

Sharing God's Goodness Giving Circle Guidelines

- Memberships are Individual or Church/Business
- Dues (runs on a 7/1 to 6/30 cycle):
 - o Individual membership: Contribution of \$50 monthly (\$600 annually) for one vote (pay as they can).
 - Church/Business membership: Contribution of \$100 monthly (\$1200 annually) for one vote.
- A one-year commitment is encouraged (renewed annually).
- Nomination Process: Members may nominate two prospective grantees each year. The Leadership team will narrow the nominees based on merit.
- Range of Grants: Up to \$10,000 (We encourage organizations to ask for what they need for their project, not to exceed \$10,000; Grantees may be awarded a portion of their request.)
- Members will vote electronically on the final nominees each summer; Grants will be awarded annually.
- Grants from the Giving Circle are coming from the community of Giving Circle members who will identify needs and extend invitations to apply to select area ministries and Christian non-profits.
- Ineligibility: Organizations or churches that are affiliated with a member of the Leadership Team will be ineligible to apply. This restriction will be revisited annually by the Leadership team.
- Ministries and non-profits that are funded must wait a year to reapply.
- Grantee Eligibility:
 - o Frontline Christian ministries sharing the gospel through their work
 - o Nonprofits serving the African American Community or are African American-led
 - Nonprofit organizations must have an operating budget of \$100,000 or less
 - o Churches:
 - Those with operating budgets of \$100,000 or less
 - Larger churches may request support for one program with an operating budget of \$100,000 or less
 - Geographic Area: Local is defined as greater Chattanooga (including N. Georgia)
- We do not fund:
 - Event sponsorship
 - Capital Campaigns
 - Salaries