

## **2026 Ministry Grant Application**

### **Type of Grants Available for the Ministries of Classis Holland:**

#### **Sustaining Grants:**

*A Sustaining Grant is available to smaller under-funded mission-focused ministries and ministries focused on kingdom diversity, which need assistance to meet general operating expenditures like salaries, utilities, building maintenance, etc. Grants are available for up to \$8,000. They are renewable annually according to Classis guidelines. See grant guidelines below for details. Sustaining grant applications must be submitted by July 15, 2025.*

**[Please complete the attached sustaining grant form]**

#### **New Ministry Grants:**

*A New Ministry Grant up to \$8,000 is available for new kingdom opportunities or church plants. Anyone with a vision for a new ministry investment should contact the Church Planting and Renewal (CPR) team led by Classical Ministries Coordinator, Rev. Keith Doornbos. See grant funding guidelines below for details. New Ministry grant applications must be submitted by July 15, 2025.*

**[Please complete the attached new ministry grant form]**

### **For more information or for additional assistance please contact:**

Classis Ministries Coordinator: Keith Doornbos (616) 566-4413 [keithd@churchrenew.org](mailto:keithd@churchrenew.org)

# Sustaining Ministry Grant Application

**Name of Ministry** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Person for this Grant**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Application** \_\_\_\_\_

**Grant Request for 2026 (\$)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Average Sunday morning attendance** \_\_\_\_\_

**# of persons through evangelism last year** \_\_\_\_\_

**# of years receiving a sustaining grant** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of last ministry review (if known)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Sustaining Grant Check List (please attached the following):**

- A description of the community served (within and outside the walls of the ministry)
- A description of the vision for ministry (i.e. what are you seeking to accomplish?)
- A description of the goals for the coming ministry year
- A sense of the five-year future for the ministry (i.e. your long-term vision)
- Your annual budget including source of income and where money is being spent
- Churches in classis presently partnering with the ministry

**Reminder: JULY 15, 2026 DEADLINE!**

# New Ministry Grant Application Form

**Name of Ministry** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Person for this Grant**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Application** \_\_\_\_\_

**Grant Request for 2025 (\$)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Ministry Launch Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**New Ministry Grant Check List (please attached the following):**

- A description of the “story” of this new ministry (i.e. where did it come from?)
- A description of the vision for this new ministry
- A description of any studies that support the need for this new ministry
- A description of the new ministry’s goals for the coming ministry year
- A sense of the ten-year future of this new ministry (i.e. your long-term vision)
- A projected budget for the coming year (please include broad details)
- Ministry partners already supporting this new ministry
- If this ministry has already launched please include:
  - Number of persons affiliated with or participating in this ministry
  - Number of persons coming through evangelism in the previous year
  - Ways in which this ministry is impacting the community

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# Classical Grant Guidelines

## (Grant guideline for budget year 2026)

- Congregations with 75 or fewer active adult professing members are eligible for sustaining grants.
- Grants will ordinarily support CRCNA affiliated ministries within the geographic footprint of classis.
- A ministry may apply for only one type of grant per year
- Maximum grants are \$8,000/year
- Student funding grants have a maximum of \$5,000/year and \$20,000 for the entirety of a student's years of theological training
- Sustaining grants are renewed every five years only after a ministry review with particular attention given to a clear mission-focused vision, sustained congregational health, and demonstrated evangelistic and community engagement outcomes (see below for questions to be addressed).
- Classical grants are distributed through a networking process whenever possible:
  - 1) Classis approves a grant funding request
  - 2) A congregation agrees to enter into a networking relationship with a grant recipient
  - 3) The contributing congregation reduces their classical ministry shares by the amount of the grant request and write a check directly to the grant recipient and notify the classical treasurer
- No grant projects can be dually funded by both Classis Holland and another granting organization without the prior approval of the Classical Ministries Coordinator and the Classical Executive Team.
- Grants may include approved diaconal ministries and campus ministries
- All grant requests must be submitted by July 15 in the year prior to the granting year.

*Every 5 years a sustaining grant recipient must submit a ministry review and ministry projection. This review looks back over the past five years and forward to the next 5 years. The types of questions to be addressed are listed below:*

- 1) *What have been the ministry trend lines over the past five years (explain the trend lines)?*
- 2) *What do you anticipate will be the ministry trend lines in next five years (explain your thoughts)?*
- 3) *What mission, vision, values, objectives, goals and ministry practices guide your present ministry?*
- 4) *What will be the measures of ministry success in the coming five years?*
- 5) *What are your strengths, weakness, opportunities and threats?*
- 6) *Where will your ministry and missional growth come from in the coming five years?*
- 7) *What are your plans to disciple the next generation of Christ followers in the coming five years?*
- 8) *What specific processes do you have in place for making more and better disciples?*
- 9) *What churches have you asked to join you in a networking relationship?*
- 10) *How will you increase financial independence in the coming five years??*