

Fortress Forward – Best Practices Ministry Grant Program
Terms and Conditions

General

1. Mighty Fortress Foundation exists to inspire ministries to make followers of Jesus. Inspiration takes many forms, and one of the most powerful is gathering to learn from one another.
2. The Best Practices for Ministry (“BPM”) Conferences are well known for doing just that - encouraging, equipping, and inspiring more than 3,000 attendees each year.
3. To help more people from Michigan ministries experience these events firsthand, MFF will offer grants supporting attendance at the upcoming conferences in Frankenmuth, MI (BPM Heartland in August 2026) and Phoenix, AZ (BPM in February 2027).
4. By reducing financial barriers, Mighty Fortress Foundation seeks to encourage and inspire leaders of Michigan District congregations and ministries to use the information and networking opportunities from these conferences to help them fulfill the Great Commission.
5. All decisions regarding eligibility or approval are at the complete discretion of Mighty Fortress Foundation. Decisions will be applied fairly and evenly to all applicants.
6. Terms & Conditions will apply and may be periodically updated during the program period. These can be found on the Mighty Fortress Foundation website.

Grant Terms

1. Mighty Fortress Foundation is providing the *Fortress Forward – Best Practices Ministry Grant* from May 1, 2026, through February 2027. Two grant awards will be available to eligible ministries.
2. Eligible ministries can receive up to \$500 to assist with expenses related to attending the BPM Heartland Conference in Frankenmuth on August 9 – 11, 2026; and up to \$1,000 to assist with expenses related to attending the BPM Conference in Phoenix on February 18 – 20, 2027.
3. As BPM Conference registrations are free, grant funds may be applied toward travel, lodging, meals, and other eligible travel expenses. Each ministry will determine how best to distribute the award funds among its attendees.
4. A ministry can receive up to \$1500 if they have attendees at both Best Practices Conferences. However, only one award will be given per ministry, not per person.

5. An Application and Expense Voucher forms are required. A ministry can apply for both awards with the Application, but a separate Expense Voucher must be submitted for reimbursement after each Conference. Forms can be found at www.mightyfortressfoundation.org
6. All Expense Vouchers should be submitted by August 31, 2026 for BPM Heartland attendees, and February 28, 2027 for BPM attendees. Expenses not submitted by these deadlines may not be reimbursed.
7. Ministries receiving grants are strongly encouraged to provide pictures and impact stories from their attendees. It is also encouraged to thank and acknowledge Mighty Fortress Foundation as the grant provider to their constituents.