# Baptist together strategic mission fund

The Mission Forum has a fund available known as the Strategic Mission Fund (SMF), most of which is allocated to strategic and nationally focused projects discerned by the SMF Grant Committee on behalf of the Mission Forum. The SMF Grant Committee are informed by the Mission Forum’s discernment and listening together. Occasionally, potential grant recipients can be identified to the Grant Committee by those who are aware of any significant strategic and nationally focused initiatives that would benefit from a grant.

Grants are only available for mission-oriented projects that reflect the core vision and values of Baptist’s Together. These can be found by using the link below:

<https://www.baptist.org.uk/Groups/226987/Vision_and_Values.aspx>

## Criteria for grants

**The following criteria are offered as a guideline to those considering applying to this fund. A successful application will need to reflect most of these criteria.**

**Successful applications to this fund will:**

* reflect the strategic priorities, vision and values of being Baptist Together (see link above).
* reflect a spirit of partnership and collaboration with other parties.
* be accompanied by a commendation from the Association in which the application is rooted. No grant will be given without the commendation of the Association to which it relates to.
* be a mission-oriented project, reflecting God holistic mission.
* have an evangelistic, disciple making and creative edge.
* not be given for purely administrative purposes.
* reflect Baptist principles, roots and ethos.
* be accompanied by a clear financial budget that shows a 3-year budgetary/or expected budgetary cycle. Copies of accounts of the applying body will be required from all applications.
* have a clear and potential strategic benefit to the wider Baptist family.
* convince the Grants Committee of long-term sustainability, without the need for ongoing grant aid into the future.
* be willing and prepared to circulate an annual report and financial accounts to the Grants Committee on how the funds have been used.

This application will be considered by the Baptists Together Strategic Mission Fund Grant Committee which meets in March and October. Please complete the form as fully as possible and send it with a heading of ‘Mission Forum’ to supportservices@baptist.org.uk. We need a month’s notice to consider an application at a committee.

## Overview

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| Correspondance address: |  |
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| Please outline in not more than 500 words the inspiration behind and the purpose of your initiative (what are you aiming for?). Please indicate as to why you anticipate this will be missionally fruitful. |
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| What resources do you believe need to be in place for you to be fruitful in this area of mission / project? What partnerships have you already established?  |
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| Please list the partnerships you already established or are seeking to put in place and give a sentence of explanation for each?  |
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| Having looked at the funding criteria for the Strategic Mission Fund please explain in no more than 250 words how your initiative meets them? |
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| Please indicate what is unique about your initiatives. |
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| How might your mission/project be nationally strategic to the Baptist movement and in what ways do you see it aiding the wider Baptist family? |
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## Funding

*Please attach the latest copy of your audited/independently examined accounts with your application.*

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| What is the overall cost of the project / mission? |  |
| How much is being financed outside of Strategic Mission Fund grant? |  |
| How many years of funding are you applying for from Strategic Mission Fund? (please specify what years) |  |

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| Please give a break down that reflects how this money will be used on a yearly basis.  |
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| How do you intend to build toward becoming self-sufficient?  |
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| What will fund the project if you don’t receive funding from Strategic Mission Fund?  |
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## commendation

*Every application has to come with the commendation of an Association.*

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| Name of Association the project / mission is based in? |  |
| Have you previously had a Home Mission Grant from this Association? |  |
| Have you discussed this application with the Regional Association? |  |
| Who is the main contact from the Association? |  |
| Are you happy for us to contact the above person to discuss this application? |  |
| Signed: |  |
| Print Name: |  |
| Date: |  |