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## DREAM INCENTIVE GRANT Overview 2018

Thank you for your interest in The Alliance's Dream Incentive Grant. Because of the generosity of some in the Alliance family, we are able to provide funding to help small to mid-size churches potentially realize an otherwise unattainable ministry "dream." We are waiting with great anticipation to see what dreams God has planted in the hearts of Alliance church leaders and will depend on Him to lead us to the projects that will have the greatest Kingdom impact.

The total grant money available for award in 2018 is at least \$200,000, perhaps more. Since we desire to give multiple grants, the maximum grant request per church is limited to \$30,000.

The objective for the Dream Incentive Grant is to build the local church. This is not a church-planting grant—it is intended to increase the Kingdom impact of an existing congregation. Your dream might be an extensive new ministry that will sustain itself for years or a simple outreach event that larger churches could afford to finance on their own. We value criteria such as outward focus, community service, and multicultural involvement.

The attached application is simple, but most dreams will warrant additional documentation. Please note that we will gather historical information about your church based on the annual reports you have filed. If your church has failed to file these, you will be at a disadvantage. Attach as much documentation as you feel is appropriate yet be careful not to overwhelm us. The more complex your dream, the more thorough the supporting documentation should be. Whether complex or simple, it is imperative that you clearly articulate your dream, its anticipated impact, and cost.

Finally, we ask that all applications be approved by the church board and endorsed by the district superintendent (signature required) before being submitted to the Alliance National Office. May the Lord lead us as we embark on this adventure together.



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## DREAM INCENTIVE GRANT Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)

**How large is the grant, and where did the funds originate?** Generous gifts have made it possible for The Alliance to award at least \$200,000 for 2018.

**Is this grant funded by the Great Commission Fund?** No.

**Can others contribute to this grant?** Yes. Checks can be made out to the C&MA, with “Dream Incentive Grant” in the memo line. If you have questions about making a donation, please contact Donor Services at the National Office (receipts@cmalliance.org or 866-443-8262).

**What will happen to this grant in the future?** We don't know. The future of the grant will be evaluated on the basis of its effectiveness and if new donations are received for this purpose.

**What size of grants will be awarded?** Amounts can range from a few hundred dollars to \$30,000 per church.

**How are grants approved?** The U.S. Alliance National Office has established a grant review team to oversee the process and to make final decisions regarding the disbursement of these grants. Church Ministries (CM) is well represented on the review team.

**What is the timeline for grant application and approval?**

- Application deadline: September 15, 2018
- Grant decision: December 15, 2018
- Public announcement and funds distributed: January 15, 2019

**How do we apply for the grant?** Grant applications are available through Church Ministries or can be downloaded from the Web at [cmalliance.org/ministries/local-church](http://cmalliance.org/ministries/local-church).

**Where do we send the grant application?** Completed applications are to be sent to The Christian and Missionary Alliance, Attn: Ms. Kim Vincent, 8595 Explorer Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80920, or [VincentK@cmalliance.org](mailto:VincentK@cmalliance.org).



**What criteria will the review team use to evaluate applications?**

- The purpose of the Dream Incentive Grant is to strengthen existing, local U.S. Alliance churches through such means as conversions, baptisms, leadership development, discipling, and/or community impact.
- The grant is primarily intended for small to mid-size congregations.
- The grant seeks to encourage visionary thinking among church leaders.
- The team will give priority to those applications that have some hope of sustainability and/or long-term impact on a local church.
- To be considered, an application must have the full support of local church leadership, significant support from the congregation, and the district superintendent's signature.

**Can the grant be used for salaries, buildings, or programs?** Our criteria are weighted toward that which is sustainable and not merely a temporary relief for local church budgets.

**How will we know whether we are awarded a grant?** Shortly after the December 15 decision deadline, all applicants will be notified.

**If we are awarded a grant, what is required of us?** Please be willing to share stories, data, or any information that would allow us to celebrate with you and evaluate the program's effectiveness.

**If we aren't awarded a grant, can we reapply for a future year?** Yes.

**If we have other questions, whom should we contact?** Kim Vincent, executive assistant to the vice president for Church Ministries, at [vincentk@cmalliance.org](mailto:vincentk@cmalliance.org) or 719-265-2047.



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## DREAM INCENTIVE GRANT Application 2018

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CHURCH NAME

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CITY

STATE

CHURCH CODE

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CHURCH CONTACT PERSON

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POSITION HELD

AMOUNT OF GRANT REQUESTED

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CONTACT PHONE NUMBER

CONTACT E-MAIL

**Please respond to the following questions on a separate piece of paper. We encourage you to include as much additional information as you feel appropriate to best present your dream.**

1. Describe your church's "dream" initiative.
2. How much money will it cost to make this dream a reality?
  - What other sources of revenue are you pursuing?
  - If your proposal has multiple components or phases, please provide financial detail and prioritize each component of each phase.
3. Is the dream a one-time event or an ongoing ministry? If it is intended to be a long-term ministry, how will it be funded once the grant money has been spent?
4. What is the timeline for implementation?
5. How will you measure the effectiveness of this "dream" initiative?

Please review the criteria on the FAQ sheet and comment on how you believe that your proposal has potential to do any or all the following;

- Strengthen your church
- Lead to conversions and baptisms
- Enhance leadership development and disciple-making
- Have community impact

Applications must be received by September 15, 2018. Please e-mail your application to [vincentk@cmalliance.org](mailto:vincentk@cmalliance.org) or mail it to:

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All Dream Incentive Grant Applicants will be notified of the results by January 15, 2019.

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SIGNATURE OF CHURCH SENIOR PASTOR

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SIGNATURE OF BOARD SECRETARY

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SIGNATURE OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT