



1—Project Name: Mark Six Pastor and Spouse Retreat

2—If this grant is being requested on behalf of an external organization, what is that organization's name and connection with Texas Baptists?

N/A

3—Please request the minimum amount needed—with a maximum of \$20,000 possible—in order to accomplish the project's goals.

\$20,000.00 (*budget attached*)

4—Overview: Give a one paragraph description of the project.

Providing a time and place for Bivocational and Small Membership Church pastors and their spouses to retreat from the normalcy of their ministry context to refresh their souls and rekindle their relationships.

5—STRATEGIC: How will this project make Texas Baptists stronger?

The Mark Six Retreat is designed to enhance both personal and marital well-being for pastoral couples, thereby underscoring their significance to Texas Baptists. Consequently, rejuvenated couples will foster increased or sustained congregational involvement with Texas Baptists, ultimately bolstering the organization's overall efficacy.

6—SIGNIFICANT: What is the anticipated long-term impact of this project?

The Mark Six Retreat offers pastoral couples hope and encouragement to persevere in ministry. It provides a brief yet necessary respite. During challenging periods, pastors may find solace in reflecting upon or anticipating the rest and renewal afforded by attending a Mark Six Retreat.

7—SUSTAINABLE: How will the grant help this project become self-supporting?

Mark Six Retreats offer essential support to pastors facing the greatest need. Although registration costs for couples have been gradually raised over the last three years, becoming fully self-funded without grant aid would require a significant 75-100% cost increase. This would necessitate larger contributions from local churches and pastors, which, while achievable in time, presents immediate challenges for many.

8—INNOVATIVE: How will this project break new ground?

Many bivocational pastoral couples struggled to prioritize personal time for rest and rejuvenation before our Mark Six Retreat began five years ago, and unfortunately, this remains a challenge for many today. However, we're seeing increased demand for the retreat, with more Associations requesting partnerships to host Mark Six Retreats for their bivocational pastors. Past participants frequently inquire about future dates and enthusiastically recommend the program to others.

9—INVOLVING: How will the churches served by Texas Baptists be included in this project?

The Mark Six Retreat aims to support Texas Baptist churches by focusing on their pastors. A direct relationship exists between a pastor's emotional well-being and the health of their congregation. When pastors experience emotional upliftment and physical renewal, it positively influences the church community.

How many churches will be involved? Our goal is to have 100 pastors attend. This would mean 100 churches would be involved.

10—INTERESTING: How will this project produce helpful stories and encourage donor engagement for future ministry support?

The Mark Six Retreats offer bivocational ministry couples a chance to escape their daily ministry routines and find much-needed rest. These retreats gather couples from various areas, providing a space for encouragement and renewal. Many participants share that a simple weekend retreat is enough to help them recharge and connect with others in similar ministry roles.

11—Has this project received previous TBMF grants? If YES, list years and amounts.

2025 - \$15,000

2024 - \$15,000

2023 - \$15,000

12—Is this request for an ongoing project with a new name? If YES, what was the former name of the project?

N/A

2026 Mark Six Bivocational Pastor and Spouse Retreat

This proposal is based on three (3) different retreats throughout the state.

This proposal is based on 15-20 couples attending each retreat

Projected Expenses

Speakers Honorariums	
Friday Evening Speaker	\$500.00
Couple Gift Bags	\$500.00
Meals	
Friday Night Dinner	\$2,363.66
Lodging	
Two Night Stay	\$4,024.74
Site Visits & Promotion	\$525.00
Anticipated Expense per Retreat	<u>\$7,913.40</u>

Projected Revenues

Retreat Registration	\$3,580.00
(each couple pays \$179)	
Partnerships	
Local Associations & Fellowships	\$1,000.00
Anticipated Revenue Total per Retreat	<u>\$4,580.00</u>

Texas Baptist Mission Foundation Request	\$20,000.00
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TBMF: Missionary Adoption Program Budget Proposal

Texas Baptist Mission Foundation

This document outlines the proposed budget for the Missionary Adoption Program (MAP) request to the Texas Baptist Mission Foundation. The budget focuses on three key personnel roles essential for the program's success, with an allocated amount of \$20,000 for each, broken down into monthly disbursements over a 12-month period.

MAP Operational Coordinator

This pivotal role entails the oversight of the Missionary Adoption Program's (MAP) daily financial operations and management. The coordinator will be responsible for managing accounting processes, coordinating funding logistics and communication with Finance and Accounting, engaging with Texas Baptist MAP Sponsors regarding funding logistics, and ensuring accountability and communication with National Baptist Partners for proper disbursement. Additionally, they will ensure the seamless execution of all program-designated income and expenses for MAP "pass-through" accounts among all involved parties.

Requirement: A solid grasp of the SalesForce and FE programs, along with the knowledge, skill, and expertise of a financial accountant, are essential.

Category	Annual Budget	Monthly Allocation (12 months)
Salary/Stipend	\$20,000	\$1666.67
Total	\$20,000	\$1666.67