

Living out the way of Jesus in missional communities, announcing the arrival of his kingdom, working for measurable change among the oppressed. This is our mission as the Mars Hill community, and we seek to demonstrate this mission in both church-wide and grassroots expressions. In the case of grassroots expressions, our community members generate ideas that carry the Mars Hill mission into their schools, neighborhoods, and places of employment. As such, Mars Hill Grassroots exists to help start and/or encourage the many exciting and compelling expressions of outreach that are being generated by Mars Hill attendees within our city and world.

A typical group expression may be eligible for a \$1,000 grant. Your responses to the questions below will help show how your grassroots idea/initiative is an expression of the Mars Hill mission, and will help inform us about what a financial commitment could look like.

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Note: Grassroots funds are designated to help in offsetting costs associated with a community service opportunity. With that said, funds are not intended to address the following.

1. Sponsorship in fundraising for an organization of any kind [walks, banquets, etc.]
2. Travel expenses to reach the location of service
3. Political activities
4. Basic needs which are funded through the White Bucket Project
5. Anything that would be deemed in conflict with the Mars Hill shared values [The Directions] and Narrative Theology

[Missional Communities]

For how long have you, the applicant, been a part of the Mars Hill community? Are you a Covenant Member?

Please provide names of the individuals developing and executing this idea/initiative with you. What is their relationship to Mars Hill?

How has your experience and participation at Mars Hill influenced your community in this direction?

How did your community process this opportunity and decide to implement it?

[Announcing]

Acknowledging that God’s kingdom can be “announced” in many ways, including nontraditional and nonverbal ones, how does or will this idea/initiative help to announce the arrival of God’s kingdom?

[Oppressed]

How is your idea/initiative addressing or how will it address the situation of those who are suffering, vulnerable, and in need?

[Measurable Change]

What is it you want to see changed, and how is your idea/initiative contributing to making that difference?

How does your community expect to be changed through this experience?

[Resources]

What is the expected budget for your idea/initiative, and how might Mars Hill help in addressing some of those costs? [Please provide a detailed budget, including specific line items.]

Item	Cost	Item	Cost
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To what degree is your community able to contribute to and/or raise financial support for the cost of this idea/initiative?

If your application is approved the funds will be awarded in the following way.

Due to IRS guidelines there must be a receipted item to demonstrate an expense. Therefore...

1. You will be expected to incur all related expenses.
2. After you have incurred the expense you may turn in the receipt for reimbursement.
3. Receipts will be processed every Monday and will take one full week. A check will be sent in the mail the following Monday. Receipts received on a Tuesday or later will be processed on the next Monday.
4. No gift in kind will be provided for any expenses.
5. Mars Hill reserves the right to disallow any expenses that could be perceived as inappropriate or excessive.

Submit your application via fax or mail, or in person to:

Mars Hill
3501 Fairlanes SW
Grandville, MI 49418
[office hours: Monday through Thursday, 8:30am-5pm]

fax: 616.249.3308

If you have questions about this application, contact Mars Hill at 616.249.3337 or info@marshill.org.