**RIO TEXAS BLACK CHURCH DEVELOPMENT GRANT APPLICATION
*[Be sure to SAVE and PRINT this form when completed.]***

**FUNDING AMOUNT REQUESTED:** *(Grant funding up to $5,000)* **DATE SUBMITTED:**

**ESTIMATED TOTAL PROJECT COST:**

**IN-KIND SUPPORT VALUE:** *(e.g., cash-on-hand, volunteer/donated services/materials, monetary gifts, etc.)*

***Note: The granted amount must be utilized for material support of the requested project/program; not for salary or apportionments. Unused funds should be returned to the Rio Texas Black Church Development Program. The deadline for submission is as stated in the application instructions.***

**SECTION I – CHURCH INFORMATION**

Church Name:

Address: *Street*       *City*       *State* Texas *Zip Code*

Church Phone:

Church Email:

Church Website: http://

District:

Contact Name:

Position:

Phone:       [ ] Mobile [ ] Other

Email:

**Project Planning Team Members** *(List confirmed Planning Team members)*

**Project Summary** *(Please provide a brief description of the planned project/program. Please limit to 400 words or less.)*

**Congregation Information**

1. Enrolled Membership:
2. Average Weekly Worship Attendance *(All Worship Services/Experiences Pre-Pandemic)*:
3. Current weekly average in-person worship attendance:
4. Current weekly online worship attendance:
5. Please list any current outreach/community focused ministries. *(Please limit to 400 words or less.)*

**SECTION II – CURRENT CHURCH REALITY**

1. Briefly list your church’s two strongest areas.
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2. Briefly list your church’s two weakest areas.
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2.
3. Explain why you selected these as your strongest and weakest areas of your ministry. *(Please limit to 400 words or less.)*

**SECTION III – MINISTRY PLAN FOR PROJECT**

1. Five areas have been identified as critical to vitality in the Black Church and are target areas of support for this grant. Which of the following target area(s) do you feel your project/program will effectively address? (Check all that apply.)

**[ ]  Leadership Development**

**[ ]  Ministry within the Community**

**[ ]  Ministry with Younger People**

**[ ]  Technology Upgrade**

**[ ]  Building Maintenance**

1. What is the ultimate goal your congregation seeks to attain through this project? Consider the **S.M.A.R.T. Goals** (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic, and Timely) concept when defining your ultimate goal. *(Please limit to 350 words or less.)*

1. Who will be your key partners or collaborators and how will they function within your ministry plan?

1. Please provide a timeline and details for your project/program. Attach any additional support documents including project photos, bids, contactors, project proposals, projections, etc.

**SECTION IV – APPLICATION OF GRANTED FUNDS**

1. Considering this as a “seed” grant, what amount is your church prepared to contribute toward the completion of your ministry project/program?
2. Briefly specify how grant funds would affect your project/program when applied to:
	* The **Strengths or Weaknesses** in Section II, questions A and B. *(Limit to 200 words or less.)*

* + The **Target Areas** selected in Section III, question A. *(Limit to 200 words or less.)*

**SECTION V – GRANT AGREEMENT**

1. By applying for this grant, your church agrees to monthly technical support calls or visits from a grant consultant provided by the Grant Support Team, quarterly progress reporting beginning three months after the awarding of the grant, and to provide a brief written project/program summary at the end of the grant year for Rio Texas Conference accountability purposes. ***Any funds not used for the stated purpose of this grant must be returned to the Rio Texas Conference.***
2. By applying for this grant, which is funded by Rio Texas Conference apportionments, your church agrees to continue paying 100% of your apportionments or to increase the amount you will pay in the following year by 10% or more with the goal of being able to start fully paying your apportionments as soon as possible.
3. For this grant request to be considered and processed, the following church representatives **MUST** agree to its submission and compliance with the agreements stated herein.

Printed Signature

Senior Pastor:

Lay Leader:

Admin Chair:

Finance Chair:

[Submit the completed application to **Rev. Marcus Freeman** (mfreeman@riotexas.org or 5606 N Navarro St., Ste 200 C/D Victoria, TX 77904]

 Name Signature
District Strategy Team Chairperson Review:

District Superintendent Review:

Rio Texas Black Church Development Grant Team Approval: YES ­­ NO ­ DATE

Grant Team Representative: ­­

Sent to Rio Texas Conference for Review and Approval: DATE