

**CAMPUS FOR URBAN MINISTERIAL EDUCATION (CUME)  
Church Technology Grant**

**Introduction & Summary**

The Campus for Urban Ministerial Education (CUME) recognizes the need for churches to be equipped with engaging technologies that expand ministry outreach and build Christ-centered relationships. The goal of the CUME Technology Grant is to help local churches positively impact their social and technological platforms, both virtually and remotely, from a biblical perspective while “seek[ing] the peace of the city.” The current pandemic has forced churches to evaluate how their digital experience is an essential component for members and visitors to get a glimpse of a church community beyond four walls; hence technology has helped church ministries to fulfill the Great Commission.

In partnership with Emmanuel Gospel Center and the Boston Ministerial Alliance/Ten Point, four (4) -\$1000 grants will be awarded to churches in the Greater Boston area to provide some technological resources and support that will increase digital ministry engagement. CUME invites applicants seeking funding for technology equipment and/or technological assistance. Churches seeking funding should submit a 500-1000 words statement on how a CUME Church Technology Grant will increase their capacity to do ministry in digital spaces. Your statement should include how a technology grant will:

- Accomplish the vision and mission of your church
- Increase your church’s capacity to do ministry and/or build upon your current digital engagement strategy
- Improve communication in your church’s digital spaces while demonstrating financial stewardship

Applicants will also be asked to fill out a cover sheet and submit a budget of how grant monies will be spent at their church of attendance. Awardees should also submit a 500-1000 words final report of how the grant increased their capacity to do ministry in digital spaces accompanied by photos and/or videos.

### **Benefits**

Grant awards may be used to:

- Fund the purchase of technology equipment including, but not limited to – camera, camera mount tripod stand, microphone(s), microphone stand(s), podcast kit, computer (mac, pc or Chromebook), editing software, audio-visual mixer/speaker system, screen projector, etc.
- Fund services to enhance congregational engagement and communication in digital spaces – assessing internet and Wi-Fi capability, Zoom Pro Account, a consultant for creating and/or editing church website, consultant services for social media account, consultant services to assist with recording and live streaming services, Bible studies, small or large group sessions, etc.

Awardees will be given a 1-hour session(s) with a technician consultant from Grace Chapel to assist with their church's technological needs.

### **How to apply?**

There are no current restrictions regarding church applicants. However, **priority will be given to current CUME church partners as well as Black and Latinx churches located in the Greater Boston area. Grant applications are due no later than November 30, 2020,\* via email as an attached PDF file to [bostondean@gordonconwell.edu](mailto:bostondean@gordonconwell.edu).** Awardees will be notified of award status by December 22, 2020.

*\*Applications must be submitted on the correct form, completed in full, dated, and submitted by the proposed deadline to be fully considered.*

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**CUME CHURCH TECHNOLOGY GRANT APPLICATION**

Church Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Church Address:

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Church Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Church Website (URL): \_\_\_\_\_

Church Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Does your church have any of the following social media accounts? If so, specify the account by providing the page, profile, and/or channel name. If there are other social media accounts belonging to the church please indicate the platform under “Other.”

Facebook: \_\_\_\_\_

Instagram: \_\_\_\_\_

YouTube: \_\_\_\_\_

Zoom: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please select how the funds will be used. Select all that apply.

- A. Technology Equipment
- B. Technology Equipment Assistance
- C. Social Media / Digital Media Strategy Development

What is your church’s annual budget, excluding real estate? (Please check only one.)

\$50,000 - \$100,000     \$100,000 – 300,000     \$300,000 - \$500,000     > \$500,000

Please tell us how you heard about the grant by listing the organization, network, or social media site?

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Applicant Name (Name of person applying on behalf of the church. Please Print):

(Last)

(First)

Applicant Phone Number (include area code): \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Instructions:**

Please write a 500-1000 words statement answering the following:

- A. How will the CUME Church Technology Grant be used to increase your church's ability to effectively do ministry in digital spaces, while accomplishing the vision and mission of your church? Also, how will this grant improve communication in your church's digital spaces while demonstrating financial stewardship?
- B. If this grant will be allocated towards technology equipment, how will the equipment be used?
- C. If applying for consultation services, how will a consultation help to grow your digital ministry's front door?
- D. How has your church thought about ministry in digital spaces over the last six months?

**NOTE:** The grant proposal AND budget should include a detailed list of the equipment that will be purchased and how technological assistance (through consultation service or accounts) will assist with enhancing your church's digital space.

(Please keep your response between 500-1000 words. A response of fewer than 500 words is also acceptable if the missional alignment is clear. An example of a mock budget can be found overleaf in Figure 1.)

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**Figure 1.**

A mock budget has been included for guidance and to maintain consistency across grant proposals.

<b>Equipment / Service / Consultant Fee</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Canon EOS Rebel T7 Camera Bundle for Beginners	\$449.99
Zoom Pro 1-Year Subscription for Small & Med. Businesses	\$199.90
Shure SM57 Mic with Stand and Cable	\$129.00
Canon 50mm Lens + Tripod + Battery + Memory Card	\$223.00
(1) hour consultation with Grace Chapel	\$0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1000.00</b>

**Application Certification:**

I certify that the information presented in the CUME Technology Grant application is correct and complete.

**Disclaimer:** This grant is intended to support and increase digital ministry effectiveness but should not be considered to meet ALL your church’s technological needs OR replace other efforts to increase digital ministry. CUME does not guarantee that this grant will be a fix-all for the wealth of issues facing churches awarded this grant.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\* Applicants must submit their applications electronically. Paper applications will not be accepted. Please send completed applications via email to: [bostondean@gordonconwell.edu](mailto:bostondean@gordonconwell.edu).**