

Grace Community Church Partnership Programs



It is the desire of Grace Community Church as part of the bigger church to respond to Jesus' call in Matthew 25 to feed the hungry, give a cup of cool water to the thirsty, to house those that have no place to call home, to clothe those that are lacking, to care for the sick and to visit the imprisoned.

Just Right is one of Grace's mechanisms for doing so. It is designed to allocate funds, volunteers and promotional efforts in ways that directly meet needs and encourage an increasing number of people to be involved in noticing and addressing those needs. As such, Grace is willing to consider proposals for financial, human resource and publicity support from organizations directly supporting vulnerable people. Proposals will be considered for up to three years of support.

Please send your proposals with all attachments to info@gracecommunity.ca to the attn: of Just Right. Applications will be reviewed in November for the following calendar year.

Proposals should be brief, and only include pertinent detail. Please include the following:

- A brief description of the organization's history and mission.
- A short bio of the organization's principals.
- A summary of the organization's business or strategic plan.
- Support being requested, including how this proposal fits into the overall business plan. Please make sure to include measurables such as:
 - What is the financial commitment being requested of Grace Community Church?
 - What percentage does this represent of the organization's annual budget?
 - What are the organization's other sources of income?
 - Is there also a need for in-kind support (e.g. volunteer time; publicity; specific purchased items etc.)?

- Specifically how will those resources be used?
- What metrics will be used to measure the positive results of this investment?

Support from Grace Community Church will be provided on a monthly basis to successful applicants. The amount of financial resources available per organization per year is dependent on church giving and on the number of qualified applicants. Considering a proposal does not in any way guarantee support. Support will be determined by Grace Community Church and is dependent on the continued availability of resources, confirmed quarterly.

Continued monthly support will be dependent on:

- the continued solvency and perceived effectiveness of the organization
- a quarterly report summarizing the activities as well as the metrics as outlined in the proposal

Grace Community Church may request an audit of the program being supported and will grant the organization time to complete an audit.

Funding decisions will be made by the Just Right Allocations Team, based on the following criteria:

The initiative or organization must:

- Offer direct benefit to marginalized, vulnerable, or suffering people;
- Include a direct connection with a Grace Community Church member or adherent who is serving alongside and/or connected with the organization;
- Do no harm;
- Support existing work rather than require a program or effort that needs to be created and/or sustained by Grace Community Church and/or Just Right.
- Be grounded in trust in the people and organization(s) involved, including being based on known best practices in the field of involvement.

Ideally, the request would also involve an element of fun, surprise, creativity and/or perceptiveness in identifying and meeting the needs of marginalized, vulnerable, and/or suffering people.

This application is not in any way meant to be an onerous task. You will be provided a direct contact at Grace to discuss your proposal and answer any questions you may have prior to submission.