

APPLICATION FOR A GRANT FROM THE BAPTIST
HOME BOARD OF RHODE ISLAND

The Baptist Home Board is a ministry affiliated with the American Baptist Churches of Rhode Island. The Board meets four times each year, usually the third Tuesday in February, May, August and November. All applications must be submitted to the Grants Committee of the Board at least three weeks before a regularly scheduled Board meeting.

Organizations applying for a grant must be associated and in good standing with the American Baptist Churches of Rhode Island (ABCORI). Requests for a grant should be for projects that "assist in providing a Christian living environment for aging men and women by administering to their spiritual, educational, recreational, residential and related needs" as stated in the original constitution of the Baptist Home Board of Rhode Island (BHB); e.g., programs, materials, devices and improvements to specifically benefit the elderly and disabled; projects that benefit the congregation as a whole and/or amount to maintenance or repair would not be eligible for consideration,

Grants must be applied for in writing to the Grants Committee and include the following information:

- Date of application
- Name and address of organization applying for the grant and its association with ABCORI
- Name and contact information of the organization's contact person who is responsible for all subsequent communication with the Grants Committee
- Reason for the request, that is, a description of the project and the need for it
- The plan-in-progress; a description of a plan already in progress, including a timeline, for carrying out the entire project as well as the estimated cost of the entire project; at least two competitive estimates for each aspect of the project would be helpful; completed projects do not qualify for the Program;
- Amount of the request, keeping in mind that the applying organization will be responsible for raising at least 20% of the cost of the entire project

Copies of the application should be sent to the chair of the Grants Committee, as well as the President of the Board and the BHB Treasurer. The Grants Committee will make recommendations to the BHB for approval.

Once the grant has been approved, the organization is required to meet with ABCORI's Director of Elder Care Ministries to establish measurable goals for the project. Subsequently the organization will report quarterly for one year to the Director on the progress of the project. Funds will be disbursed upon completion of the project and/or identifiable milestones established with ABCORI's Director of Eldercare Ministries.

Grants must be used for the purpose as stated in the application. Once an organization has received a grant from the BHBRI, it has up to twelve months to use the money. Upon written request and documentation, application for up to a six-month extension may be submitted.

A grant will not be awarded to an organization in two consecutive years unless there are no other requests for the money. When the funds for grants are depleted for the year, any applications pending will be considered in the following year.

As needed, the applicant may contact the Grants Committee Chair by phone for clarification and information. Contact information is available through the office of Elder Care Ministries.

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