

Serve Birmingham Small Group Grants

Serve Birmingham Small Group 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 process. Applications will be processed by the Local Disciple-Making Office. Serve Birmingham Small Group Grants are not available for individuals, organizations, or ministries outside the Brook Hills Faith Family.

Serve Birmingham Small Group Grants will be considered under the following conditions:

- A Small Group Leader or individual must complete a Serve Birmingham Small Group Grant Application. Small Groups must be 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 to engage individuals in Birmingham or for resources for disciple-making where disciple-making relationships already exist.
- The grant beneficiaries must be unable to pay for the intended purpose of the grant. 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.
- Once approved, a maximum of \$2000 may be awarded to any group or individual in the course of a calendar year. The first \$500 is automatically available. Any amount over the first \$500 will be reimbursed 50% up to an additional \$1500. All receipts must be turned in prior to reimbursement demonstrating that all monies were used for the purpose requested.
NOTE: There will be a cap on Serve Birmingham Small Group Grants directed towards food distribution to \$1000 per small group with a maximum of \$25,000. Only the first 25 groups that apply for grant money directed toward food distribution will be eligible.
- Reimbursements received from Serve Birmingham Small Group Grants must be reimbursements of money that small groups actually contributed to a ministry project. Funds raised or contributions toward a ministry project that come from outside the small group are not eligible for Serve Birmingham Small Group Grant reimbursement.
- 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.

