

**ATHENS ELBERTON DISTRICT
SMALL MEMBERSHIP CHURCH GRANT APPLICATION FORM**

ELIGIBILITY

1. This grant is designed to assist churches with an average worship attendance of 150 or less.
2. The grant dollars must be for a specific ministry intended to reach a certain population of non-churched people.
3. The grant dollars can be used for a stipend, curricula, supplies, advertising, or some combination of these.
4. The church must share in the total cost of the ministry idea.

APPLICATION: Church: _____ UMC Date _____

Along with this application form,

1. Submit a one-page description of the target population spawning this ministry idea (i.e., let the mission field drive the ministry) and a description of the ministry idea.
2. Submit a budget needed to implement this ministry idea.
3. Submit a one-page "defense" for why the grant should be awarded. Indicate in the "defense" what follow-up reporting will be given to the Athens-Elberton District Strategic Growth Team

Financial Summary: _____ Total amount to cover the cost of the ministry idea.

_____ Amount being requested from the district.

_____ Remainder to be covered by the church and/or other sources.

Church Pastor: _____ Email _____ Cell _____

Lay Leader: _____ Email _____ Cell _____

Council Chair: _____ Email _____ Cell _____

ATHENS-ELBERTON DISTRICT STRATEGIC GROWTH TEAM SECTION

_____ Date Application Was Received

_____ Date of Ruling and Record of Decision
(If refused, prepare a one-page explanation.)

_____ Date When Pastor of Applicant Church Was Notified of Decision (Goal: No more than 90 days upon receipt of the application.)

Submit Application & Support Materials to
shockleyinvest@bellsouth.net or jarratt@windstream.net

EXAMPLES OF GRANT IDEAS

1. A Traveling VBS. Intend to take VBS to the children in neighboring subdivisions; using flyer notification; cul-de-sac sites; and portable props. Total cost \$1,000, asking for \$500. Will send Strategic Growth Team a report of events, relationships made, and any “fruit” from the experience.
2. In-home Bible Study. Plan to use church members’ homes and invitations to neighbors and friends for an 8-week study. Seeking help with video cost of \$800. Seeking \$600. Host homes will cover cost of participants’ books as an outreach contribution. Team facilitators will be on the lookout for training up additional facilitators. Will send the Athens Elberton Strategic Growth Team a report at the end of the first study.

RESOURCES FOR ASSESSING MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

1. Lay Revitalization Team – Contact Leon Jourolmon leonjourolmon@gmail.com
2. Conference Connectional Ministries – Contact Herzen Andone herzen.andone@ngumc.net
3. Athens-Elberton District Strategic Growth Team -John Shockley, shockleyinvest@bellsouth.net or Jarratt Pryor, jarratt@windstream.net (Co-chairs of the Athens Elberton Strategic Growth team).