

## Technology in Ministry Financial Support Program Application Information

Congregations and associations that utilize the services of CCR Resource Strategists as part of the TIM peer learning process are eligible to apply for one-time financial support for use to obtain equipment or other resources they identify that could be of help. The maximum amount available is \$1350.

### Frequently Asked Questions

- *Is our church or association qualified?* Churches and associations that use the services of CCR Resource Strategists as part of the TIM program are eligible. Strategists can assist the congregations as they prepare their financial support requests.
- *How do I apply?* The Resource Strategist assisting the congregation or association will help with the development of a proposal for financial support. Proposals can be submitted via email, fax, or regular mail. Send to the CCR director, Michael Wilson (mkwilson@samford.edu).
- *What kind of resources can we purchase with the funds?* Financial resources are intended for use to purchase equipment or other items to help the church or association implement technology strategies of their choosing.
- *Is there a deadline to apply?* There is no application deadline. However, a limited number of financial support grants are available each year. Once available funds have been spent, no additional awards will be made until the next calendar year.
- *Do we report to the CCR on how the funds were used?* Recipients are required to submit a report describing how the money was used. A simple financial statement should be a part of the report. Reports should be submitted in December of the year they were received.
- *What kinds of expenses are **not** eligible for this program?*
  - Anything unrelated to using technology in ministry
  - Salaries or benefits for church employees

To get started, please contact the CCR office at (205)726-4064 or email Michael Wilson, the Center's director, at [mkwilson@samford.edu](mailto:mkwilson@samford.edu).



Center for Congregational Resources  
Samford University  
TIM Congregational Resourcing Financial Support Request Form

**Request from:** \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor(s): \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Give a brief description of your church or organization's current ministries and initiatives (Christian Education, Missions, Fellowship, Community Service, etc.).

2. Describe how you plan to use technology resources to enhance your church or organization's ministries.

3. Provide simple budget for how the grant funds will be spent. Financial support requests may not exceed \$1,350.

4. Your church or organization's current year budget amount: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Equipment Required to Use Facebook Livestreaming**  
(Items marked with an asterisk are recommended based on experience)

Item	Estimated Cost	Possible Vendor
Samsung Smart TV* (make sure brand of TV can “screen cast” or “mirror cast”)	\$600.00	Best Buy
Samsung Sound Bar w/optical audio connection* (other brands will work)	199.00	Best Buy
Smartphone (viewing is possible with iPhone or Android; screen casting is only possible on Android devices at this time)		
Light-duty camera tripod	\$35.00	Amazon
Luxor CLCD Crank Adjustable Flat Panel TV cart*	299.00	Amazon
Loadstone studio camera video table top stand for DSLR*	\$15.68	Walmart.com
Beastgrip universal lens adapter & rig system for smartphones*	\$139.00	Amazon
Wired lavalier microphone - with omnidirectional pickup pattern (see note 1 below)	\$20 - \$155	Amazon
iRig multimedia mic preamp (see note 2 below)*	\$40.00	Amazon
25’ microphone cable (XLR male to XLR female)		
ART Zdirect Professional Passive Direct Box (see note 3 below)	\$17.00	Amazon
<b>Suggested microphone options:</b>		
Vidpro XM-L - basic quality sound*	\$18.20	Amazon
Maona Lavalier - basic quality sound	\$19.28	Amazon
Shure SM93 - high quality sound	\$155.00	Amazon
<b>Notes:</b>		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use of a quality lavalier/lapel microphone is recommended for live streaming and for recordings to be posted on Facebook or a website. We do not recommend using the built-in microphone in a handheld device or camera. The Shure SM93 is a high quality, durable microphone; price is commensurate with quality.</li> <li>The iRig is required for use with the Shure SM93. One benefit of having this adapter on hand is it can be used to connect the audio mixer used in a worship service or other event to the smartphone when live-streaming those events. This provides a higher quality audio feed than the smartphone's built in microphone or an external microphone attached to the phone</li> <li>Direct connection of the smartphone to the church audio mixer (such as in the sanctuary) may require the use of an “attenuator” to reduce the level low enough to prevent overloading the handheld input and introducing distortion to the audio. The attenuator connects between the audio mixer and the iRig.</li> </ol>		

