

CHANGE THE STORY FUND

Dear Partner in Jesus,

The Change the Story Fund provides seed money for short-term community engagement initiatives facilitated by the local church in response to the current global pandemic, the economic recovery that must follow, and the fight against racial injustice. It's time to change the story in our neighborhoods and throughout the world, and we want to help your church succeed in what God is calling you to do to make a difference.

In Luke 4, Jesus says, "The Spirit of the Lord is on me because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor" (Luke 4:18-19 NIV). This isn't just the mission of Jesus, it's the mission of the General Assembly of the Church of God. The Change the Story Fund empowers the local church to fulfill that mission, to transform our communities in the name of Jesus.

Grants can be requested for up to \$2,500 and there is no repayment necessary. Simply complete the questions below and return this proposal to ChangetheStory@chog.org. You can also direct any questions you have to that e-mail address. We hope to vet and respond to requests in 5 business days or less and get funds to you for your project within the next 5 business days.

If your project is chosen, we will ask you to complete a short story report within two weeks of the project's completion. This will allow us to share your story with other churches, encouraging others to engage their community.

We pray God will guide you and your church as you listen to the Spirit's call to be the hope of Jesus in tangible ways in your neighborhood!

With gratitude,
Change the Story Fund Proposal Review Team



CHANGE THE STORY FUND PROPOSAL

Name of person submitting proposal:

Name of church:

Church address (include city and state):

Church phone number:

Pastor of church (if different than person submitting proposal):

Total amount requested:

Core Questions

In 300 words or less, articulate the problem in your community you wish to engage. *How did you determine the problem in the community?*

In 300 words or less, articulate your proposed solution to the problem you listed. *What will you do to meet the needs you see?*

In 300 words or less, articulate how your project exemplifies Jesus in your neighborhood. *How is Jesus the subject of your project?*

Supporting Questions

In 100 words or less, how are you prioritizing those in your community who are not part of your church?

In 100 words or less, how does your project lead to long-term relationship change between your church and your community?

In 100 words or less, how will your church celebrate before, during, and after the project is completed?

By electronically signing below, you commit to spend the funds sent from Church of God Ministries for the above-mentioned purposes only and to submitting a report on the use of those funds in a timely fashion. Information shared in this document and in the subsequent report may be used for marketing purposes to encourage future grant submissions.

Signed _____
Project Leader

Date _____

Signed _____
Pastor (if different)

Date _____