



Building Clark County as a Community of God

## 2010 Grant Application Instructions

- 1) **Twenty-five copies** of your grant request and supporting documents are due to The Nehemiah Foundation office no later than August 28, 2009 by 5:00p.m. *You need only submit one copy of your 990.*
- 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 request 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 could include: proper punctuation, do not use all capitals, set font size to 12, keeping the color black, and use single spacing.
  - c. Staple grants in the upper left hand corner. Plastic covers or sheet protectors are not necessary, nor desired.
- 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. (National City Bank building)
  - Suite 530
  - Springfield, Ohio

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



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**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 seeking to 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.

## **Expectations of Funded Ministries**

- 1) Full participation in bi-monthly 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; contact TNF to change the use of funds.

## **Grant Timeline 2009**

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| 1) June 1          | Grant Applications available.                              |
| 2) June 25/July 17 | Grant assistance open house at TNF office, 1:00-4:00 p.m.  |
| 3) August 28       | Grant applications due to by 5:00p.m.                      |
| 4) October 14      | 2009 Funding proposals made to Nehemiah Board of Trustees. |
| 5) November 11     | Board votes on funding proposals.                          |
| 6) November 16     | Ministries notified of funding for 2009.                   |
| 7) December 9      | Funded ministries open house.                              |

**If you have further questions about the grant application process, please contact Jeff Collins at (937)325-6226.**

### Mature, Responsible, Christian Adult Indicators

	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Indicators	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Indicators
Spiritually	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seeks opportunities for spiritual growth</li> <li>• Involved in church</li> <li>• Practices basic scripture memorization</li> <li>• Believes God is real, active, and personally involved</li> <li>• Prays/talks to God daily</li> <li>• Understand that Bible impact behavior</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seeks opportunities for spiritual growth</li> <li>• Willing to serve</li> <li>• Openly professes faith in Christ</li> <li>• Beginning to make choices out of belief</li> <li>• Practices, applies scripture memorization.</li> </ul>
Educationally And Vocationally	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintains 'C' average</li> <li>• Completes most homework</li> <li>• Asks for help when needed</li> <li>• Has good school attendance</li> <li>• Positive attitude about school</li> <li>• Reading at appropriate level</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintains 'C' average</li> <li>• Completes most homework</li> <li>• Asks for help when needed</li> <li>• Has good school attendance</li> <li>• Positive attitude about school</li> <li>• Values education, strives to improve</li> </ul>
Socially/Emotionally	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrates age appropriate respect</li> <li>• Ability to choose positive friendships</li> <li>• Demonstrates impulse control</li> <li>• At least 1 trusting adult relationship</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Respects/understands authority</li> <li>• Ability to form positive peer groups</li> <li>• Shows impulse control</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>• Beginning to take personal responsibility</li> <li>• Understands characteristics of health/unhealthy family</li> <li>• Keeps word Abstains from sexual activity</li> <li>• Understands importance of physical health</li> <li>• Awareness about needs vs. wants</li> <li>• Involved in positive activities</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>• Basic belief that Bible is foundation of truth</li> <li>• Shares faith with family/friends</li> <li>• Is serving out of self-initiation</li> <li>• Takes responsibility for growth</li> <li>• Makes choices out of belief, not fear</li> <li>• Openly professes faith in Christ</li> <li>• Developing Christian worldview</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>• Basic belief that Bible is foundation of truth</li> <li>• Is serving out of self initiation</li> <li>• Takes responsibility for growth</li> </ul>
Educationally And Vocationally	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintains at least 'C' average</li> <li>• Moving towards self-sufficiency</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>• Not center of universe</li> <li>• Basic understanding of healthy family</li> <li>• Demonstrates integrity</li> <li>• Healthy attitude about opposite sex</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ability to set goals and plan to achieve them</li> <li>• Not center of universe</li> <li>• Mature understanding of healthy family</li> <li>• Demonstrates integrity</li> <li>• Healthy attitude about opposite sex</li> <li>• Feels empowered</li> </ul>
Developmentally	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Basic financial understanding</li> <li>• Understands priorities</li> <li>• Sense of own strengths and weaknesses</li> <li>• Demonstrates delayed gratification</li> <li>• Evidence of self discipline</li> <li>• Does not abuse substance</li> <li>• Has healthy life style</li> <li>• Desire to grow intellectually, spiritually, vocationally</li> <li>• Can access resource to solve problems</li> <li>• Abstains from sexual activity</li> <li>• Demonstrates responsibility for commitments</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Basic financial understanding</li> <li>• Understands priorities</li> <li>• Sense of own strengths and weaknesses</li> <li>• Demonstrates delayed gratification</li> <li>• Free of substances</li> <li>• Evidence of self discipline</li> <li>• Has healthy life style</li> <li>• Desire to grow intellectually, spiritually, vocationally</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>