



# **“Bringing, Growing, and Changing Congregations and Communities Together”**

## *APPLICATION FOR CHURCH LEARNING GRANT*

### **GRANT PURPOSE**

The Baptist General Convention of Virginia (BGCVA) grant is a five-year grant of \$1,250,000 to begin a series of projects and initiatives designed to help congregations grow spiritually, relationally, and socially in the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic.

### **CHURCH LEARNING GRANTS**

Church Learning Grants of \$1,500 per church are designed to assist churches in identifying and executing community-based programs in response to growing needs beyond their own context. Such needs may in fact have been prompted by the realities of the pandemic and its continuing effect on communal life. It is anticipated that churches will gain first-hand experience in focusing their energies on a particular community engagement project through program visioning, implementation, assessment, and community impact.

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Seed Grant: **\$1,500**

Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Church Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Church Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor: \_\_\_\_\_

Church Address (where check would be mailed): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Grant Project Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_



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**Proposed Use of Funds:** (In brief narrative form, respond to the questions below to describe how these funds will be used to implement your community initiative – indicating allocations for *specific expenditures* as may be appropriate. Identify the particular community need to be achieved through use of this seed grant.)

#### **Questions**

1. In what ways does your church’s mission statement suggest the importance of ministry to the community? (2,000 character limit)
2. What has impacted your understanding of the importance of ministry beyond the walls of the church (i.e. engagement with curriculum, communal realities, church location/context, etc.)? (2,000 character limit)
3. How would you describe the community around your church (i.e. social, demographic and cultural realities)? (2,000 character limit)
4. What would you identify as a particular need your congregation can/should address through this seed grant? (2,000 character limit)
5. Reflecting on the particular strengths of your congregation, what does the church already have as an asset in addressing the community need previously named? (2,000 character limit)
6. If awarded, how do you anticipate using this seed grant to address your community need and what impact do you hope to achieve both for the congregation and the community? (3,000 character limit)

Applications can be submitted online using the QR code below.



Applications can be mailed upon filing out page 1 and provided typed responses from page 2. Please mail to the following address:

Baptist General Convention of Virginia, Inc.  
ATTN: Rev. Dr. Cheryle Rodriguez  
1214 West Graham Road, Suite 2  
Richmond, Virginia 23220

***Applications are due by 11:59 PM on November 18, 2024.***

For more information, please email [together@bgeva.org](mailto:together@bgeva.org) or call (804) 228-2421.



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(Upon receipt of a seed grant, awardees will complete this *Community Engagement Program Action Plan* and return to the BGC Staff)

### **Community Engagement Program Action Plan**

Church Name/Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Community Action/Program/Ministry \_\_\_\_\_

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<b>Community Program Task</b>	<b>Who Will Do This</b>	<b>Due Date</b>	<b>Status</b>