

Commission's Grant Application Form

Shelby County Board of Commissioners

GRANT APPLICATION

Legal Name of the Organization: Mt. Zion Baptist Church

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

First Name Eric

Last Name Winston

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GENERAL CONTACT FOR THIS REQUEST(if other than Executive Director)

First Name Bonnie

Last Name Oliver-Brandon

Title: Executive Assitant

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DESCRIPTION OF GRANT REQUEST

Program/Project Area: Mt. Zion Baptist Church 38106

Amount Requested \$ 4,000.00

Total Organizational budget (for current year): \$ 100,000.00

Total Project/Program Budget: \$ 5,000.00

Dates covered by this budget: April 2016 - December 2016

Project/Program Name: 2016 Community Beautification Project

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INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND OF ORGANIZATION

Please summarize in a short paragraph the purpose of your agency. Briefly explain why your agency is requesting this grant, what outcomes you hope to achieve, and how you will spend the funds if a grant is made.

Mt. Zion Baptist Church is a non-profit organization aiding and supporting the life of people in the church, community and city at large through teaching, preaching, missions, educational and recreational programs by the process of in-reach and community outreach. Mt. Zion Baptist Church is requesting this grant in order to reach it's budgetary goal to enhance/beautify through its initiative the immediate grounds surrounding the church within the 38106 area. The overall achievement of the Beautification Plan is to identify and implement a cleanup project that will beautify our 38106 community, increase desirability of commercial and residential real estate, and encourage residential home owners and business owners to invest in landscaping and cleanup of their properties. We hope to improve the appearance of this area through the beautification project. The funds will be spent on the tools, professional service to remove debris, overgrown weeds, bushes, grass, fallen trees, and general supplies for clean-up and disposal of waste and trash. In essence to eradicate and prevent repeat of it's initial deterioration.

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Narrative - Organization

Current programs and accomplishments. Please emphasize the achievements of the recent past.

Scholarship for College Students Community Garden for the Community in the Community Community and City Wide Cancer Awareness Conference (2013, 2014 and August 2016) Annual Community One Week Educational and Recreational Camp with enrollment of 150 to 200 persons. Bi-Annual Health Screenings

Numbers of paid full-time staff: 1

Number of paid part-time staff: 5

Number of volunteers: 7

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Narrative - Funding Request

Please describe the program/project for which you seek funding and include how it will benefit the general welfare of residents in Shelby County, TN.

The project in which we are seeking funding is to begin and continue beautifying the 38106 zip code area, specifically the surrounding areas of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church. It will benefit the general welfare of the community by providing safer grounds to walk on and through; increase the overall appearance of this major area around the Parkway, Third Street and Florida Street community; increase the respect and pride of the residents to have and behold the beauty of its community rather than the blithe and weed ridden grounds of neglect. Beautiful communities attract new growth and development, as well as protects property values in both residential and commercial community; thereby; hopefully, increasing the economic development and property value in the 38106 community. It will be an example of what communities across Shelby County can achieve with the right funding and initiative.

General Operating Support

If applying for general operating support, briefly describe how this grant will be used.

This grant will be used solely for tools, professional service to remove debris, overgrown weeds, bushes, grass, fallen trees, and general supplies for clean-up and disposal of waste and trash. In essence to eradicate and prevent repeat of it's initial deterioration. Purchase of flowers and other beautification materials.

Project Support

Please explain the specific project including a statement of its primary purpose and the need or problem that you are seeking to address.

The Beautification Plan is to identify and implement a cleanup project that will beautify our 38106 community, increase desirability of commercial and residential real estate, and encourage residential home owners and business owners to invest in landscaping and cleanup of their properties. Purposely, we hope to improve the appearance of this area through the beautification project by removing overgrown weeds, grass, fallen tress, tree stumps and debris that has

accumulated overtime through the area due to littering, neglect, and blithe. Once the area is cleared and cleaned up, the next phase would be to paint necessary surfaces and replace areas/certain grounds with flowers that regrow annually. . Beautiful communities attract new growth and development, as well as protects property values in both residential and commercial community; thereby; hopefully, increasing the economic development and property value in the 38106 community. It will be an example of what communities across Shelby County can achieve with the right funding and imitative.

How does the project contribute to your organization's overall mission?

Mt. Zion's mission is to Embrace Community. Mt. Zion's mission encompasses the work of the church outside the walls of its building. It works with and in the community to help provide the necessary needs of the people and to set an example through its leading, giving, and in the aid of restoring the appearance of the community, thus its beautification project. Enhancing or Beautifying the grounds in 38106 is one way of giving back to the community; assisting the community in improving its appearance and its aim for future economic development

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Narrative - Evaluation

Please explain how you will measure the effectiveness of your activities. Describe your criteria for a successful program and the results you expect to have achieved by the end of the funding period.

The effectiveness of our activities will be measured by the support, completion of the immediate project and the increasing awareness and volunteerism to extend the project throughout 38106. Taking before and after pictures and by conducting a short survey within the community. By the end of the funding period we expect to start another phase by creating a partnership with the residents, businesses, clubs, and organizations that would allow them to invest in the ongoing project and express their pride and commitment to the community, by joining us to enhance the 38106 community. We would have created an "Adopt a Street Program" for the church and residents to maintain and keep right-of-ways, streets, yards and neighborhoods clean and beautiful.

Attachments:

If your request is under \$25,000 please attach the following:

1. Copy of the entity's 501 (c) 3 certificate for charitable organizations or 501 (c) 4

certificate for civic organizations

2. Most recent IRS Form 990 or Financial Statements (balance sheet and income statement) as of the most recent fiscal year end certified by Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer of the entity.

3. Complete Budget for grant request

If your request is \$25,000 or more please attach the following:

1. Copy of the entity's 501 (c) 3 certificate for charitable organizations or 501 (c) 4 certificate for civic organizations

2. Copy of an annual audit as of a date within 18 months of the start of the current fiscal year.

3. Complete Budget for grant request

File 1 [Memphis District Association 501 \(c\) 3 Statement.rtf](#)

File 2 [Beautification Budget for Mt. Zion Baptist Church.xls](#)

File 3 [Shelby County Board of Commissioners Grant Program Checklist for Mt. Zion 2016 .docx](#)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

Read, and if you agree to the provisions, sign the following:

The information provided has been submitted in good faith and as completely as our records and recollections permit.

I understand that the information provided in this application shall be open to inspection upon filing with the office of the Shelby County Board of Commissioners.

Signature: Bonnie Oliver-Brandon

Printed Name: Bonnie Oliver-Brandon

Date 4/5/2016
