

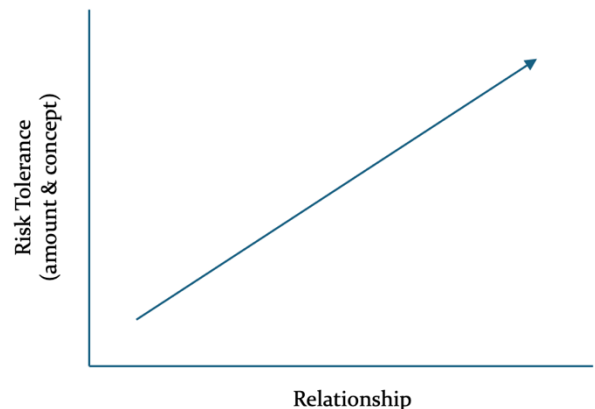


## Grant Giving Guidelines

### Making an Impact, Grantmaking Guidelines, Funding Allocation/Giving Process

#### How we make an impact:

- We fund local churches and organizations (501(c)3) that support local churches—with a special preference for CPOTS-planted churches.
- We are proactive givers who look for churches and organizations to fund that fit our focus areas, as well as reactive givers who respond to needs in our community.
- We fund smaller churches/organizations or targeted projects/programs inside large churches/organizations, so we ensure our funding makes a meaningful difference.
- We are happy to fund “non-shiny” endeavors that churches/organizations need if that is the most impactful way to help them transform people’s lives.
- We are willing to occasionally make risky grants on promising ventures that have great potential, as long as they fit our focus areas. We intend for our risk tolerance to increase (both in amount and concept) alongside the relationship with the grantee.
- We are open to working with other donors if it will create leverage for the churches/organizations we are funding.
- We measure the impact of our giving in both qualitative and quantitative ways. We ask all churches/organizations to provide us a grant report. Additionally, we ask any churches/organizations we have funded at \$5,000 and above to give us an update in person, so that we can assess the impact our funds have made.
- We do not care about public recognition or being on donor walls, and therefore lean toward quiet giving. However, we also want the local church planting community to know about our grantmaking opportunities.
- We give our time as well as our resources to some of the churches/organizations we fund by donating expertise and/or consulting.



- We occasionally “champion” churches/organizations we love by talking about them with friends, family, or others in the community.

#### Grantmaking guidelines:

- We invest in specific programs/projects and are less interested in supporting capital projects and general operating needs at the churches/organizations we fund.
- We do not require a site-visit or in-person meeting before making grants less than \$5000.
- We prefer one-time/ grants, but we are open to repeat requests to successful grants.
- We are open to partially funding and fully funding projects/programs for churches/organizations.

#### Funding allocation/Giving process:

- We are opening our first granting window in January 2025 and will process our first round of grants beginning May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025
- We plan to set our giving based on the return of our fund investments. We estimate granting \$30-40k/year, through anywhere from 1-10 grants/year.
- Interested churches/organizations can find granting parameters and information, including a grant application through the link below. The online grant submission google form will be available online from January 13<sup>th</sup>-May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Applicants will receive confirmation that their application has been received once submitted.
- We will collect, compile, and organize all applications and present them into a board packet in May of each year. We will meet in May to discuss and listen to presentations (grant requests over \$5000) with decisions by May 31<sup>st</sup>.
- We will send a grant agreement letter that outlines what the grant is for and tells the church/organization that we will be asking for a report in 10 months
- We will allocate our giving money geographically in the following way:
  - 100% - within 150-mile radius of Knoxville, TN
- We intend for our annual giving amount to increase over time as the provisions allow, and plan to give from this fund into perpetuity.