

2021 BREAKING THE BARRIERS GRANT ROCKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT



Barriers to ministry growth are present in every ministry context, whether that is an existing church, a redevelopment church or a church plant. The RMD has a history of working directly and indirectly with all three types of churches. Much energy and financial support has been poured into all three areas.

The Breaking The Barriers (BTB) Grant specifically allows existing **accredited** RMD churches to apply for a two-year grant in the amount of no more than \$20,000. This grant would provide supplemental funding enabling existing churches to break through ministry, staff or facility barriers.

Application for the BTB Grant shall be made to the Church Development Team through the District Superintendent. The Church Development Team shall recommend the annual BTB Grant recipient to the District Executive Committee for disbursement from the District Advance Fund Budget.

The application process for the existing church ministry shall include:

- Completion of a BTB Grant Application Form along with submission of all other requested items below. The packet of materials shall be received by the District Superintendent by March 31, 2021. The recipient will be announced in May 2021.
- Completion and adoption of a detailed, outreach focused, ministry plan which addresses barriers to current ministry, staff or facility growth and how the BTB grant will enable your church to address these barriers.
- Current and historical record (previous five years) of full support of the District Advance Fund (10% of General Fund Receipts). In addition, a written commitment by the local church leadership team to continue full support in the future shall be provided.
- Provide information on how your church has and will continue to support RMD church planting efforts.
- Communication of progress quarterly to the local congregation and the Church Development Team through the District Superintendent.
- Understanding that all funds must be accounted for and any unused funds shall be returned to the District at the conclusion of the two-year grant period.

It is understood that once an existing church has received a BTB Grant, future applications will not be considered by the Church Development Team for three years following the last disbursement of funds.