

Covenant Children's Ministries' (CCM) mission is *"...to show the love and hope of Jesus Christ by supporting tangible services that meet the needs of the underserved children, young adults, and their families."* On behalf of the Board of Directors of CCM, we are pleased and grateful that you are considering applying for funds through its Mission and Ministry Grant Program (MMGP).

We celebrate that, since 2012, CCM has awarded almost \$2,000,000 in grants to applicants from Covenant churches and related organizations with a commitment to meet the needs of underserved children, young adults, and their families.

In 2021, CCM marked its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary and, as you can imagine, over that century, the ministry has had to adapt, morph, and change to cultural shifts, unforeseen obstacles, and new opportunities as they presented themselves. Though the commitment to this mission remains steadfast, like in years past, the expression of that mission is changing.

After a year and a half of prayerful discernment by the CCM Board of Directors, and against the backdrop of the significant cultural and global events of the past two years, two decisions were reached. First, that the campus in Princeton, IL is to be sold, and the proceeds invested in support of future ministry. Second, as was announced around this time a year ago, that the Mission and Ministry Grant program be re-envisioned to meet the new and emerging needs and opportunities presented by a post-pandemic world.

Practically this means that 2022 will be the final cycle of applications and disbursements of this program in its current form. **Applications for this final cycle will be due by 5:00pm (Central) on Friday, March 18, 2022**, in order to be considered for grant awards. Information will be made available at [www.covcare.org/ccm-grants/](http://www.covcare.org/ccm-grants/).

CCM continues to stand at a place of hope, where it honors past ministries, and embraces the excitement of a new future direction. Most importantly however, CCM continues the work of improving and protecting the lives of vulnerable children and youth in Christ's name, seeking to "...do for the least of these..." (Matthew 25).

Sincerely,



Harold Spooner, Chair  
Covenant Children's Ministries



Todd Slechta, President  
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Mission and Ministry Grant Program
2022 Grant Application Form

Covenant Children's Ministries' Mission and Ministry Grant funds (MMG) are available for organizations demonstrating financial need for programming which serves At-Risk Youth.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Friday, March 18, 2022.

Applications will not be accepted after that date.

The application can be downloaded at www.covcare.org/ccm-grants/. Please email the completed application and all supporting materials to KKHall@cmb.org PLEASE NOTE: all application materials must be transmitted electronically. If you have any questions, please contact Kelly Hall at KKHall@cmb.org or Todd Slechta at TKSlechta@cmb.org.

Please refer to the CCM Ministry Values, the At-Risk Youth Guidelines, and the Grant Procedure Guidelines for more information.

If you are seeking funds to support camping opportunities for youths, you must apply for those funds directly from Covenant Harbor or Covenant Point. Please contact those organizations directly for information on their application process.

In order to be eligible for funding, your program must be a part of the Evangelical Covenant Church (ECC) or in active and acknowledged partnership with, an entity within the ECC.

Because MMG funds are limited and not intended to be an ongoing source of funding, priority consideration will be given to first time applicants.

All applications must include a letter of acknowledgement and support from the Superintendent of the Conference where the program takes place.

Section I - General Information

Please use this document to respond to the questions below, using separate sheets of paper as necessary. Please keep responses brief, but informative. Be sure to attach additional documentation as requested (budgets, etc.)

Date of Application: Total Amount Requested from CCM:

Date Funds are Needed Program Term

Is the program reflective of the 2022/23 school year with an ending date in June of 2023? Yes No

NOTE: Grant applications are accepted for amounts ranging between \$1,000 and \$10,000. CCM funds are not to be used for capital improvements or expenditures.

Name of Program:

Are you a church or organization within the Central Conference of the Evangelical Church?

If not, please identify the Evangelical Covenant Church that you will be partnering with below:

Primary Contact Information (There must be an active email address that is monitored regularly since this is where all correspondence between CCM and your organization will be directed)

Organization Name



3. Briefly describe how CCM funds, if awarded, will be used. Be as specific as possible.
  
4. What is the program budget? Be specific when detailing how grant funds will be used. Please attach a separate, detailed operating budget for the program that these funds will be used to support.
  
5. Describe the program's funding strategy (*preferably diverse*), including all current and potential funding streams (i.e., fees for services, contributions, gifts in kind, etc.)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
6. If this application is for *start-up* funding, how will the program be sustained long-term?

**Section 3 – Program Design and Implementation** (*Please limit responses to space provided*)

1. Please describe the demographics of the program participants. Please include a) Number of youth served, b) Age and school grade range of participants, c) Socio-economic demographics of participants' community





5. Please indicate how these funds will be used to create greater awareness of the needs of At-Risk children and youth, if applicable?

Please use the remaining space to provide any additional information about your program that you think will be helpful for Covenant Children’s Ministries to consider in making determinations on awards.

**Please submit all application materials including budget and letter of acknowledgement and support to [KKHall@cmb.org](mailto:KKHall@cmb.org) by [March 18, 2022, 5:00pm Central]**

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Name of Person Submitting Application

Date

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Signature