Baptist Churches of New Jersey
3752 Nottingham Way, Suite 101
Trenton, NJ 08690

Attention: Communities in Action

or emailed to the Executive Minister and Senior Regional Pastor at mmendez@abcnj.net

Communities in Action – is a collaboration between our current New Church Development and Public Mission Committees. This collaboration aspires to facilitate Christian leaders to navigate through the present post-Christian, pluralistic society where injustice and inequity continues to pervade; and to support one another in discovering ways to respond with love and courage in their communities. In addition, our collaboration seeks to inspire, empower, and support congregations and/or faith groups in the work towards justice and human rights for the purpose of proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ and being peacemakers in our world.

1. How does the proposed ministry align with the narrative of Communities in Action? (100-150 words)
2. In what way is the proposed ministry creative and address the need of the community? (100-150 words)
3. Who are the people you and your team plan to reach? (100-150 words)
4. Who are the people involved in carrying out this ministry? (100-150 words) *The description should also show that over 50% of the persons involved will be from outside the church (those who are not yet part of the church family).*
5. Describe three ways your community will encounter the love and hope of Jesus (100-150 words)
6. Please submit a budget for how the requested funds will be used. **Please note: funds should not be used for any administrative costs.**

Examples of Proposed Ministry: ministry to reach teens through sports programs, promote anti-racism, promote anti-poverty (i.e., food and clothing distribution, after-school programming for children, financial/budget training for debt-free living), address domestic violence, address gun violence, tackle crisis pregnancy, create health and mental health, or combat homelessness.

Additional Grant Requirements

Provide a brief summary statement about the aims of the ministry. This description will be shared on the website and Annual Session should you be selected.

Grant recipients must submit a 4-month progress report; You can share through pictures, videos, and/or written summaries. Grant recipients must be willing to share their Communities in Actions journey with the greater ABCNJ family.

Grant Restrictions:

- You may not apply for the same project again if you have received a C.I.A. Grant.
- Only one application per church per year will be reviewed.

[Note: These grants are made possible because of specific gifts to the region. ABCNJ will award amounts based on how many requests are approved. Each project may receive less than requested.]

Application will be reviewed by the Communities in Action Team

Deadline for Submission - September 8, 2023

Recipients will be presented at the ABCNJ Annual Session - October, 7, 2023.