



Funding for Faith-Based Organizations

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“Types” of Funding

**Funding for religious
activities**

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charitable/secular
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organizations**

Funding for Religious Activities

Good News! There are grants available.

Bad News! But not as many.

Good News! Giving to religious causes is one of the biggest areas of giving. In 2020 \$131.08 billion was given to religious causes (28% of giving).

(Source: Giving USA)

Calvin Institute of Christian Worship

Worshiping Communities Grants Program

The Calvin Institute of Christian Worship is an interdisciplinary study and ministry center that promotes the scholarly study of the theology, history, and practice of Christian worship and the renewal of worship in worshiping communities across North America and beyond.

The Worshiping Communities Grants Program at the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship seeks to foster vital worship in congregations, parishes, and other worshiping communities in the United States and Canada.

This grants program is especially focused on projects that connect public worship to intergenerational faith formation and Christian discipleship, a theme that can unfold in many facets of worship from Bible reading to preaching to Baptism and Lord's Supper, intercessory prayer, congregational song, visual arts, and more.

Funded projects must:

- have the potential to generate renewed interest, thoughtfulness, and energy for public worship at the local, grassroots level;
- be linked with the worship life of particular communities or congregations;
- include a component of theological reflection on the meaning and purpose of public worship; and,
- be both realistic and visionary.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

Eligible Applicants:

Churches and nonprofit organizations

Restrictions:

Building Funds, Conferences/Seminars/Workshops, Film/Video Projects

Application Deadlines:

January 10 and October 1, annually

<https://grantstation.com/grant-makers/calvin-institute-christian-worship-worshiping-communities-grants-program>

Mustard Seed Foundation

The Mustard Seed Foundation provides grants to churches and Christian organizations worldwide that are engaged in Christian ministry, including outreach, discipleship, and economic empowerment.

Within the United States, grantmaking is focused on the following urban areas: Phoenix, AZ; Los Angeles and San Francisco, CA; Denver, CO; Miami, FL; Atlanta, GA; Chicago, IL; Boston, MA; Detroit, MI; New York City; Philadelphia, PA; San Juan, Puerto Rico; Dallas and Houston, TX; and Washington, DC. Congregations in international urban areas are also supported.

Through the Church-Based Grants program, the Foundation provides seed funding for small startup projects of churches around the world. The Foundation seeks to help launch projects as a minority partner, providing funds over a limited time period, and in a way that encourages self-sufficiency and reliance on the local church.

The Foundation typically funds projects that:

- share the gospel with non-Christians (outreach);
- generate income and economic decision-making opportunities to poorer Christians (empowerment); or,
- equip Christians to better proclaim and demonstrate the gospel (discipleship).

APPLICATION INFORMATION

Eligible Applicants:
Christians churches

Restrictions:
Building Funds

Application Deadlines:
None

<https://grantstation.com/grantmakers/mustard-seed-foundation>

The Covenant Foundation

The Covenant Foundation supports the field of Jewish education in the U.S. and Canada, across all denominations and settings.

The Foundation honors outstanding Jewish educators, supports creative approaches to programming, and works to strengthen educational endeavors that perpetuate the identity, continuity, and heritage of the Jewish people.

The following types of grants are available:

- **Covenant Signature Grants**
These grants support innovative programs in Jewish schools, agencies, community organizations, and other institutional settings. Funding is provided to help creative Jewish educators develop and implement significant and financially responsible approaches to Jewish education that are potentially adaptable in other settings. Grants may also be awarded for projects whose purpose is to disseminate particularly effective existing programs. Applicants may request up to \$150,000 for up to three years of support.
- **Covenant Ignition Grants**
These grants support new and untested ideas or provide support to determine how established practices can become even more effective. This might be because the idea is still in the research and planning stages or because the organization making the proposal needs time to develop the appropriate capacity and expertise. These grants are for one year and range up to \$20,000.

All institutions, agencies, and organizations actively involved in the field of Jewish education are eligible to apply for Covenant Grants. These include day schools, congregational schools, central agencies of Jewish education, Jewish community centers, summer camps, and museums. Only tax-exempt, nonprofit organizations may serve as the sponsoring organization of a grant proposal.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

Eligible Applicants:
Nonprofit organizations

Restrictions:
Building Funds, General Operating Support

Application Deadlines:
Letters of inquiry: February 27, 2023
Full proposals: May 11, 2023
(The 2024 deadlines will be available early in the year.)

<https://grantstation.com/grantmakers/covenant-foundation>

Funding for Charitable/Secular Activities of Faith-Based Organizations

- **Good News!** There are a lot of grants out there for the charitable activities of your organization.
- **Bad News!** Some grantmakers exclude faith-based organizations all together.
- **Good News!** Most grantmakers will fund your charitable activities if you can separate them from your religious activities.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development Grant Programs

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) is the domestic anti-poverty, social justice program of the U.S. Catholic bishops. Its mission is to address the root causes of poverty in the United States through promotion and support of community-controlled, self-help organizations and through transformative education.

CCHD is committed to supporting groups of low-income individuals as they work to break the cycle of poverty and improve their communities.

CCHD funds the following categories of projects:

Community Development Grants

This program is focused on supporting efforts that demonstrate a commitment to the dignity of the human person. CCHD-funded groups should be led by people living in poverty and work to address the root causes of poverty by nurturing solidarity between the poor and non-poor and facilitating the participation of people living in poverty in decisions that perpetuate poverty in their lives. These grants range between \$25,000 and \$75,000.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

Eligible Applicants:

Nonprofit organizations and Economic Development Institutions (EDIs)



Application Deadlines:

Pre-applications: November 1, annually
Full applications: January 15, annually

<https://grantstation.com/grantmakers/catholic-campaign-human-development-grant-programs>

Bath & Body Works Foundation

The Bath & Body Works Foundation supports nonprofit organizations that work with underserved and underrepresented communities to ensure a brighter future for people. The Foundation supports organizations nationwide, but primarily in communities where Bath & Body Works does business.

The Foundation's focus areas include:

- addressing hunger and food insecurity;
- providing safe spaces through housing and shelter initiatives;
- supporting paths to self-sufficiency through education and workforce development;
- encouraging well-being and better health equity outcomes; and,
- an overall commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion efforts.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

Eligible Applicants:
Nonprofit organizations

Restrictions:
Sectarian Religious Activities

Application Deadlines:
None

<https://grantstation.com/grantmakers/bath-body-works-foundation>

American Heart Association: Teaching Gardens Network Grant Program

The American Heart Association, in partnership with CAULIPOWER, offers the Teaching Gardens Network Grant Program to help garden spaces thrive. Support is available throughout the U.S.

The Program offers support to schools and educational facilities interested in connecting children to gardens, addressing food access concerns in their neighborhoods, and supporting health, nutrition, and environmental stewardship.

Goals include:

- connecting children and families with the food system and healthy foods;
- educating children and encouraging them to make changes to improve their health; and,
- helping to create a sense of responsibility and teamwork by building connections in the community.

The Program offers 50 grants of \$2,500.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

Eligible Applicants:

Schools and educational facilities

Application Deadlines:

October 28, 2022

(The 2023 deadline will be available in the fall.)

<https://grantstation.com/grantmakers/american-heart-association-teaching-gardens-network-grant-program>

Summary

- With foundations, you have to investigate what they fund individually (no universal rules)
- Reach out to the funder if you have any questions
- Be prepared to talk about how religion and your charitable activities are separate
- Be true to who you are

US Government

- Charitable Choice (President Clinton)
- White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives (President GW Bush)
- White House Office of Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships (President Obama)
- White House Faith and Opportunity Initiative (President Trump)
- White House Office of Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships (President Biden)



Centers for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships

Each Center forms partnerships between its agency and faith-based and neighborhood organizations to advance specific goals

The Centers are coordinated by the White House Office of Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships



Center Contact Information

- Center at the U.S. Department of Commerce
- Center at the U.S. Department of Education
- Center at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)
- Center at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
- Center at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS)

Center Contact Information

- Center at the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)
- Center at the Small Business Administration
- Center at the U.S. Department of Labor
- Center at the U.S. Department of Justice
- Center at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)
- Center at the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)

Canadian Government

- **Registered charities** are charitable organizations, public foundations, or private foundations that are created and resident in Canada. They must use their resources for charitable activities and have charitable purposes that fall into one or more of the following categories:
 - the relief of poverty
 - the advancement of education
 - the advancement of religion
 - other purposes that benefit the community
- **Non-profit organizations** are associations, clubs, or societies that are not charities and are organized and operated exclusively for social welfare, civic improvement, pleasure, recreation, or any other purpose except profit.



Summary

- Government will not fund religious activities
- Establish your plan on how activities will be separated and enforced
- Don't walk a fine line, it's not worth it

Finding Funding Sources

- GrantStation Membership
- Other databases
- Google
- Associations
- OpenAl.com

Help Your
Organization
Get Noticed!



GrantStation
Membership
\$179 for 1 year
\$219 for 2 years

Proposal Writing Tips

- Identify and describe the needs in your community
- Be able to demonstrate your impact—how will participants or your community change/improve?
- Include information about how your programs serve anyone in the community without regard to religious affiliation, etc. (if you do...)

Action Steps to Take Today

- Define/separate secular activities from religious activities (if possible/desired)
- Find funding opportunities that match your vision
- Use supportive toolkits and resources from the Centers for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships (even if you aren't looking to seek government funding)
- Consider partnerships/coalitions

Questions and Answers

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