



The Banquet Network

small grant policy

The Purpose of Small Grants

The Banquet Network's small grants are designed to "resource" churches to reach, serve, and include people who have disabilities. We give small grants to churches in order to reduce barriers for churches to becoming more inclusive of individuals and families affected by disability. We believe that every church – no matter what their resources – should be able to take steps toward "inviting the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind" into the banquet feast of the kingdom of God (Luke 14:13). No church is too small (or too under-resourced) to include people who have disabilities.

Eligibility Criteria

- Applicant churches are in relationship with The Banquet Network, i.e., they must have received or be in the process of receiving coaching or training (or providing coaching/training to other churches) from The Banquet Network
- Financial barriers must pose a significant impediment to carrying out a plan for disability inclusion
- Church leadership affirms the desire to include people with disabilities
- The church demonstrates a willingness to invest in the resources they do have (time, talent, space, etc.) to include people with disabilities
- Request must be for \$500 or less
- Recipients must be Christian churches, willing to affirm [The Banquet Network's Doctrinal Statement](#), and must provide their own statement of faith along with the application
- Churches may only apply for a grant every 3 years. In order to receive a second grant, the church must demonstrate growth in disability inclusion since the first grant was provided. Priority will be given to first-time applicants.

Examples of possible uses for grant funding include

- Training in sign language for an interpreter
- Purchase of easy-to-read bibles and discipleship curriculum
- Sensory items for starting a sensory room or respite ministry
- Building a ramp to the fellowship hall

Application Process

- Applications may be submitted at thebanquetnetwork.com/grants
- Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis
- Successful applicants should expect to share and report what the grant has enabled via a 500-word report with pictures that can be shared publicly 2 months after receipt of the grant

Review / Selection Process

- A minimum of two board members and one staff member of The Banquet Network will be asked to review and score the application based on The Banquet Network Grant Approval rubric (*page 3*).
- Following the review of the written application, an interview with a representative charged with implementing the grant may be requested.

**The Banquet Network reserves the right not to approve any grant requests if none are deemed appropriate or if funds are not available.*

***The Banquet Network also reserves the right to adjust the application process, when necessary, to adapt to special circumstances.*

Questions?

Contact us at info@thebanquetnetwork.com

The Banquet Network Grant Approval Rubric

Project Description	Value	Points Awarded	Comments
Project goals align with The Banquet Network goals and objectives	10		
Summary of the project is clear	5		
Implementation plan included	10		
Leadership demonstrates commitment to disability inclusion	5		
Potential for reaching and including people with disabilities is clear	15		

Impact	Value	Points Awarded	Comments
Clear need for grant demonstrated with needs assessment	5		
Project fits into comprehensive disability inclusion plan/strategy	10		
Potential for sustainability	15		
Investment in the Banquet Network	5		
Plan for assessing impact included	5		

Budget	Value	Points Awarded	Comments
Budget is complete and includes all required components and correct allocation of funds.	10		
Investments of other complementary resources demonstrated	5		

Total Points _____ / 100