



**1—Project Name:** TXBSM July Staff 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.**

The TXBSM annual staff retreat in July is one of the most strategic times of our year. It is the only time that we have all of our staff together for training, network, and encouragement. As our staff continues to grow, we are increasingly having challenges finding spaces that will hold our group on the dates that are optimal for having our retreat. This grant will allow us to explore some new options that could continue to be a solution for our staff growth.

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

TXBSM is the ministry of TX Baptist churches on the local college campus. As TXBSM ministry leaders are invested in, the impact of these ministries through the local church will be grown.

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

These funds will give us the opportunity to explore new options for our retreat that were not possible in the past. It could help us find a long-term solution for the problems we keep running up against.

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

Once we discover if a new location works well for our annual gathering we could better allot future budget dollars to cover an increase in cost.

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

This will allow us to have more flexibility in the locations and format that we explore for what will work best for investing in our staff during July retreat.

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

We bring in church leaders from Texas Baptist churches to serve as leaders for this retreat and topics during the retreat often include brainstorming and idea sharing of how each BSM can better serve and connect with the local churches near their campus.

**How many churches will be involved?** 200+ churches will be ultimately impacted through healthy BSM staff trained to better impact their campuses and network with churches.

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

Donors would be encouraged to know this a real investment in staff who are on the front lines of ministry sharing Christ on the campus.

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

N/A

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

N/A

**July Staff Retreat Grant Request Budget**

\$3,000-Funding towards venue costs related to staff gathering

\$6,000-Supplement to help cover costs of travel, lodging, and meals for staff to attend July retreat

\$5,000-Funds to help provide training resources (books, discipleship materials, etc) for individuals at our staff retreat

\$4,000-Funds to help cover staffing costs of leading the retreat including large group speaker, worship and breakout leaders

\$2,000-Funds to help supplement fun late night activities for all the staff each evening of the retreat