

Serve the World Grants

Serve the World Grants are designed to assist Small Groups and/or individuals at Brook Hills who are seeking to accomplish disciple-making in the greater Birmingham community and need financial assistance in that disciple-making process. Applications will be processed by the Local Disciple-making Office. They are not available for individuals, organizations, or ministries outside of the Brook Hills Faith Family. Our Global Disciple-Making Ministry Office will coordinate those types of grants.

Serve the World Grants will be considered under the following conditions:

- A Small Group Leader or individual must complete a Serve the World Grant Application. Small Groups must be a part of the Brook Hills Network and individuals must agree to the Deacon Expectations.
- Small Groups or individuals must demonstrate that the funds requested will be used to either facilitate disciple-making relationships as a small group seeks to engage the culture in Birmingham, or for resources for disciple-making where disciple-making relationships already exist.
- The beneficiaries of the grants must be unable to pay for the purpose of the grant money, or it must seem unwise to ask them to do so in order to build disciple-making relationships with them. Preference for awarding grants will be given to assist in disciple-making with lower income individuals/areas and those in crisis who do not have financial resources.
- A maximum of \$500 will be awarded to any group or individual without the need of the group or individual raising matching funds. After \$500 is awarded to any one person or group, additional monies can be applied for on a matching fund basis with a maximum of \$2,000 given in the course of a calendar year to any one group or individual.
- Receipts must be turned in demonstrating that the monies were used for the purpose requested
- Examples of qualified grant applications: An individual wants to purchase disciple-making materials for incarcerated persons; or a small group wants to provide free flu shots to low income families in order to help build disciple-making relationships; or a small group wants to help provide free groceries to a low income area in order to help build relationships with people who need Christ; or a small group wants to purchase Bibles or curriculum for a group of low income individuals whom they are discipling; or a small group wants to purchase items for a carnival type outreach to a specific area where they are attempting to build disciple-making relationships.

Serve the World Grant Application

1. Name of individual requesting a “Serve The World Grant” and contact information:

2. Name of Small Group Leader:

3. Amount of request:

4. Proposed purpose of Serve the World Grant Monies:

5. How will this purpose assist you in long-term relational disciple-making?

6. If funds requested are more than \$500, have you already raised matching funds? If so, how much have you raised so far?

7. If this request is coming from an individual instead of a small group, have you attempted to involve your small group or other small groups in this disciple-making project? If so, please explain:

8. Why do you think this is a good usage of Serve The World Grant Monies?

Questions concerning eligibility of Serve the World Grants should be directed to Adult Local Disciple-making staff members.