



Classis Holland C R C N A

Encouraging, Equipping, Uniting

2022 Ministry Grant Application

Type of Grants Available for the Ministries of Classis Holland:

Sustaining Grants:

A Sustaining Grant is available to smaller under-funded mission-focused ministries and ministries focused on kingdom diversity, which need assistance to meet general operating expenditures like salaries, utilities, building maintenance, etc. Grants are available for up to \$12,000. They are renewable annually according to Classis guidelines. See grant guidelines below for details.

[Please complete the attached sustaining grant form]

New Ministry Grants:

A New Ministry Grant up to \$12,000 is available for new kingdom opportunities or church plants. Anyone with a vision for a new ministry investment should contact the New Ministry Team Leader, Rev. Art Van Wyhe (616-218-8707), before submitting a grant request. See grant funding guidelines below for details.

[Please complete the attached new ministry grant form]

Project Grants:

A Project Grant is available for mission-focused projects within existing ministries. Grants up to \$3,000 are available. A church may apply for up to three project grants in a ten-year period. See grant funding guidelines below for details.

[Please complete the attached project grant form]

Sustaining Ministry Grant Application

Name of Ministry _____

Contact Person for this Grant

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Date of Application _____

Grant Request for 2022 (\$) _____

Average Sunday morning attendance _____

of persons through evangelism last year _____

of years receiving a sustaining grant _____

Date of last ministry review (if known) _____

Sustaining Grant Check List (please attached the following):

- A description of the community served (within and outside the walls of the ministry)
- A description of the vision for ministry (i.e. what are you seeking to accomplish?)
- A description of the goals for the coming ministry year
- A sense of the five-year future for the ministry (i.e. your long-term vision)
- Your annual budget including source of income and where money is being spent
- Churches in classis presently partnering with the ministry

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New Ministry Grant Application Form

Name of Ministry _____

Contact Person for this Grant

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Date of Application _____

Grant Request for 2022 (\$) _____

Ministry Launch Date _____

New Ministry Grant Check List (please attached the following):

- A description of the “story” of this new ministry (i.e. where did it come from?)
- A description of the vision for this new ministry
- A description of any studies that support the need for this new ministry
- A description of the new ministry’s goals for the coming ministry year
- A sense of the ten-year future of this new ministry (i.e. your long-term vision)
- A projected budget for the coming year (please include broad details)
- Ministry partners already supporting this new ministry
- If this ministry has already launched please include:
 - Number of persons affiliated with or participating in this ministry
 - Number of persons coming through evangelism in the previous year
 - Ways in which this ministry is impacting the community

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Project Grant Application Form

Name of Ministry _____

Project Name _____

Date of Application _____

Grant Request for 2022 (\$) _____

of Project Grants in the past 10 years _____

Contact Person for the Grant **Name:** _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Project Description:

How will this project assist your ministry to become more mission-focused:

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Classical Grant Guidelines

(Grant guideline for budget year 2022)

- Congregations with 150 or fewer active adult professing members are eligible for project grants and 75 or fewer active adult professing members for sustaining grants.
- Grants will ordinarily support ministries that are clearly affiliated with the CRCNA and doing ministry within the geographic footprint of classis.
- A ministry may apply for only one type of grant per year and cannot apply for more than three project grants in ten years
- Maximum grants are as follows:
 - ✓ Sustaining and new ministry grants \$12,000/year
 - ✓ Project grants \$3,000/year
- Student funding grants have a maximum of \$5,000/year and a maximum of \$20,000 for the entirety of a student's years of theological training
- Sustaining grants are renewed every five years only after a ministry review with particular attention given to a clear mission-focused vision, sustained congregational health and demonstrated evangelistic and community engagement outcomes (see below for questions to be addressed).
- Classical grants are distributed through a networking process whenever possible. The process takes place in the following manner:
 - 1) Classis approves a grant funding request
 - 2) A congregation then agrees to enter into a networking relationship with a grant recipient
 - 3) The contributing congregation then reduces their classical ministry shares by the amount of the grant request and write a check directly to the grant recipient and notify the classical treasurer
 - 4) Grants may include approved diaconal ministries and campus ministries
- All project grants must be clearly mission-focused assisting the congregation to creatively reach beyond their walls
- Congregations receiving sustaining grants are not required to contribute to classical ministry shares
- No grant projects can be dually funded by both Classis Holland and another granting organization without the prior approval of the Classical Vision Implementation Team and the Classical Executive Team.
- All grant requests must be submitted by July 1 in the year prior to the granting year.

Please Note:

Every 5 years a sustaining grant recipient must submit a ministry review and ministry projection. This review looks back over the past five years and forward to the next 5 years. The types of questions to be addressed are listed below. You can answer these questions and submit them with your grant application or a team from classis will gladly sit down with your leadership to discuss them in person and draft a report from that conversation. Here are the questions for reflection:

- 1) What have been the ministry trend lines over the past five years (explain the trend lines)?*
- 2) What do you anticipate will be the ministry trend lines in next five years (explain your thoughts)?*
- 3) What mission, vision, values, objectives, goals and ministry practices guide your present ministry?*
- 4) What will be the measures of ministry success in the coming five years?*
- 5) What are your strengths, weakness, opportunities and threats?*
- 6) Where will your ministry and missional growth come from in the coming five years?*
- 7) What are your plans to disciple the next generation of Christ followers in the coming five years?*
- 8) What specific processes do you have in place for making more and better disciples?*
- 9) What churches have you asked to join you in a networking relationship?*
- 10) How will you increase financial independence in the coming five years??*

For more information or for additional assistance please contact:

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