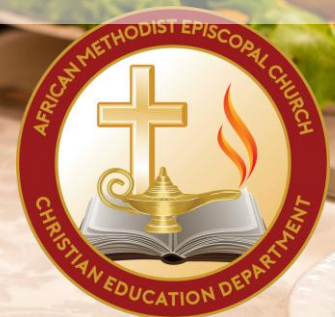




2025 – 2026 District Conference

Resourcing the Vision – Empowered to Prosper for Kingdom Impact

2 Corinthians 9:8





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Deuteronomy 8:18 | 2 Corinthians 9:8

The purpose of this day is to equip churches of the Outstanding Orlando District with the practical knowledge, financial readiness, and strategic confidence necessary to pursue grant funding with integrity and excellence.

Participants will strengthen their understanding of organizational structure, 501(c)(3) compliance, funding research, and effective grant writing. More importantly, this day is designed to shift mindset — from limitation to preparation, from hesitation to readiness, and from vision alone to vision resourced.

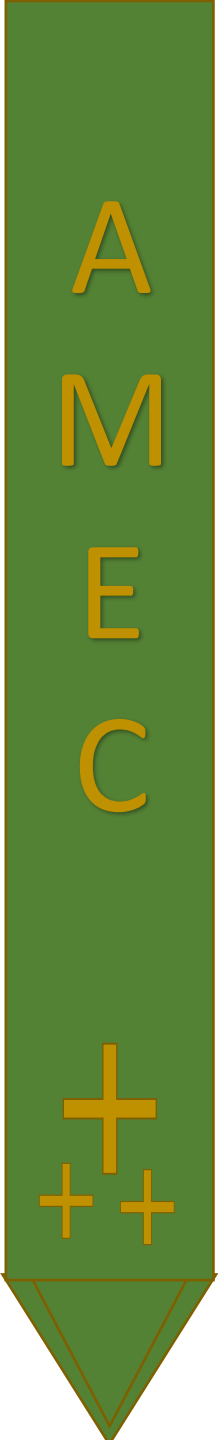
This is not simply about securing funds. It is about building sustainable ministries that reflect responsible stewardship, sound governance, and measurable Kingdom impact.



Empowering Training Sessions – February 16th ...

- ***Preparing to Pursue Grants: Accounting & Organization Readiness*** – This session equips churches with the foundational financial and governance structures necessary to pursue grant funding responsibly and confidently. Participants will examine accounting systems, oversight practices, and organizational preparedness.
- ***Establishing and maintaining the right type of 501(c)3*** – Learn the importance of proper nonprofit classification, compliance requirements, and maintaining good standing to qualify for grant opportunities and donor confidence.
- ***Locating Grants: Funding Sources & Grant Writing Process*** – Explore where to find grant opportunities and how to develop compelling proposals that clearly articulate community need, program design, and measurable impact.
- ***Q & A Session*** – An interactive opportunity to clarify concepts, ask strategic questions, and strengthen understanding before applying for funding.
- ***Certificate, Resources and one \$500.00 Grant*** – Participants will receive practical tools, reference materials, and the opportunity to compete for a \$500 grant award to support ministry implementation.

Order of Service



Congregational Scripture.....

A New Move of God

“See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?
I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.” (Isaiah 49.19)

Vision for the New Move of God

“And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams,
your young men will see visions.”(Joel 2:28)

Provision for the New Move of God

“But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your ancestors, as it is today.” (Deut. 8:18)



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Guiding Scriptures

Deuteronomy 8:18 –

But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your ancestors, as it is today.

2 Corinthians 9:8 –

And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.





Scoring Categories....learn to write to the points!

Scoring Categories (100 Points Total)

Financial Readiness Available Points (0-20)	Governance & Compliance Available Points (0-20)	Program Design Available Points (0-20)	Budget Stewardship Available Points (0-20)	Sustainability & Outcome Available Points (0-20)
Key Question: Can funds be tracked responsibly?	Key Question: Is oversight clearly defined and sustainable?	Key Question: Is the ministry realistic and aligned with community need?	Key Question: Does the \$500 budget align with the ministry plan?	Key Question: Will the program demonstrate measurable results and continue beyond funding?
Hint: Looking for clear accounting processes, designated fund tracking, and defined financial oversight.	Hint: Looking for leadership roles, accountability structures, and continuity beyond one individual.	Hint: Looking for a clearly stated need, defined actions, and a practical management plan.	Hint: Looking for itemized expenses that directly support the program.	Hint: Looking for defined outcomes and a clear sustainability strategy.



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BENEFIT

ALIGNMENT	1. Aligns the Proposal with What Judges Are Actually Scoring	Writers can tailor their content to address each category directly rather than guessing what reviewers want.	Stronger, more competitive proposals that clearly answer the key questions.
RESPONSIBLE PLANNING	2. Promotes Responsible Planning Before Writing	Understanding the criteria encourages teams to think through governance, finances, and sustainability before putting ideas on paper.	Programs become realistic, not just aspirational .
IMPROVES CLARITY	3. Improves Clarity and Organization	Writers can structure the proposal to mirror the scoring categories, making it easier for judges to evaluate.	Clear, concise proposals that communicate effectively .
STRENGTHENS FINANCIALS	4. Strengthens Financial Stewardship	Knowing that financial readiness and budget alignment are scored motivates churches to ensure proper accounting practices and realistic budgeting.	Greater confidence in the ministry's ability to manage funds responsibly .
BUILDS SUSTAINABLE PROGRAMS	5. Encourages Sustainable Ministry Design	Writers must consider long-term impact and measurable outcomes, not just short-term activity.	Programs that continue beyond the initial funding period on their own without support from donor.
LEVELS COMPETITION	6. Levels the Playing Field	Transparent criteria ensure that all applicants—regardless of size or experience—are judged using the same standards.	Fairness and integrity in the competition.
INFLUENCE REVIEWERS	7. Increases Reviewer Understanding and Subjectivity/ Win Themes	When proposals directly address the criteria, judges can score based on evidence rather than interpretation, making the evaluation objective – based on subjective material provided by writers.	More consistent scoring across the panel. Helping evaluators understand you are the right candidate!
ENHANCE GRANT CAPACITY	8. Builds Grant-Writing Capacity for Future Opportunities	Learning to write to clear criteria develops skills that can be applied to external grants, foundations, and institutional funding.	Long-term ministry growth beyond this single opportunity.



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Developing A Winning Proposal...

Having the right team internally:

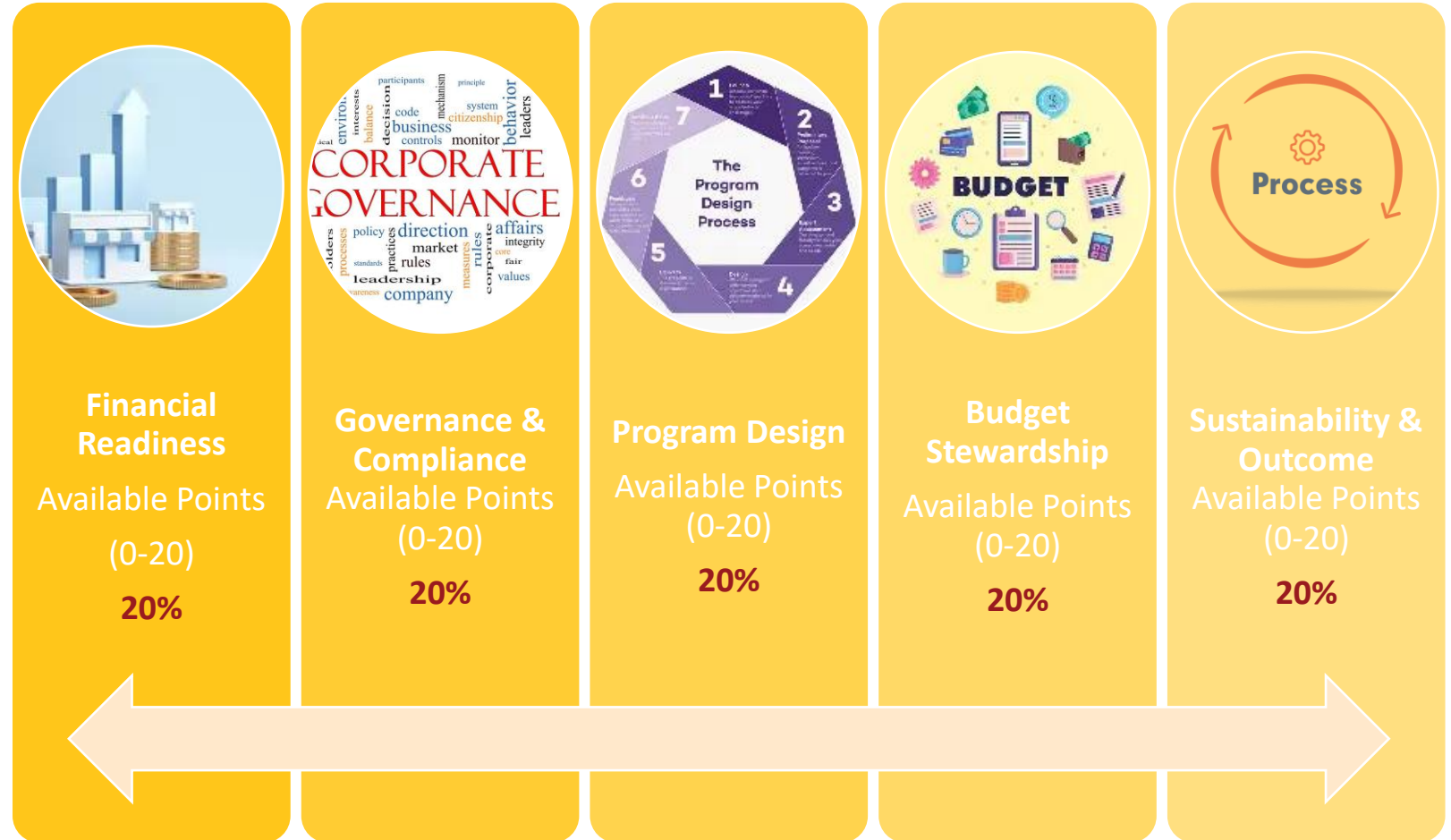
The importance of having team members who understand the various parts of the grant pursuit and management process.

Understanding the evaluation criteria:

There are certain parts of the evaluation criteria that are make-or-break. If you don't meet the requirements...don't apply. Put the right things in place (*framework and infrastructure*) and then pursue the opportunity. (*A bad proposal or poor performance leaves a bad taste in the grantor's mouth and will affect future proposals and opportunities.*)

Evaluation Criteria:

What's important to your potential client? Write to the points, tell the truth, be honest and do what you say you will do.





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Positioning for the Win...

Pre-Proposal



Activities: Searching and tracking the right opportunities to build a grant pipeline. Find innovative ways to speak with grantors to understand their objectives and how you can shape the opportunity to fit your needs and offerings. (Developing the required infrastructure – Accounting, Management, etc.)

Proposal Development



Activities: Developing the internal infrastructure needed to support grant opportunities. Obtaining a 501(c)3, finding a non-profit partner, and putting the right relationships, contracts, and agreements in place to strengthen your proposal and meet the client's needs. Pre-writing proposal sections to begin building standard language for use throughout your proposal.

Proposal Management



Activities: Once the Request for Proposal (RFP) proposal drops, managing the development timeline to complete the proposal in a timely and effective manner. Ensuring every requirement in the proposal instructions and evaluation criteria are answered in the proposal...on time!

Proposal Submission



Activities: Depending on the amount of funding and the requirements, the amount of funding and the requirements increase. Beginning with a simple form submission to multiple volumes.

Post Submission



Activities: Accurately responding to the questions that the grantor may have while evaluating your proposal to ensure they understand how your proposal is compliant with the requirements and how it meets their objectives.

Post Award



Activities: Two Parts

Win – *Ensure the program is managed and operated according to the proposal submitted and the contract signed.*

Loss – *Request a debrief with the client to understand the way your proposal was evaluated and what you need to correct in the future (if necessary).*



Locating Funding Resources



Locating Funding Resources...

- Florida.Grant Watch - [Florida Grants for Nonprofits, Businesses and Individuals | GrantWatch](#)
- Foundation Directory - [Florida Search 990 Finder and Foundation Search](#)
- Federal Grants - [Home | Grants.gov](#)
- Florida Department of State – Florida Division of Historical Resources - [Grants - Division of Historical Resources - Florida Department of State](#)
- Edyth Bush Foundation and Edyth Bush Institute -

Forming Partnerships

Locating Funding Resources



- Edyth Bush Foundation and Edyth Bush Institute –
 - Edyth Bush Institute - [Home - Edyth Bush Institute for Philanthropy & Nonprofit Leadership](#)
 - Training
 - Resources for Grant Management
 - 501(c) 3 – Start Ups
 - Edyth Bush Foundation - [Edyth Bush Charitable Foundation – Charitable Foundation in Orlando, Florida](#)
 - Provide Large Scale Grants
 - Grantees Need to be Experienced in Managing Funds and Delivering Programs



Eligibility - In addition to the Orlando MSA geographic limitation, the Foundation will ordinarily deny grant requests (as adopted by our Board of Directors):

1. “From chiefly tax-supported institutions, or their ‘support’ foundations (more than 50% government funding of the operations or project indicates ‘chiefly tax-supported’) or to continue dropped or discontinued government funded programs or projects until at least one (1) year or more of 51% private funding has been completed successfully;
2. “For individual scholarships or for individual research grants even if through an exempt or otherwise qualified educational organization;
3. “For alcoholism or drug abuse programs or facilities;
4. “For routine operating expenses;
5. “To pay off deficits or pre-existing debt;
6. “For foreign organizations or for foreign expenditure. For this purpose ‘foreign’ means outside the United States, or its territories and possessions, whether the organization itself is U.S. based or foreign based;
7. “For travel projects or fellowships;
8. “For chiefly church, sacramental, denominational or inter-denominational purposes, except outreach projects for elderly, indigents, needy, youth, or homeless regardless of belief, race, color, creed, or sex;
9. “For endowment funds or other purely revenue generating funds;
10. “Advocacy organizations or advocacy component funding;
11. “For cultural or arts organizations unless their collections, exhibits, projects or performances are of demonstrated nationally recognized quality; or for the demonstrated educational value of children, K-12th grade.
12. “From organizations having receipts or revenues from memberships and/or contributions of less than \$25,000 in the previous year, or from any organization whose Internal Revenue Code Section 509(a) ‘publicly supported’ status will need renewal in the next six (6) months.”

Most of the policies are those favored by Edyth Bush, our founder, in her personal giving or in her Foundation policies prior to her death.



Q&As

Discussion and Comments