

Classis Grand Rapids East

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Classis Grand Rapids East desires to invest in developing partnerships for holistic and transformational ministry in communities. Developing community-based ministry is particularly important. For this reason, Classis Grand Rapids East has established a Partnership Fund of approximately \$50,000.

Annual grants from this fund are intended to nurture the initiation and/or development of partnerships. Grant applications are due by October 15. Typically, 8 to 10 grants are given each year and range from \$3,000 to \$10,000. Grant awards are announced by email near the end of January, and quarterly payments commence in May.

While the Partnership Team is interested in receiving a wide range of proposals, we are especially interested in local projects related to transforming our community and partnering ecumenically.

GENERAL FUNDING CRITERIA

Note: Also see Classis Mission, Core Values, and Ministry Priorities, attached.

1. All grants from Classis Grand Rapids East (hereafter *Classis*) are to align with its values and priorities and help fulfill its mission.
2. Classis grants are designed to support new ministry initiatives, training needs, and other ministry opportunities.
3. Classis grants are intended to help develop self-sustaining ministry through broader partnership and support (rather than long-term funding by Classis).
4. Classis grants require meaningful partnership and accountability with the appropriate ministry team of Classis and, ordinarily, with one or more member congregations.
5. Grant amounts are finalized by recommendation of the ministry team, endorsement of the ministry plan team, and approval of the executive team.
6. Grant recipients are to report to and be reviewed by the appropriate ministry team at least annually.
7. Actual payment of approved grants will be contingent on available funds.

PARTNERSHIP GRANT ELIGIBILITY

Eligible congregations belong to Classis Grand Rapids East and are committed to local community-based partnership.

Eligible organizations work in the ministry area of Classis Grand Rapids East and plan to initiate or strengthen such partnerships, preferably with a congregation of Classis GRE.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

1. A letter of endorsement from the board or council of the congregation or organization.
2. A completed grant application form. (See below)

PARTNERSHIP GRANT APPLICATION FORM

Your church/ organization name:

Contact person:

Contact person's email:

Contact phone:

Project/ Program name:

Annual project cost:

Amount of grant requested:

Summarize your proposed partnership project in two or three concise sentences. Include the type of partner (church, community org, neighborhood, etc.) and faith affiliation, what you will do, and why you will do it.

For example: Because we see _____, we hope to implement a project that _____, in order to promote _____.

Provide one or two brief paragraphs that expand on the needs or opportunities that this project will address and how your church and/or organization and community will be transformed as a result of this project. Explain how your program will focus on one or more Classis GR East core values or ministry priorities.

Describe your strategic plan.

1. Who are you intending to reach? (Define target group and geographical area.)
2. How will you reach them? (Describe plans and measurable goals.
3. How will you define success in reaching your goals? (Set impacts, benchmarks, and outcomes.)

Please attach your program budget and all revenue sources for this grant year.

EMAIL ALL APPLICATION MATERIALS as Word document(s) by October 15 to partnerships@classisgreast.org

*If we need more information or clarification, we will notify you. Thank you.