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## **World Renew & Diaconal Ministries Canada Assistance for Churches re: COVID-19 Pandemic**

### **OUR STORIES**

*World Renew and Diaconal Ministries Canada* share a vision for a world of mercy, compassion and justice that demonstrates God's vision of shalom in His world. Together they encourage congregations to be missional and to live out a missiology that effectively addresses the short and long term needs of people living in situations of poverty, injustice and/or crisis. Both value holistic approaches that can be fostered through local congregations. Both involve extensive training and mentoring strategies that build church and community capacities. This shared vision now finds expression in this COVID-19 response.

### **GRANT APPLICATION INFORMATION**

*World Renew and Diaconal Ministries Canada* are here to help deacons in any way we can! So, if you have an idea for diaconal work connected with COVID-19, but feel hampered by a lack of resources, we are making grants of up to \$5000 available. Any Canadian Christian Reformed Church diaconate that is responding to this crisis by reaching out to the most vulnerable in their broader community with a missional project may apply. The total amount of funds available will be based on the level of donations to the COVID-19 appeal. At this time there is a maximum of \$25,000 available.

### **THE APPLICATION PROCESS**

1. A completed application must be submitted in order to be considered for funding and must meet the criteria as listed below. **Request the complete application form from Iona Buisman: [ibuisman@worldrenew.net](mailto:ibuisman@worldrenew.net).** (Incomplete applications will not be considered.)
2. Applications received will be reviewed by an assessment team.
3. Successful applications will be notified by email.
4. Churches are asked to contribute 25% of their mission projects total budget.

### **CRITERIA FOR GRANTS**

1. The maximum one time amount a church may apply for is \$5000.00.
2. The applying church is asked to contribute 25% of their mission projects total budget.
3. The missional project must respond to demonstrable immediate needs connected to the COVID-19 crisis.
4. The application must show clearly how the church is working in partnership with a local outreach that is serving a vulnerable people group. (E.g. the elderly, those with physical disabilities, those struggling with financial shortages, those new to Canada.)
5. A simple budget must be included.

6. The grant will not fund capital projects such as new construction or renovation to a building(s).
7. Grant monies shall not support expenses for staff nor its volunteers' time nor items such as grocery gift cards, gas purchase, and other such beyond 30% of the total amount requested.
8. The church must be able to show that they have a safe church policy by which they abide.
9. Grant application must show how physical distancing practices will be implemented as recommended by the World Health Organization.
10. Churches must show how they are mobilizing congregation members as volunteers in partnership with local outreach programs in their response in unique ways.
11. Grant applications will be reviewed by an assessment team. Decisions made by the team will be based on the parameters set forth in this document, the order in which they are received, and the total funds available.

**Please send your completed application  
and supporting documents to**

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