

» Grant Matching — Center for Church Multiplication

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The *Asbury Grant Matching Fellowship* is a 1 year program designed to mobilize church planters to make disciples and multiply churches. Each year we select *5 church planters from applicants all across North America.

Selected church planters will:

- Receive up to \$20,000.00 in grant funding (depending on matched amount)
- Join a cohort with other church planters in the fellowship from diverse contexts
- Participate in regular coaching calls with a veteran Asbury church planting coach

(Domestic USA and Asbury Seminary Alumni Only)

Application Deadline June 1st, 2023

Application Process

The application process for the Grant Match Program consists of several steps that allow us to get to know each other. At each stage, if both parties decide that our visions and callings are in alignment, we will invite the planters to continue in the application. The process has multiple steps moving through four stages: Application, Assess, Interview, and Award.

1. **Apply** – The initial application process begins when you submit the Asbury Grant Matching Program Application and required documents. *The application deadline is June 1st, 2023*
2. **Interview** – If your application is accepted, you will be invited for a virtual interview to discuss your unique proposal for leading a church and potential fit for being a Grant recipient. The Center for Church Multiplication team will conduct these interviews.
3. **Assess** – In this step we will review your application, pray, and discuss your suitability for the Grant Matching program.
4. **Award** – If your proposal is approved, you will then be invited to become an official Grant recipient and will be awarded a grant to assist with a new church movement. Some candidates may be asked to participate in a church multiplication training offered on campus or in the field. Approved candidates will also be required to participate in a coaching cohort with a veteran church leader.

Qualifications:

1. Church Planters must be located and planting in the United States.
2. Church Planters must be alumnus of *Asbury Theological Seminary*.
3. Church Planters must be members of the *Asbury Church Planting Connection*.
4. Church Planters must be within the first 1-3 years of the church plant, or preparing to launch in application year.
5. Church Planters/plants must be approved and receiving funds for the church plant from denomination, network, or sponsoring church.
6. Church Planters must submit a short essay (250-500 words) detailing the need and purpose for the grant funding.
7. Church Planters must submit 3 credible reference letters, which includes one of the references from their matching funds overseer.
8. Church Planters must submit a Strategic Plan Document/Case Statement (Word Doc or PDF) – Strategic Planning Guide which includes:
 1. Vision/mission
 2. Progress since launch of church plant
 3. Assessment of funds impact/
 4. How will church assess success
 5. Description of model of CP
 6. Leadership/leadership structure
9. Current Budget + Projected Budget Document – Budget Template

*It is preferred that you submit, along with your application form (below), one single Word Doc or PDF Doc including the above materials. In addition to these materials, please provide a headshot and bio.

Upon Selection

- Interview via Zoom with a member of the CCM team
- Sign Covenant which outlines:
 - Every 3 months financial report, progress essay, and impact self-assessment
 - Expectations for Coaching Cohorts (Attendance, etc)
 - Asbury Seminary Ethos Statement