



2023 Fall Grant Cycle Request for Proposals

Metro Ministries, Inc. announces the opening of the Fall Grant Cycle 2023. This grant cycle is focused on church and school collaboration, with specific focus around violence prevention and awareness and root causes of violence in schools and communities.

Potential applicants are encouraged to FIRST reach out to school leadership in the community, whether it be elementary, middle, high school, or secondary college or university or at the local school corporation level. In reaching out, a question that should be asked of the school is “how can my church help your school’s efforts to mitigate violence?”. New and existing programs will be considered.

The purpose of the grants is to provide an avenue for churches to reach out in love, establishing new or reinforcing existing connections with schools which serve their immediate area. The projects should be designed to address one or more facets of violence, including:

- Gun violence
- Bullying
- Gang participation
- Date violence
- Domestic violence
- Sexual violence
- Self-harm through substance abuse
- Child abuse
- Root causes such as mental illness, lack of social emotional learning, absence of positive role models

The application is available on Metro Ministries, Inc.’s website at www.indymetroumc.org/grants. Please submit your application online **by September 1, 2023**. Grant recipients will be notified by October 2, 2023, with checks distributed that week.

Grant workshops will be held in July, and attendance is encouraged prior to submission. There will not be formal mentoring during this cycle; however, informal conversations with Metro are encouraged as needed.

The amounts of individual grant awards are dependent on the number and quality of grant submissions but will be in the range of \$1,000 - \$5,000, with the potential for one submission to be awarded beyond this range.

Please direct any questions to metrogrants@gmail.com.