

## GREENE COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION PARTNERSHIP MINISTRY GRANTS

One way in which Greene County Baptist Association encourages, assists, and resources our churches to fulfill the Great Commission is through **Partnership Ministry Grants**, which are funds GCBA makes available to our member churches for ministry events and projects.

### **IMPORTANT! Partnership Ministry Grants General Guidelines:**

1. Are made available to GCBA churches, church plants, GCBA ministry teams or Associational personnel for ministry events and projects that are focused on winning the lost and making disciples.
2. Are made possible through the Jim Joslin Missions Offering.
3. Are for church projects/events related to the following ministry areas: outreach/evangelism; equipping leaders; church planting; church revitalization; church ministries targeting winning the lost and making disciples; and assisting community transformation.
4. Are intended to be “come alongside” funds. In most cases, GCBA provides funding for no more than 50% of the total projected cost of the project/event.
5. Are not intended for building repair, remodeling of or adding on to existing facilities, or to build buildings for existing churches. For church plants/replants/re-starts, use of grant funds for these purposes will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
6. Grant applications shall be made to the Director of Missions in care of the associational office for further review by the Missions Team or appropriate ministry team and must be received on or before the deadline for reviewing the grants (see below). The Director of Missions, Missions Team or appropriate ministry team may require additional information at their discretion.
7. Determination on disbursing Partnership Ministry Grant funds will be made by GCBA’s Missions Team or appropriate ministry team and approved by the Director of Missions.
8. Are appropriated based on a) available funds, b) the degree to which the ministry project/event is consistent with the goal of encouraging, assisting and resourcing GCBA churches to fulfill the Great Commission, c) the desire to allocate funds broadly among the churches and church plants within GCBA, and d) other criteria the Director of Missions and Missions Team/appropriate ministry team deem appropriate.
9. Ministry grants to churches will be limited to GCBA churches that have made a financial contribution to the Greene County Baptist Association in the previous 12 months.
10. It is expected that the church receiving funds must send a report to GCBA about the results of the ministry grant fund’s use within one month of its use, and no future grants will be awarded until this report is received at GCBA’s office.
11. No church, church plant, GCBA ministry team can receive grant funds more than twice per year.
12. The Director of Missions is authorized to grant up to \$500 for emergencies with pastors or churches, in consultation with the Association’s Moderator. He will report these disbursements to the Missions Team.
13. **Grant form submission deadlines:** Grant requests must be submitted to the Missions Team **no less than 60 days** prior to the first day of the church’s project.
14. In extreme circumstances the GCBA’s Missions Team can modify the above criteria.