**GUIDELINES FOR VISION 2020 GRANTS**

Updated 10/6/16

1. The VISION 2020 Grants of the Blue River-Kansas City Baptist Association shall be a fund used by BR-KC churches, church plants or Associational personnel to expand missions, ministry and assistance to our churches consistent with the VISION 2020 strategy previously adopted by the Blue River-Kansas City Baptist Association.
2. The VISION 2020 Grants shall be funded by the proceeds of the Mission Center property sale. The proceeds will be held in a donor advised fund at Charles Schwab until granted out for VISION 2020 purposes.
3. Starting in 2017, funds will be available and allocated on a semi-annual basis through 2020.
4. The allocation of funds to VISION 2020 objectives will be as follows:
	1. 70% will be flexible within the five existing ministry objective categories (Gospel Outreach, Resourcing Churches, Assisting Community Transformation, Church Planting and Equipping Leaders)
	2. 15% of the amount will be allocated for Restoration House
	3. 15% of the amount will be designated for emergency capital needs of churches (If no emergency capital needs are requested in a grant period, the remainder of the funds will become flexible and can be used in other categories)
5. The funds not allocated in a given period will be invested back into the earnings account.
6. Applications by BR-KC churches, church plants, associational personnel, and ministry teams shall be made to the Executive Director of BR-KC in care of the associational office for further review by the Administrative Committee and Finance Committee.
7. Grant applications must be received on or before the deadline for reviewing the grants. The application shall indicate the name of the requesting church, church plant, associational personnel or ministry team; the date of the application; the date(s) of the use of the funds; the manner of the use of the funds; and the purpose of the use of the funds. The Executive Director, Administration Committee and Finance Committee may require additional information at their discretion.
8. Grants shall be appropriated based on available funds, the degree to which the use of the funds is consistent with the VISION 2020 objectives, the desire to allocate funds broadly among the churches and church plants within BR-KC, and other criteria the Executive Director, Administration Committee and Finance Committee deem appropriate.
9. VISION 2020 grants not allocated to initiatives of associational personnel or ministry teams will be approved only for congregations that make a commitment to support missions through contributions (money, volunteerism, etc.) to BR-KC.
10. Grants applications for any one congregation from the BR-KC Association shall be limited to a maximum of two (2) per grant period with only one request being granted each time.
11. Churches can only be funded in any given category once per year.
12. Only one emergency capital needs request per year is allowed per church. The scope of capital improvements may include: electrical, plumbing, heating and cooling (HVAC), foundation repair, roof repair, sound improvements, painting. etc.
13. Within thirty days of completing the event, those receiving funds must report back to the associational office on the use of the funds. Future grants will not be considered for organizations failing to complete the report.