**Creating a Budget for a Church Plant**

This resource is intended to help you create a church plant budget, shaped around a posture of hospitality and a purpose of inviting people to participate in God's kingdom.

The categories below are intended as a general guide. When submitting a budget with your Partnership Agreement, please provide a yearly budget with projected income and expenses for the upcoming three years. This [budget template](https://drive.google.com/file/d/19xgk7Y2v9M8QhxAg1LXQFvAM64wk730n/view?usp=sharing), including a basic account code structure, is available for you to adapt and use as needed.

*Support in the areas of fundraising and bivocational ministry is available; contact a staff person for more details.*

Income Categories for Ministry

* Local offerings: funds anticipated from within the church
* Personal fundraising: funds received from church planter’s personal fundraising efforts
* Partnership Contributions- may include some or all of the following:
  + Parent Organization contributions
  + Classis contributions
  + Resonate Global Mission grants (please list anticipated grants)
  + Other partner contributions
* Other funding sources: funds received from other agency or foundation grants, etc.
* Other income: funds received through space rental, interest, equipment sale, fund drives, etc.

Expense Categories for Ministry

* Staff expenses- may include some or all of the following:
  + Salary
  + Housing Costs/Allowances- actual rent, mortgage payments or housing allowance, and approved expenses for utilities, maintenance and insurance
  + Pension/Retirement- Social Security or Canadian Pension Plan, Minister’s Pension, etc.
  + Insurance- health, dental and life insurance, Canadian Unemployment Insurance or Workman’s Compensation
  + Continuing Education
  + Auto- Mileage based on rate per mile or km
  + Telephone- cellular phone, landline service
* Ministry Expenses
  + Administration (Website, office supplies, mailings)
  + Books, Bibles, etc.
  + Leadership Development (Training, conferences, education, books, small groups, etc.)
  + Worship (Equipment, visuals, licensing, etc.)
  + Children’s Ministry
  + Hospitality (Supplies, congregational gatherings, community engagement, etc.)
* Facility & Grounds
  + Rent, mortgage, utilities, maintenance, equipment, insurance, etc.
* Giving Back
  + Ministry shares, other ministry support
* Ministry Multiplication Escrow
  + Future church plants, new ministry development, etc.