

**Ministers and Missionaries in Transition Grant Guidelines**

**Columbia Metro Baptist Association**

Periodically CMBA churches need to assist pastors and staff ministers who are moving from outside the CMBA area to serve in a CMBA church with temporary housing. Also, CMBA churches may choose to host a missionary family during their furlough or other times of transition.

During these times CMBA has available a grant program that uses the income received from the sale of its mission house in the Spring of 2019 to supplement the costs incurred by CMBA *contributing member churches* and *network connection churches* who are contributing a minimum of $300 per year to the general undesignated budget of CMBA.

**Ministry Goal:** To assist CMBA *contributing* *member churches* and *network connection churches* by supplementing the costs they incur while hosting ministers and missionaries in transition.

**Services Supported:**

* The cost of renting housing.
* The cost of utilities for housing.
* The cost of providing or replacing appliances for housing.
* The cost of minor repairs for housing.
* The cost of providing furnishings for housing.
* Other costs on a case-by-case basis.

**Application Process:**

* Applications are to be submitted to the Columbia Metro Baptist Association Executive Director. George Bullard at ***GeorgeBullard@ColumbiaMetro.org***.)
* These documents will then be reviewed by the Executive Director.
* Applicants must be a member church or network connection church who is contributing at least $300 annually to the general undesignated budget of CMBA.
* A decision will be made within 10 days or less.
* Funds will be distributed monthly.
* Use of these funds will be reported to the Visionary Leadership Community at their next meeting

**Limits:** Grants will be reviewed and awarded based on projected need up to $500 per month for up to six months. The funds will be dispersed to the *contributing member church* or *network connection church* on a monthly basis. *Contributing member churches* or *network connection churches* can receive only one grant for one situation for up to six months during any 12-month period.