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Dear Pastor,

Oldham Little Church Foundation appreciates your recent inquiry regarding our mission to help small, evangelical Protestant churches meet a pressing need of a temporary nature with a small completion grant. We do not have a published annual report, but the following gives initial guidelines followed by our Board of Directors in sending out a grant application.

Our organization gives to a specific item or items, and/or furnishings needed by an individual church towards the end of a construction or remodeling project. Our grants are very small and are only considered for churches, which have property owned and listed in the church's name. We have assisted with items such as roofing, lumber materials, doors/ windows, baptisteries, carpeting/flooring, parking lots, heating/air-conditioning, handicap accessibility, plumbing/electrical work, steeples, pews/sanctuary seating, pulpit furniture/communion tables, etc.

(Please note: We do not give grants for church parsonages, buses/vans or any type of transportation; we do not make loans, nor assist in the purchase of property, contribute to debt-retirement or building funds, nor do we make grants for items and/or work which has already been purchased or contracted.)

Churches with resident membership of generally between 40 - 300 persons may start the application process by writing a letter to us stating the following information:

- 1) *Name, address, and telephone number of the church.*
- 2) *Denomination affiliation (i.e., Southern Baptist, Wesleyan, Evangelical Free, etc.)*
- 3) *a. Number of members listed on membership roster*
b. Average Sunday morning attendance for worship
c. Number of new members who have joined the church in the last 12 months
d. Number of salvations and/or baptisms that have taken place in the church in the last 12 months
- 4) *Name and daytime telephone number for the contact person for the church.*
(Also, IF the application is to be mailed to an address OTHER THAN THE CHURCH, supply that address here. Otherwise the application will be mailed to the church address.)
- 5) *A brief explanation of the project for which the church is seeking assistance and how a small completion grant would benefit such a project. Tell us what the church is working on, estimated costs, and indicate if the church has raised any money toward the estimated costs. If the church has not raised any funds, how do they plan to do so? It is important that the church know true costs as OLCF cannot award grants based on guesses. Therefore, hard copies of estimates/bids/quotes should be attached to the initial letter as well.*

We prefer that a church write us when its members are ready to start construction or remodeling and have set aside some funds towards the project.

I hope this information will prove beneficial to you as you minister in the name of Jesus Christ in your local community. Should you need further guidance, please do not hesitate to call.

In Christ,

Lisa K. Diehl
Grant Coordinator