

MICHIGAN ADVANCED PARTNERS (MAP)

GUIDELINES:

MAP funds are specifically designated to assist with church and/or school remodeling, repairs, improvements, and evangelistic outreach. Timely systematic contributions will keep this fund replenished to assist with future needs.

1. Unique outreach/evangelism projects can be funded up to 100% out of the MAP Pooled Resource Fund.
2. Funding for new building projects will be decided by the Lay Advisory Statewide Coordinating Committee.
3. Funds granted for approved remodeling, improvement and maintenance projects will be from one percent (1%) to fifty percent (50%) of the total project cost, based on need.
4. All requests for funding are subject to the availability of the projected pooled resource fund balance. No promises of future funding will be made or implied.
5. Any changes to MAP percent allotments would be recommended by the Lay Advisory Statewide Coordinating Committee to the Michigan Conference Executive Committee for approval. Both the Lay Advisory Statewide Coordinating Committee and the Michigan Conference Executive Committee will continue to develop both internal and external guidelines on disbursement of the pooled resource funds.

REQUEST PROTOCOL:

1. All requests for MAP funding (evangelistic or building related) must be sent to the area lay advisory chairperson for evaluation (the conference is divided up into four areas: A, B, C and D).
2. The area chair will evaluate the proposal and make a determination if it is a viable project or if further information is needed. If additional information is needed the chair will work with the requester to provide a formal proposal including the following items:
 - a. A general project description (full page or less) provided by requesting organization
 - b. Two (2) reasonable or exact estimates of total project cost
 - c. Statement of amount requested
 - d. Statement of funding needs
3. Properly formatted and approved requests are then forwarded to the Lay Advisory Coordinating Committee Chair.
4. The Lay Advisory Coordinating Committee Chair provides a second review.
5. A request that appears to meet the guidelines is then forwarded to the conference treasurer and three other area chairs.
6. The three other area chairs will either respond with their approval or with a request for more information to the Coordinating Committee Chair for the next meeting or back to the local area chair for further work.
7. The request is either presented by the Lay Advisory Statewide Committee Chair or area chair to the coordinating committee for approval or disapproval. If approved/disapproved, it is the responsibility of the area chair to notify the requester of the Lay Advisory Statewide Coordinating Committee's action.
8. In the event of an approval, when possible, we suggest that the pooled resource fund approval be made known to the congregation at a local church meeting. This additional step will help to further provide exposure and education on what MAP does within the Michigan Conference.