

Northern Spirit Regional Council Mission and Ministry Grants

Mission and Ministry Grants are intended to provide support for the mission of Communities of Faith within the Northern Spirit Regional Council.

Criteria used when considering applications for funding will include attention to the following priorities set by the Regional Council at its Inaugural Meeting in May, 2019:

- The Regional Council commits to becoming an Intercultural church that is Welcoming, Relational, Adaptive, Justice-Seeking, Intentional, and Missional, and wherein Intercultural means living together with a respectful awareness of each other's differences.
- The Regional Council identifies being in good relations with our Indigenous neighbours and members as a priority.
- The Regional Council commits to support youth and young adults and children's ministries within our regional council, including, but not limited to, campus ministry, camps, and youth and young adults.

Excerpt from the Funding Guidelines approved by the Regional Council at its Inaugural Meeting:

Mission Support Grants

1. The Northern Spirit Regional Council (NSRC) Executive shall appoint a standing Mission Support Committee authorized to consider and approve or reject applications for Mission Support Grants.
2. The Mission Support Committee shall establish criteria for approving or rejecting applications that reflect the priorities of the Region as expressed at the annual Regional Gatherings.
3. The Mission Support Committee shall, after the annual Regional Gathering, issue a call for applications for grants for the subsequent fiscal year.
4. The NSRC Executive shall, as part of the annual budget process, set the amount available for Mission Support Grants for the budget year.
5. Prior to the final NSRC Executive meeting of the current fiscal year, the Mission Support Committee shall meet to review the applications received and determine which should be approved.
6. If circumstances warrant, the Mission Support Committee may choose to set aside a portion of the budgeted amount to respond to appeals for funding later in the year.
7. The Mission Support Committee shall submit a report to the final Council Executive meeting of the year outlining its decisions.
8. The Mission Support Committee shall submit the list of approved grants to the Financial Administrator for disbursement at the beginning of the subsequent fiscal year.

The process for applying for Mission Support/Regional Grants is as follows:

1. **Application Form:** a copy of the application form can be downloaded from the Regional Council web site: <https://northernspiritr.ca/documents-forms/funding-ministry/>.
2. **Submit the Application by August 31:** complete all applicable sections of the form in as much detail as possible and submit it, along with a copy of the required financial statements and other documentation, to the Regional Council Office.
3. **Review of the Application:** In September, the Grants Task Group appointed by the Regional Council Executive will consider all of the applications that have been submitted, and will recommend the Grants to the Regional Council Executive.
4. **Communication of Decisions:** Once the Executive has approved the Grants, Applicants will be contacted regarding the outcome of their applications.