



Building Clark County as a Community of God

## **2011 Grant Application Instructions**

- 1) **Twenty copies** of your grant application and supporting documents are due to The Nehemiah Foundation office no later than August 13, 2010 by 5:00p.m. In addition, please submit one copy of your ministry's most recent 990. Please email a copy of your grant application (PDF or Word) to Sue Brown at [sue@nehemiahfoundation.net](mailto:sue@nehemiahfoundation.net)
- 2) The grant application and supporting documents are available at our website: [www.nehemiahfoundation.net](http://www.nehemiahfoundation.net). We recommend downloading it in Microsoft Word format, saving on your hard drive, and then typing in your responses and re-saving. Please do not submit a hand written proposal.
- 3) Be familiar with our 'Funding Guidelines', located in the following page, before completing your grant application.
- 4) Every grant application is read thoroughly. To expedite this process for the Program Committee, we ask the following:
  - a. Be succinct as possible.
  - b. Use proper format for writing. This includes: proper punctuation, set font size to 12, keeping the color black, and use single spacing, and do not use 'all caps'.
  - c. Staple grants in the upper left hand corner, please do not use paper clips. Please do not use plastic covers or sheet protectors.
- 5) Please do not submit brochures with your grant request. We will contact you if more information is needed.
- 6) If you have any questions about the grant application process, please contact Jeff Collins at 325-6226.
- 7) Grants may be hand delivered to The Nehemiah Foundation office at:
  - 4 West Main St. (PNC Bank building)
  - Suite 530
  - Springfield, Ohio

Grants may be mailed to:  
The Nehemiah Foundation  
P.O. Box 3112  
Springfield, Ohio 45501



## Funding Guidelines

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Springfield, Ohio 45501-3112  
(937) 325-6226 FAX: (937) 525-0278**

### Our Mission

To serve Clark County by identifying and supporting Christ-centered leadership and by providing resources to programs meeting the spiritual and physical needs of children and families.

### Our Vision

The church, as the Body of Christ, will achieve its full potential in impacting every child and family in Clark County with the Gospel.

### Our Method

The Nehemiah Foundation seeks to support Christ centered leadership in order to multiply ministry effectiveness. Support is offered through:

- 1) Financial assistance via a grant application process.
- 2) Professional training in areas such as: board development, funding strategies, measurable outcomes, grant writing, human resources, and accounting.
- 3) Promoting local Church involvement in funded ministries.
- 4) Encouraging partnership between churches, ministries, and other community organizations.
- 5) Actively lifting up in prayer the needs of our community and ministries funded by TNF.

### What We Support

The Nehemiah Foundation incubates and supports ministries that focus on:

- 1) The moral and spiritual bankruptcy of youth.
- 2) The breakdown of the traditional family.
- 3) Racial and economic division.

### Funding Priorities

- 1) Projects that reflect Biblical values and promote spiritual as well as life transformation.
- 2) Projects that address the mission and vision of The Nehemiah Foundation.
- 3) Projects addressing indicators identified in the 'Mature, Responsible, Christian Adult Matrix.' See below.
- 4) Projects that partner with existing churches, ministries, or other community organizations.
- 5) Projects requesting funds to supplement salary for leadership positions.

### **Mature, Responsible, Christian Adult (MRCA)**

The Nehemiah Foundation, in conjunction with partner ministries, has developed a program tool entitled "Becoming a Mature, Responsible Christian Adult." This tool identifies key characteristics that, if attained by an individual, increase the likelihood of that individual becoming a source of positive Christian influence in our community.

Organizations applying to TNF for funds are asked to link measurable program outcomes to indicators listed in the MRA document. No ministry is expected to make an impact on all indicators. If funded, TNF will use these measurable outcomes listed in the grant request as the basis for quarterly reporting. The MRA document is included in the grant application packet.

### **Funding Guidelines**

- 1) TNF will not fund more than 50% of budget.
- 2) TNF will not fund capital items, curriculum, or tuition.
- 3) TNF will fund projects taking place in Clark County, Ohio.

### **Length of Funding**

As the Nehemiah Foundation fulfills its mission to identify and support Christ-centered leaders, our objective is to provide grant monies that will empower each leader's organization to fulfill their God-given mission. It is our goal that organizations receiving funding will be supported for a period of three years. Grant applications are reviewed on an annual basis.

In addition to financial support, the TNF will provide financial development training through opportunities such as one-on-one planning and group seminars/workshops. This training and intentional funding plan not only helps strengthen the organization by diversifying their funding base over time, but also allows The Nehemiah Foundation to be positioned to financially respond to God-given opportunities of collaboration as they present themselves in our community. These collaborations could include Nehemiah funded ministry partners.

### **Expectations of Funded Ministries**

- 1) Full participation in ministry leader's forum. These forums are designed to promote partnerships, mutual accountability, and sharing of best practices.
- 2) Full participation in monthly prayer meeting. This takes place the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month from 10:30-11:30.
- 3) On-time submission of quarterly grant reports.
- 4) Ongoing pursuit of organizational growth and best practice ministry.
- 5) Funds will be used as indicated in original grant application; changes in use of funding must be approved by TNF.

### **Grant Timeline**

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| 1) June 9              | Grant Applications available on TNF website.          |
| 2) June 24 and July 21 | Grant assistance at TNF office, 1:00-4:00 p.m.        |
| 3) August 13           | <b><u>Grant applications due by 5:00 p.m.</u></b>     |
| 4) August 30-Sept 3    | Interviews with applicants, as needed.                |
| 5) October 13          | 2011 Funding proposals made to TNF Board of Trustees. |
| 6) November 10         | Board vote on funding proposals.                      |
| 7) November 19         | Ministries notified of funding for 2011.              |

	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Indicators	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Indicators
Spiritually	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participates in spiritual growth opportunities.</li> <li>• Involved in church</li> <li>• Practices basic scripture memorization</li> <li>• Prays regularly.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participates in spiritual growth opportunities.</li> <li>• Actively serving others.</li> <li>• Professes faith in Christ</li> <li>• Practices scripture memorization.</li> <li>• Involved in church.</li> </ul>
Educationally And Vocationally	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintains 'C' average</li> <li>• Consistent school attendance</li> <li>• Reading at appropriate level</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintains 'C' average</li> <li>• Consistent school attendance</li> <li>• Strives to improve in school.</li> </ul>
Socially/Emotionally	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participates in positive activities.</li> <li>• Shows impulse control</li> <li>• At least 1 trusting adult relationship</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Respects others.</li> <li>• Ability to form positive peer groups</li> <li>• Participates in positive activities.</li> </ul>
Developmentally	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Does not watch/listen to explicit music/movies</li> <li>• Abstains from sexual activity</li> <li>• Does not use profanity</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrates responsibility.</li> <li>• Abstains from sexual activity</li> <li>• Does not watch/listen to explicit music/movies</li> <li>• Practices healthy habits.</li> <li>• Does not use profanity</li> </ul>
	12 <sup>th</sup> Grade Indicators	Adult Indicators
Spiritually	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Personal relationship with Christ</li> <li>• Shares faith with family/friends</li> <li>• Actively serving others.</li> <li>• Engaged in church.</li> <li>• Practices scripture memorization.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Personal relationship with Christ</li> <li>• Engaged in Church</li> <li>• Shares faith with family/friends</li> <li>• Practices scripture memorization.</li> <li>• Actively serving others.</li> </ul>
Educationally And Vocationally	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintains at least 'C' average</li> <li>• Has a future plan.</li> <li>• Consistent school attendance.</li> <li>• On track to graduate.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Self sufficient job</li> <li>• Has future plan</li> <li>• Can access transportation</li> </ul>
Socially/Emotionally	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Basic understanding of healthy relationships.</li> <li>• Demonstrates integrity</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintains healthy relationships.</li> <li>• Demonstrates integrity</li> <li>• Healthy attitude about opposite sex</li> </ul>
Developmentally	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Responsible with personal finances.</li> <li>• Demonstrates delayed gratification</li> <li>• Practices healthy life style</li> <li>• Drug and alcohol free.</li> <li>• Abstains from sexual activity</li> <li>• Demonstrates personal responsibility.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Responsible with personal finances.</li> <li>• Demonstrates delayed gratification</li> <li>• Drug and alcohol free.</li> <li>• Practices healthy life style</li> <li>• Abstains from sexual activity outside of marriage</li> </ul>

**Sample Program Outcomes Table**

<b>MRCA INDICATOR</b> <small>Please provide 4-6</small>	<b>Program Targeting Indicator</b>	<b>Evaluation Method</b>	<b>Reporting Data</b> <small>Please provide 1-2 for each indicator</small>
<b>What is being addressed?</b>	<b>What will be offered to address indicator?</b>	<b>How will evaluation be conducted?</b>	<b>How will results be reported on quarterly update?</b>
Healthy Attitude about opposite sex	Relationship classes will teach: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Characteristics of healthy relationships</li> <li>- Importance of abstaining from sexual activity outside of marriage.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Post surveys will be given after completion of abstinence lessons</li> <li>- Participants will be given opportunity to sign a purity covenant</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- XX number</li> <li>- XX% indicate an increased understanding about affects of non-marital sexual activity</li> <li>- XX% of participants made a commitment to abstinence until marriage</li> </ul>
Maintains at least a 'C' average	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Tutoring program will help students get better grades</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Grade cards will be collected from participating students</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- XX% of participating students obtained at least a 'C' average</li> </ul>
Seeking opportunities for spiritual growth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Bible studies will help people grow in their relationship with Christ.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Attendance will be taken at each group</li> <li>- Observation of ministry leaders</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- XX people attended at least 5 bible studies</li> </ul>
Personal relationship with Christ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Provide people the opportunity to hear gospel and make a commitment to Christ</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Invitations will be given to make a profession of faith in Christ</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- XX people made a profession of faith in Christ</li> </ul>