

## About SoCal Baptist Ministries

SoCal Baptist Ministries is an outgrowth of the work of W.C. Bryant, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Norwalk, California. In the 1970's he created a separate, nonprofit board for the purpose of the development of a retirement center on property located next door to the church. The center was called Norwalk Christian Towers, and for almost 40 years it provided hundreds of low-income seniors a place to live at very affordable prices.

In 2013, the board of Norwalk Christian Towers sold the property to an organization equipped to renovate and operate the property for the benefit of low-income seniors. With the proceeds, the board then reorganized Norwalk Christian Towers into SoCal Baptist Ministries with the express intent of financially assisting California Southern Baptist churches and affiliated organizations in short term ministry and mission projects. Funding for ministry grants is anticipated to continue through 2024.

If there is some way we can assist your ministry, we welcome your inquiry. Just as the Towers had a long and distinguished history in ministering to the housing needs of senior adults, SoCal Baptist Ministries is seeking to assist churches as they minister to the spiritual needs in their communities.



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The So Cal Baptist Ministries Fund focuses on providing missions and ministry grants to California Southern Baptist churches and their related organizations and entities. Each year Southern Baptist churches and ministries from all over California receive grants to help pay for mission trips, outreach strategies, and ministry projects that include an evangelism component within the project or event.

## Who May Apply?

- Applicants must be an affiliated and a contributing organization with the California Southern Baptist Convention (CSBC).
- Applicants must be a current financial contributor to the Cooperative Program of the CSBC. The sponsoring churches of ministries making application must be a current financial contributor to the Cooperative Program of the CSBC.
- Applicants may only receive two grants per calendar year.
- Applicants must agree to submit an online outcome report to SoCal within 30 days of the conclusion of the program or project. Recipients failing to submit an outcome report will not be eligible for future funding without review.
- First time applicants are given priority in application consideration.
- Event cannot take place before the date of the Board Meeting at which the application is considered.



## What DOES So Cal Baptist Ministries Fund?

According to their purpose, SCBM provides grants for projects and events that focus on the following five areas:

- Evangelistic Outreach
- Missions
- Ministry Outreach
- Disaster Relief Efforts
- Hunger Relief Efforts

SoCal DOES NOT fund general budget needs *such as*:

- Staffing
- Equipment
- General Budget Support or Unrestricted Funds
- Capital Improvements
- Debt Relief

## What Does My Organization or Church Need To Apply?

- A completed online application ([www.scbministries.org/grants/Apply](http://www.scbministries.org/grants/Apply))
- A copy of your church's or organization's 501 (c)(3) Tax Exempt Status Letter from the IRS or a convention group exemption letter from the CSBC
- A detailed, itemized budget for the entire project or event (including the amount your church/organization is committing to this project or event)

## Deadlines

Grant Applications may be submitted any time prior to the specific deadlines found at [www.scbministries.org/grants](http://www.scbministries.org/grants). Typically, applicants are notified of the Board's decision by the President of the SoCal Baptist Ministries two days after the Board Meeting.

