

Multiplication (New Church Development –(NCD)

These grants are to be used for the starting of an RSC Ministry where no Ministry currently exists. This may be defined by location or by the unique nature of the work to be done. Grants are initially for a three year period with the option of two additional one-year extensions. Total amount awarded will be \$90,000 as follows - \$30,000 in Year 1, \$24,000 in Year 2 and \$18,000 in Year 3, with the potential of \$12,000 in the Year 4 and \$6,000 in the Year 5.

Any NCD project may apply for funds subject to meeting the following criteria.

1. Every NCD must be connected to a “parent” church whose pastor and consistory would give mentoring and guidance to the project. It would be favorable if there were also some financial commitment from the parent church. In cases where the NCD has not been created by an existing church, we require that the project would be adopted by one before any funding would be considered. The reason for this policy is that too often NCD projects fail as much for lack of spiritual support and guidance as they do for lack of financial support. To give a work its best chance: we insist on a spiritual support network being in place before funds are requested.
2. The work must have a written statement of assessment and support from a classis. The assessment will include comments as to the project’s strengths and weaknesses. Projects that also have classis funding involved will be given first priority. The Synod is here primarily to supplement the work of Classis. It will also indicate where Classis feels a commitment to the project on its part.
3. NCD projects will be funded only where the pastor has completed either NCD training or completed an NCD pastor assessment and received a favorable evaluation. To request funding the pastor must make a commitment to remain with the new church for the three years of funding. Our reason for this is that we recognize NCD ministry as specialized ministry that requires a specific personality and gift mix. The most significant controllable factor in an NCD projects success or failure is the suitability of the pastor for church planting. Changing that pastor in mid course is a crucial mistake that must be avoided for the sake of continuity in the vision and plan.
4. NCD projects must present a specific ministry plan that includes:
 - a vision statement
 - the philosophy of ministry
 - particular goals for 6 mos., 1 year, 2 years and 3 years
 - evangelism plan
 - discipleship\assimilation plan
 - budget (filed each year of finding)

A New Congregation Plan must also be completed. Download one from <http://www.reformed-church.com/congplan.rtf>

Funding will be connected to a yearly evaluation of the fulfillment of specific goals.

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Application for Multiplication (new church development –(NCD)

Date

Name of Ministry:

Location:

Classis:

Name of Contact regarding this application:

E-mail of Contact:

Phone Number of Contact

Amount Requested:

Pastor or Church Supporting This
Application:

Please ensure you have the proper documentation requested above.

Pastor

Date:

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Date:

Clerk:

Classis Committee Chair:

Name:

Position:

Date:

Name:

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Name:

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