

Dover Connections Project

Guidelines for Initial Grant Effective March 1, 2010

The Purpose: Dover Baptist Association awards Dover Connections Project Grants to advance the cause of connecting people to Christ through helping churches begin new ministries. By "ministries," the association means any effort or program that a Dover congregation feels led to begin with the goal of showing unchurched people God's love in its community context, connecting them to Christ and to the congregation. To qualify as a new ministry, the effort or program must represent a new way for the applying church to help people know God's love or a new way for the congregation to connect to new people, even if other churches have tried similar efforts or programs.

Who Makes the Decision? The Dover Connections Team judges all grant applications. Applying does not guarantee approval. The team will approve grants that, in the judgment of its members, fulfill the purpose of the grant.

How Much Does the Association Give? The team will award one grant per church of \$1000.00 (one thousand dollars) to aid in the cost of the new ministry. It will award available funds on a first come, first served basis.

How to Apply: Any Dover church or mission may apply. To apply, the church or mission should send a letter of request indicating:

- A). A detailed plan or description of the new ministry, including the cost and when the congregation will begin the new ministry.
- B). The congregation's vote to participate in the Dover Connections Project. (Each church must have a completed covenant on file in the Dover office.)

Additional Information: The Dover Connections Team will act within sixty days of receiving the request, and the applying church must begin the new ministry within six months of the Dover Connections Team's approval or the grant will expire. Once the Dover Connections Team has approved the grant request the church will receive the money for its new ministry. The team may consider exceptions to these guidelines as requested. These guidelines will remain in effect until there are amended by either the Dover Connections Team or the Association or until the end of the Dover Connections Project, whichever comes first.