

2025/2026 Samuel Stillman Association

Grant Application

“Hands on” Community Outreach

The American Baptist Churches in the Samuel Stillman Association (SSA) with funding provided by the Boston Baptist Social Union (BBSU) is providing grants to SSA churches for the year 2025/2026. The purpose of these grants is to encourage the churches to initiate projects to help those in need and to strengthen the local churches with "hands on" community outreach, and to encourage the churches to become involved in the work of the SSA and TABCOM. Such projects include, but are not limited to, fuel for heating, food pantries, parenting classes, alcohol education, English language courses, meals for the hungry, as well as evangelistic type outreach projects.

The SSA invites churches to apply for funds for these and similar projects, using the following guidelines. It is the hope of the SSA and the BBSU that these funds will stimulate the churches to think "outside the walls" and dream of new and innovative ways to reach out to the community in Christ's name.

Guidelines

1. Grant applications will only be reviewed if the provided application is completed. All questions must be answered.
2. The average grant for projects is \$3000.00.
3. Funds received must be used within 12 months. 95% of funds granted will be disbursed upon approval of Grant application. 5% will be paid when final report is received and approved.
4. Grant applications and support documents may be emailed as PDF attachments to stillmanassociation@gmail.com.
5. Written reports on the project are mandatory. Copies of receipts must be included. Report should be submitted within one month after the conclusion of the project, but no later than 12 months after the initial disbursement of funds. Upon acceptance of final report, the remaining 5% of funds will be disbursed.
6. SSA Grants cannot be used to match/supplement funds received directly from the BBSU.
7. SSA Grants cannot be used to fund existing salaries.
8. Recipients give the SSA Grants Review Committee permission to view the project being supported by this grant. In addition, the committee, in whole or in part, may request a meeting with the contact person at a mutually agreeable time and date.
9. Recipients must be member churches of the Samuel Stillman Association in good standing (see questions 5-8 of application.)

Grant Application: Part 1

Date Submitted: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

Name of Church: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Website Address, if Available: _____

Tax Identification Number: _____

1. Contact Name: _____

2. Telephone Number (main): _____

3. Telephone Number (cell): _____

4. Email Address, if Available: _____

According to the Constitution and By-laws of the American Baptist Churches of the Samuel Stillman Association the churches of the association have responsibilities.

5. Whose Ordination Council did the pastor and two delegates last attend?

6. What was the most recent **Stillman Association gathering** or event attended by the pastor?

7. What was the most recent **Stillman Association gathering** or event attended by a church member?

8. Are you current with your rightful portion of the association's expenses (your annual assessment, which is \$3.00 x Number of Active Members)? _____

Signature of Pastor or Church Clerk: _____

Print Name: _____

Grant Application: Part 2

9. If this is a new project, describe the project for which you are requesting funding. How will this outreach project be an expression of the gospel?

10. If this is a continuing project, describe the project. How many persons were served in the past year? Include cultural and age groups. How is this project an outreach and extension of the gospel?

a. Submit the following:

- a budget of the project for the year for which the grant will be used,
- a list all sources of funding and amounts you receive for the project, and
- a start date of the project and anticipated end date (if applicable).

Agreement:

If awarded this grant from the Samuel Stillman Association, our church agrees to fulfill the following expectations:

1. Provide a written progress report of the project, which will be shared at the SSA Fall Gathering or SSA Annual Gathering.
2. Provide a written report of the project including a financial report and evaluation of the project at the conclusion of the one-year term of the grant, which will be shared at the SSA Fall Gathering or SSA Annual Gathering.
3. Inform the SSA Grant Review Committee if the project is discontinued within the grant period.
4. Agree to return funds not used for the project within the term of the grant so that the SSA can use it for other grants.

Contact Person: _____ Email: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Pastor /Church Clerk: _____ Email: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____