

Church Planting Initial Funding Request

Instructions: Complete this form to request initial funding for your church plant. Once you have completed this form, please email it to: kevin@openbiblecentral.org. You may also print it out and mail it to:

Open Bible Central

1920 Bell Avenue
Des Moines, IA 50315
Phone: 515-282-6491

Have you (please check all that apply):

- 1. Applied for affiliation with Open Bible Churches? Yes No
- 2. Filed Articles of Incorporation with your state? Yes No
- 3. Received an FEIN from the Internal Revenue Service? Yes No
- 4. Opened a corporate bank account for your church?* Yes No
- 5. Is the planter credentialed and in good standing with Open Bible Churches? Yes No

* NOTE: Central Region will not release funds to a personal account or to an individual.

Amount Requested (Maximum: \$5,000)

Initial Goals/Benchmarks

Once a plant has received initial funding from Central Region, additional funding is provided as the planting team achieves benchmarks based on the goals they have set for their plant in four key areas: Core Group & Leadership Development, Connections with the Unchurched, Congregational Gatherings, and Financial Stewardship.

You should come up with a specific goal or benchmark for each of these key areas and an amount of funding that you would like to receive upon meeting your benchmarks. These goals and the amount requested must be approved by the Church Planting Committee. Once you indicate on your Monthly Planting Report that you have met your benchmarks, the funding will be released.

Core Group & Leadership Development

Example: "Our goal in the area of Core Group and Leadership Development is to grow our core group or launch team from 15 to 30 adults."

Our next goal in the area of Core Group & Leadership Development /

Target date for achieving this goal /

Connections with the Unchurched

Example: "Our goal for Connections with the Unchurched is to host Alpha groups in two neighborhoods in our community with a total of at least 20 from the community attending."

Our next goal in the area of Connections with the Unchurched /

Target date for achieving this goal /

Congregational Gatherings

Example: "Our goal for Congregational Gatherings is to average 40+ people in our small groups for four weeks in a row."

Our next goal in the area of Congregational Gatherings /

Target date for achieving this goal /

Financial Stewardship

Example: "Our goal in the area of Financial Stewardship is to raise \$5,000 (not including initial funds from Central Region) toward our start up budget of \$75,000."

Our next goal in the area of Financial Stewardship /

Target date for achieving this goal /

Total Funding Request

This must include the amount of the initial funding request plus any additional requested grant finances.

Amount Requested / \$

Office Use Only:

Date received /

Approved by Planting Team: Yes No