

2026 GRANT DETAILS

The **Sharing God's Goodness** Giving Circle is comprised of members who annually give \$600 (for individuals) or \$1,200 (for churches or organizations). Each year, members work together to decide how to award pooled funds.

Members have the option to nominate two potential grantees each year. Through an application process, nominated faith-based organizations and church programs solicit funds. The leadership committee vets and selects grantees, presenting their recommendations to the members.

Grantees are nonprofits serving Chattanooga's African American Community or are African American-led, though members do not have to be African American.

On average, we grant to 4-8 organizations per year, and the average grant size ranges from \$3,000 to \$8,000. The amount we award each year depends on the amount of money raised by members, as well as additional donations received.



SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMS

Our focus for this granting year is for programs serving youth, taking place over the summer of 2026.



BUDGET LESS THAN \$100K

Eligible organizations should be nonprofits, or church programs, with budgets under \$100k.



CHRISTIAN INTEGRATION

Grantees will purposefully integrate biblically based curriculum, Bible studies, or the gospel messaging into their programming.



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PROCESS & TIMELINE

Phase

01

Nominations

Through **January 19**, members are given the opportunity to nominate up to 2 organizations.

Phase

02

Determine Eligibility

Nominees will complete a short eligibility questionnaire, and the giving circle leadership team will review nominees, choosing which ones will move forward.

Phase

03

Apply

Eligible organizations must complete their applications by **February 16th** via an online form. We will host a virtual grant writing session, as well as host office hours for application assistance.

Phase

04

Host Site Visit

After reviewing the applications, the leadership team will assign site visits to select nonprofits/churches. Visits will take place from **February 23rd through March 9th**. The leadership team will meet to select final grantees.

Phase

05

Record Proposals

March 26th we reserve a studio and selected grant seekers will record a video proposal, to be shared with the members.

Phase

06

Receive Notification

After the member vote, we will notify grant seekers by **May 7th**. After signing a grant agreement, we will work to disburse grants quickly!

