

Nickels for Neighbors Guidelines

Purpose

Atlantic Coast Conference *Nickels for Neighbors* involves children in mission by providing opportunity to contribute to a specific project, raising awareness and sharing generously with others.

Timeline

Sunday School Children in ACC churches raise funds for the selected project from the ACC Spring Assembly when the project is announced, until the Fall Assembly (usually October) when funds are collected. Applications should be sent to the ACC Missions Committee.

Applications should be sent as email attachment to office@atlanticcoastconference.net or mailed to: 2257 Old Philadelphia Pike, Lancaster, PA 17602.

Application Guidelines

Applications will be reviewed by the ACC Missions Committee using the following guidelines:

1. The project should meet actual needs of the ministry, and preferably benefit children.
2. Give a description of the program or project for which funding is requested specifying goals, timeline, expected results and budget. Provide a Mission Statement of the ministry including a brief history, and the population and geographic region served by the ministry.
3. The amount requested must not exceed \$10,000.
4. The project should have broad ownership in the congregation/organization that is carrying it out. The project should be approved by the leadership of the congregation or organization being featured. An application for the funds should be signed by two persons: pastor and congregational chair/deacon/treasure, (see attached form).
5. If the application is from an organization, it should be endorsed by an ACC related congregation with preference given to ACC Conference Related Ministries (CRMs).

Decision-Making Process

The annual *Nickels for Neighbors* grant will be made at the discretion of the ACC Missions Committee in consultation with the Conference Ministry team. ACC Missions Committee may request to interview the applicant(s). If no suitable application is received in any one calendar year the Missions Committee reserves the right not to make a grant in that year and/or seek out a ministry that may qualify.

Evaluation

Recipients of an ACC *Nickels for Neighbors* grant should send an evaluation report to the ACC Missions Committee once the funds have been received and used. Please include a statement of how the ongoing effectiveness of the ministry or project benefited from the *Nickels for Neighbors* grant.

Repeat Applications

A congregation, ministry, or organization receiving a *Nickels for Neighbors* grant must wait two years to re-apply for additional NFN funds. Preference is given to a new project or ministry proposal.

NICKELS FOR NEIGHBORS GRANT APPLICATION

Title of Project: _____
Name of Person Writing the Proposal: _____
Position: _____
Congregation/Organization _____
Pastor/Leader _____
Address: _____
Telephone: _____ e-mail: _____

1. What is the nature of the project and how does it benefit children?

2. What is the amount requested? (Please provide a simple budget of how the funds will be used).

3. Attach a Mission Statement of the ministry, including a brief history. What are the goals, timeline, and expected results?

4. How does this project serve a specific region, community, or population?

5. How much is the local ACC congregation or organization already investing in this project?
 - a. Financially _____
 - b. Personnel (volunteers) _____
 - c. Other: _____
 - d. Not involved at this time _____

6. Have you received funds from ACC for this or other projects in the past? If so, please list the project, source of funds, amount received, and the year.

Project	Amount	Source	Year

7. How has this request been processed within your church or organization? (e.g., Council Meeting, Congregational Meeting, Committee, etc)

Cong. Chair/Deacon/Treasurer

Pastor/ Organizational Leader

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