

## **Bridgeton Fund Grant Application 2024 Explanatory Notes**

The Bridgeton Christian Church Fund is an endowment created by the former Bridgeton Christian Church when it closed in 1995. The fund is invested with the Christian Church Foundation. No more than 5% of the previous year-end's closing balance in the fund may be awarded in any year in order to keep the fund in perpetuity.

Purpose of the fund, as stipulated by the congregation, is three-fold:

- ❖ To meet monetary shortfalls due to unexpected strife in a church;
- ❖ To help a church underwrite "revitalization/renewal" of its congregation;
- ❖ To help meet property/structural damage caused by an act of God or other circumstances and not caused by neglect.

Guidelines stipulate that the Fund shall be used to meet a church's temporary financial need, as long as the need was not created by "overextension of a budget or repetitive under-funding of a budget by the congregation".

Any Mid-America congregation may apply for a 2024 grant. The committee will review applications to determine whether they meet the fund's requirements.

The committee will meet in late January to determine whether the year-ending balance in the fund warrants grants without jeopardizing the growth of the fund as stipulated by the donors.

## Bridgeton Fund Grant Application 2024

Name of Church \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Fax Number \_\_\_\_\_

Person Filing Application \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (H) \_\_\_\_\_

Position in Church \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (W) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Application \_\_\_\_\_ Period for Which Funds Are To Be Used \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe the nature of the circumstances, which prompts this request, and describe your church's temporary need: (additional space may be used)

Describe your plans for resolving this situation: (additional space may be used)

What is the total annual budget of the church for 2023? \_\_\_\_\_ (Please enclose a copy of the 2022 & 2023 Church Budgets)

What is the total anticipated annual budget of the church for 2024 \_\_\_\_\_ (Attach a separate sheet showing sources of income beyond pledged giving)

What is the amount and what are the stipulations on any permanent funds to which the church has access?

What is the present level of indebtedness of the Church and to whom is this debt owed?

What is the participating membership of the congregation on 12/1/23? \_\_\_\_\_

What was the average attendance in Sunday school through December for 2023? \_\_\_\_\_

What was the average attendance in worship through December for 2023? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the current salary of your pastor? \_\_\_\_\_ What is the current total salary package being paid to your pastor? \_\_\_\_\_ (If more than one staff, please separate)

Our pastor is \_\_\_\_ full time/ \_\_\_\_ part time (check one). If part time, please indicate the number of hours per week salaried.

The guiding principles state that funds can be used to meet a temporary financial need. **A written plan of action to resolve or alleviate the problem must accompany the application form.** The plan shall include: **a)** a definition of the problem; **b)** the duration the funds are needed; and **c)** planned distribution of the funds. [This is in addition to the above information] A report of the use of all the funds distributed must be made in the next calendar year and any funds not used within two calendar years must be returned. Funds are to be given out only when there is a reasonable degree of certainty of success of the church's written plan.

Additional supporting documents which may help clarify the need, plan of action or history of the congregation are welcomed.

Please send all data together in one packet to:

[susan@ccmadisciples.org](mailto:susan@ccmadisciples.org)

OR

Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Mid-America  
Attn: Bridgeton Fund Application  
1320 W. Lockwood Ave.  
St Louis, MO 63122

**AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$** \_\_\_\_\_