

THE CHAMPLIN FOUNDATIONS

Grants to Churches or Houses of Worship

In 2010, The Champlin Foundations will accept applications from churches or houses of worship during the period of March 1st – April 30th subject to the following terms, conditions and restrictions:

1. Only Rhode Island churches or houses of worship are eligible to apply.
2. The cumulative amount available for distribution in 2010 is limited to no greater than \$250,000. The maximum individual grant is limited to \$50,000. That a cumulative amount is established does not necessarily mean that grants will be made up to that amount. The Champlin Distribution Committee will make such grants, if any, as it deems appropriate up to the maximum cumulative amount.
3. Where projects exceed the \$50,000 limit, applicants must be able to show where the difference will come from. For example, if application is made for a new roof at a cost of \$75,000, the applicant must be able to definitively identify the source of the necessary additional funding.
4. At the discretion of the Distribution Committee, grants may be in the form of challenge grants requiring funds to be raised from other sources within a specified time as a condition precedent to receiving Champlin funds.
5. Because funding under this program will be categorized as “Historic Preservation”, only those churches or houses of worship of historic **and** architectural significance are eligible. Official designation as an historic building or location in an historic district is an important factor but lack thereof shall not necessarily be a disqualification.
6. Churches must be able to demonstrate viability. For example, ongoing regular use of the building, including use by the general community, and support from membership and/or endowment sufficient to enable the coverage of operating expenses will be important considerations.
7. In accordance with Champlin guidelines, applications must relate to capital needs as opposed to general support for operations or programs.
8. No church or house of worship will be eligible for grants in consecutive years. In other words, if a grant is awarded in 2010, that applicant will be ineligible to apply in 2011.
9. These terms, conditions and restrictions shall be strictly applied without exception.
10. The continuation of this program, as well as the amounts available for distribution, will be evaluated on an annual basis by the Distribution Committee.