



# COMMUNITY CHURCH

## AT TELLICO VILLAGE

*Cultivating believers, disciples and servants  
to transform our community and world for Christ.*

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in applying for grant funding from the Community Church at Tellico Village (CCTV). We are an interdenominational fellowship whose mission is to *“cultivate believers, disciples, and servants to transform our community and world for Christ.”*

The CCTV Endowment Fund makes grants to tax-exempt organizations covered by the IRS Code, Section 501(c)(3) whose purposes align with our mission. These grants are awarded for projects categorized as one or more of the following: one-time request; starting a new mission initiative; repair or replacement of facilities or equipment; or supplementing an existing ministry. We will be looking for alignment with our church’s mission and values as we evaluate all applications.

Our **2026 CCTV Endowment Fund Grants** cycle follows:

- **April 20<sup>th</sup>** – Application process opens. Grant application documents can be found on our website at [tellicochurch.com](http://tellicochurch.com). Then click “Serve”, “Endowment”, “Grant Application Process”, and “Non-profit Grant Application”.
- **May 15<sup>th</sup>** – All applications must be received via mail or email by **4:00 p.m. EDT** on this date.
- **June 19<sup>th</sup>** – All applicants will receive email notification of their status – either award granted or not funded.

Please read the Nonprofit Endowment Grant Eligibility guidelines before starting your application. The Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) pages provide complete instructions for this funding opportunity. For further information or questions, email [soden@tellicochurch.org](mailto:soden@tellicochurch.org). All correspondence will be done via this email address, so there is no need to call the CCTV Church Office. This email address will be closely monitored throughout the Endowment Fund Grant cycle.

The Community Church at Tellico Village is grateful for your interest in partnering with us. Thank you in advance for your efforts at joining together to serve all of God’s people!

CCTV Endowment Team



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## **Nonprofit Endowment Grant Eligibility**

The Community Church at Tellico Village (CCTV) Endowment Fund awards grants to tax-exempt organizations within the United States covered by the IRS Code 501(c)(3). The proposed project must align with our mission and be categorized as one or more of the following:

- One-time request
- Starting a new mission initiative
- Repair or replacement of facilities and equipment
- Supplementing an existing ministry

The CCTV Endowment Fund regrets that it cannot award grants for the following:

- Individuals
- Organizations without 501(c)(3) status
- Organizations that have not successfully completed requirements and or spending of prior CCTV Endowment Fund grant award
- Ongoing operating expense support (e.g. administrative expenses)
- Scholarships (These are awarded by the CCTV Mission Team.)
- Fundraising dinners and events

Please send an email to [soden@tellicochurch.org](mailto:soden@tellicochurch.org) if you have any questions about eligibility.



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## Endowment Fund Grant History

Since 2015 the Community Church Endowment Fund has awarded nearly \$262,000 in grants. Approximately 19% of the funds were used for church initiatives with the remainder being granted to area non-profits. The individual grants range from \$1,000 to \$22,114 and are in addition to funds provided through our Missions budget. Following is a summary of the larger grants awarded over the years by organization.

Beauty for Ashes	Building repairs	\$37,850
Child Advocacy Center	8 Computer workstations	12,600
Family Promise	Bright Futures transitional housing	5,000
Good Samaritan Center	Cargo van, dental program, and kids food bags	10,000
Good Shepherd Center	Food cooler, outdoor storage, and meat	11,500
Habitat for Humanity	Defibrillator, construction trailer, and housing	33,613
Iva's Place	Partial funding for van for client transportation	12,000
Our Place	Start-up funds and low-income client scholarships	6,000
STAR	4WD truck	16,765
Straightway Ministries	Replace HVAC unit	11,200
Superior Van & Mobility	Partial funding of a wheelchair van	7,110
Watauga Community Church	Start-up funding	6,500
Young Life East Hills	12-passenger van	22,113

The grants that were awarded for church initiatives covered a range of projects including unanticipated audio upgrades and computer replacements, a contribution for the replacement of the Founder's Chapel organ, and the initial funding for the Pastoral Resident program. Internal grants total \$50,000.



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### 2026 Endowment Fund Grant Application FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

#### 1. What ministries/organizations may apply for funding?

The Community Church at Tellico Village's (CCTV) mission statement is: *Cultivating believers, disciples, and servants to transform our community and world for Christ.*

We work toward development of an inclusive community through our service, by providing opportunities for teaching and learning, and promoting strength and unity for all God's people through ecumenical outreach. We also recognize that support of the arts is a positive experience that provides creative self-expression and enrichment through use of God-given talents. These are our values.

Any 501(c)(3) organization that works to serve in any of these capacities is eligible to apply for a CCTV Endowment Fund Grant. Examples include: supplemental food and clothing, support for those in abusive situations, assistance in meeting everyday needs (health, dental, housing, etc.), or access to specific services – any organization that serves to help people reach their highest potential meets our criteria as a ministry partner. We will be looking for alignment to our church's mission and values as we evaluate all applications.

Specifically, the CCTV Endowment Fund awards grants in accordance with the Nonprofit Endowment Grant Eligibility guidelines included in this package. Examples of prior awards can be found on the Endowment Fund Grant History which is also included.

#### 2. How do we apply for funding awards?

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### **3. What about the Justification for Request attachment?**

#### **This is the most important part of the application!**

The list of questions in this section of the application gives you the chance to clearly tell us who you are, what you are trying to accomplish, who you serve, how you serve, and how you plan to use these funds if your organization is awarded a grant.

You have up to **4 pages** to answer these questions – be sure to provide details as to WHY your organization or ministry is needed – statistics that support the need for your services are always important. It doesn't have to be that long, but the questions need to be answered thoroughly. We also want to know that you are thinking ahead – how will you keep this ministry going? Do you have other funding sources that help to support what you do? We know that collaboration with other agencies/ministries/organizations can help stretch dollars and avoid duplication of efforts. Working together helps everybody!

### **4. What if my organization does not have some of the required documents?**

Most organizations that have been serving our area for some time will have all the documentation needed to demonstrate their non-profit status and fiscal responsibility. If your organization is newly formed and does not currently have this documentation, provide an explanation and a timeline as to where you are in your process of certifying your non-profit status.

### **5. How do we submit our application for grant funding?**

The completed application package will include the 2-page application form, the Justification for Request (up to 4 pages), and all required support documents. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered for funding.

You may submit your completed application package to the Community Church at Tellico Village by the following methods:

- Scan and email all documents to [soden@tellicochurch.org](mailto:soden@tellicochurch.org)
- Mail all documents in one package to CCTV Endowment Fund Grants, 130 Chota Center, Loudon, TN 37774. Do not use notebooks.

All applicants will be sent an email receipt acknowledging that we received your application package.

### **6. When will we know if we are approved for funding?**

No applications will be accepted after 4:00 p.m. EDT on Friday May 15, 2026. The CCTV Endowment Team will carefully evaluate and score all submitted applications. Announcement of awards will be sent electronically to all applicants by June 19, 2026, both those that are awarded and those who were not successful in the funding competition.

### **7. What if we have questions or need additional information to complete our application?**

For further information or questions, email [soden@tellicochurch.org](mailto:soden@tellicochurch.org). All correspondence will be done via this email address, so there is no need to call the CCTV Church Office or contact our pastors or staff. This email address will be closely monitored throughout the Endowment Fund Grants cycle.



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## Endowment Fund Grant Application—2026 (External)

Organization Name	Registered 501(c)(3)? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Tax ID Number (EIN)
Complete Mailing Address (street, city, state, zip)		
Primary Contact Person		Preferred Phone No
Email address		
Purpose / Mission Statement of Organization		
Website Address		
Other Social Media		
PROJECT DESCRIPTION		
Project Title		Total Dollars Requested
Nature of this request (check all that apply)		
<input type="checkbox"/> One-time request <input type="checkbox"/> Repair or replacement of facilities and equipment <input type="checkbox"/> Starting a new mission initiative <input type="checkbox"/> Supplementing an existing ministry		
<b>Justification for Request</b> —In a separate document (maximum 4 pages), provide answers to the following questions:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How does this project support the Community Church at Tellico Village’s mission statement shown above?</li> <li>What value will the planned project bring to the community and / or CCTV?</li> <li>Describe the target population you will be serving through this project.</li> <li>What geographic area (count(ies), town(s), city(ies)) will the project serve?</li> <li>Is your proposed project filling a need that is currently lacking? Include any statistics that support the need for your request.</li> <li>Describe any partners or organizations you plan to partner with on this project and include their contributions (promised, requested, or committed) and type of contribution (financial, in-kind, or volunteer services).</li> <li>Provide any additional information that will help us to fully understand the details of your project.</li> <li>How will the success of this project be measured?</li> <li>Describe the organization’s plan for sustaining this initiative, including any other funding sources to be used.</li> </ol>		

## Endowment Fund Grant Application—2026 (External)

### CERTIFICATION

This is a one-year grant cycle. If awarded funds, this organization will provide written reports as requested by CCTV until project completion. Should circumstances arise that grant funds cannot be used for the requested purpose, or not all funds are used, those funds will be returned to CCTV.

#### CERTIFICATION

I certify that the information supplied on this application is true to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Position within the organization

### SUBMITTING INSTRUCTIONS

All grant applications must be submitted by  
**4:00 P.M. EDT on Thursday, May 15, 2026**

To apply, submit one copy of the completed grant application including Justification for Request and the following documents, as appropriate:

- List of current Officers and Board Members (or other equivalent governing body)
- Copy of organization brochure or other publications
- Copy of IRS verification of 501(c)(3) nonprofit status
- Copy of budget for this request
- Copy of organization's most recent fiscal year financial statement or audit

Return the completed application (hard copy or a scanned .pdf email attachment) to:

Community Church at Tellico Village Endowment Fund Grants

By mail:

130 Chota Center  
Loudon, TN 37774

Or

Electronically via email:

soden@tellicochurch.org

**Note:** *The church office is unable to accept grant applications. Only mailed or emailed applications will be accepted. An acknowledgement of your completed grant application will be sent by email.*

*Have questions or need additional information?*

*Email: [soden@tellicochurch.org](mailto:soden@tellicochurch.org)*