



Message to Grant Seekers

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of Baptist Community Ministries (BCM), we are pleased to announce that BCM will begin accepting grant applications from eligible organizations in January 2019. [Refer to our website (www.bcm.org/grants) for details about the application process.]

BCM has a longstanding Baptist heritage that dates back to 1926 when Southern Baptist Hospital (SBH) opened its doors to serve the community. SBH had a primary Mission of “Healing Humanity’s Hurts” and BCM continues that tradition today. Our governance documents direct us to be a “Baptist-oriented Christian Institution of Ministry.” BCM remains committed to the development of a healthy community – through its Philanthropy, Chaplaincy Services and Congregational Wellness programs.

As mentioned in an earlier communication, during 2018 BCM’s Board has been engaged in a strategic review of its funding priorities. **As a faith-based Christian organization, BCM will place an emphasis on “Mission alignment.”** We are excited about the opportunity to partner with like-minded organizations to improve the physical, mental and spiritual health of the citizens in our five-parish service area. Our open application process allows BCM to better understand the needs in the community and ideas about how to best address those needs. The grant-making process will remain competitive and both faith-based and nonfaith-based organizations are encouraged to apply.

Going forward, BCM plans to again have two open invitation “transom cycles” each year – Letters of Intent (LOIs) will be accepted in January and August. Our areas of focus will be Health, Education and Public Safety. BCM’s program staff will be available in advance of each cycle to discuss your ideas prior to submission of an LOI.

By exercising responsible stewardship of its financial assets, the Board positions BCM to be a trustworthy and reliable community partner in perpetuity. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at cbeasley@bcm.org.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ch Beasley'.

Charles Beasley
President & CEO