

Instruction Guide

Resonate Global Mission Church Planting Partnership Agreement and Grant Applications

Partnering with Resonate Global Mission

Completing a Partnership Agreement with Resonate helps you communicate your vision and strategy and clarifies the partners and their commitments. Completing this Partnership Agreement may also make you eligible for church planting grants through Resonate.

Resonate provides strategic grants that the local ministry can apply for along the church planting journey prior to organization, in order to help meet the contextual needs of the emerging ministry at the stage of development it finds itself.

Creating an Account

To get started, follow the Partnership Agreement link on <https://www.resonateglobalmission.org/starting>, under “Pathway to Planting.”

You will be brought to a login page, where you will need to create an account in our partnership and grants system.

To set up your account, follow the instructions on the screen and enter information for yourself and for your ministry. (If any of this basic information changes in the future, you can email churchplanting@crcna.org, and we can make the necessary updates to your account.)

Once you’ve created your account, you will see this page:

The screenshot shows the Resonate Global Mission website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Resonate logo, a home icon, and links for 'Apply' and 'Organization History'. Below the navigation bar, the main heading is 'Apply', followed by an 'Enter Access Code' input field and an 'Enter Code' button. A blue information box states: 'If you have been provided with an Access Code, you may enter it in the box at the top of the page.' Below this is a 'Quick Search' input field with a magnifying glass icon and a red 'x' icon. The main content area features three grant application cards. Each card has a title, a description, and an 'Apply' button. The first card is for the 'Partnership Agreement 2017-2018', with a description: 'Completing a Partnership Agreement with Christian Reformed Home Missions helps you communicate your vision and strategy and clarifies the partners and their commitments. Completing this Partnership Agreement can also make you eligible for church planting grants through Home Missions.' and a note: 'Please complete your Partnership Agreement before submitting grant applications.' The second card is for the 'Fundraising Training Grant 2017-2018', with a description: 'We identify and partner with outside partners who have strong skills and experience in raising funds for church planting and who can deliver training and coaching for our missionary partners in the increasingly important area of fundraising/sustainability.' and a note: 'The Fundraising Training Grant is a one-time grant for up to \$2,000. Funds may be used to cover the expenses of attending a fundraising training, including items such as event registration, materials, transportation, lodging, and meals. Please complete this form to apply.' The third card is for the 'Coaching Grant 2017-2018', with a description: 'We provide grants for those seeking qualified coaching for guidance in the process of developing new projects.'

This is the page where you can access the Partnership Agreement application, as well as the church planting grant applications.

On the top menu, you can see the two main pages that you will be using: Apply and Organization History.

- “Apply” simply brings you to the page displayed above, where you can access application forms.
- “Organization History” brings you to your home page, where you can see your personal and organization contact information. Once you start working on applications, you will also see a list of the applications you have begun and/or completed.

Completing Your Partnership Agreement

Before applying for any grants, you will need to submit a Partnership Agreement. (This is the first link on the Apply page.) The Partnership Agreement has six sections, and it will take you a while to complete it. You don’t have to complete it all at once – there is a Save button at the bottom of the form, which allows you to save the form and come back to work on it again later.

Once you’ve completed the Partnership Agreement, click on the “Submit Application” button at the bottom of the form. The Resonate church planting team and your regional leader will then receive your application for review. Within 2 weeks, you will hear back from a Resonate staff person regarding whether your Partnership Agreement has been approved and what your next steps should be.

Once your Partnership Agreement is approved, you might be eligible for receiving church planting grants.

**You can download a PDF copy of the Partnership Agreement from the website for reference, but please log in and use the online form to actually complete and submit your application.*

Applying for Church Planting Grants

If you have been approved for funding, you can use your online account to apply for grants. While the Partnership Agreement is a longer and more in-depth form, we’ve tried to keep the grant applications brief. You will find a description of each grant on the “Apply” page.

To apply, click on a grant, complete the form, and click “Submit Application.” You will then hear back from a staff person within 2 weeks regarding your application.

The grant period for a church plant lasts 8 years or until organization, whichever is first. The maximum grant amount is capped at \$75,000 per church plant, with an annual maximum of \$25,000.

Your annual total is not based on the calendar year, but on the schedule from when your Partnership Agreement was approved. For example, if your Partnership Agreement is approved on August 15, 2018, then your first year will last until August 14, 2019.

Annual Reports

To remain eligible for church planting grants, you will need to submit an annual ministry report. This report is scheduled from the approval date of your Partnership Agreement. Just like in the example above, if your

approval date was March 15, 2018, then your first year will last until March 14, 2019, which means that your first annual report will be due by March 14, 2019.

You will receive an email notification when you can start working on your annual report. You will also receive a request to meet via video call with the Partnership Affirmation Team after submitting your report. This video call is a brief call for the purpose of sharing, encouragement, support, and prayer for you and your ministry.

Like the Partnership Agreement and the grant applications, the annual report will also be an electronic form that you will be able to access through the same account.

Questions?

At any point, please feel free to contact a Resonate staff person, such as your regional mission leader or a member of our church planting team. If you're not sure who to talk to, please feel free to email us at churchplanting@crcna.org.