

CBF of North Carolina

2019–2020 Mission & Ministry Funding Plan

Frequently Asked Questions

1. How does the 2019–2020 Proposed Mission and Ministry Funding Plan differ from previous year's budgets?

For the past fifteen years, CBFNC has actually had two “budgets.” The primary budget, which is approved each year in the annual business session, funded CBFNC staff, councils, ministries directly overseen by these groups, and some partners. The second “budget” was the Mission Resource Plan (MRP) developed in 2004 as an optional giving channel that funded some partners. The proposed funding plan merges these two budgets.

2. Why is CBFNC making this change?

There are many reasons, including the following:

The current system is confusing. Partners are funded in different, sometimes multiple, ways. Some partners may receive funding through their MRP allocation, the CBFNC operating budget, and the CBF Global operating budget. Many churches don't understand how their money is currently divided between CBFNC, CBF Global, and partners.

Partners are different, both from each other and from what they were in 2004. Some partners, even within a category, have a greater need than others for funding through CBFNC channels.

Partners have developed elaborate fundraising structures. Many partners have departments devoted to fundraising. They are no longer dependent on all or a majority of their funding coming from a single denominational source.

The MRP is difficult to adjust. The unified approach will allow us to be more nimble and flexible in meeting changing needs.

3. Why is there no amount for CBF Global?

CBFNC values its partnership with CBF Global and has always encouraged churches and individuals to give generously to CBF causes – undesignated, Global Missions Offering, and special designated gifts. CBFNC has never had CBF Global as a line item in its budget, but only as an optional line in the MRP. Ultimately, each church has always determined how much to fund CBF Global (and how to designate that support), and CBFNC has faithfully processed these gifts from churches to CBF Global. CBFNC will continue this practice through designation on the remittance envelope (see below) or other instructions.

4. What was the process for determining partner allocations?

The CBFNC Partnership Development Committee (PDC), under the auspices of the Coordinating Council, led the process. CBFNC began working with partners as early as 2015 to prepare for this change. Partners were engaged in regular dialogue about the new process and have affirmed CBFNC's transparency. Allocations in the proposed funding plan were developed according to the following criteria:

Partner request – All partners were asked to make funding requests and supply pertinent information about their organization, how the funds would be used, and collaboration with CBFNC and partner churches. These requests served as the starting point for determining allocations.

Historical precedent – In general, attempts were made to provide future funding consistent with past funding (CBFNC budget and MRP), up to \$100,000.

Alignment – Attention was given to how partners affirm CBFNC identity, values, strategic priorities, and to partners' mutual public affirmation of partnership with CBFNC.

The PDC determined partner allocations which were submitted to the Coordinating Council as part of the overall budget development process.

5. How will CBFNC handle designated gifts?

Whether to CBF Global or other partners, CBFNC will continue to honor designated gifts. The CBFNC remittance envelopes (below) have spaces for designated gifts.

6. Why are there no line-item comparisons to previous years?

Because the new funding plan is so different from previous budgets, and because MRP amounts in the past were always estimates, there is no way to provide an accurate “apples to apples” comparison between the 2018–2019 budget and the proposed plan. In future years, we will be able to provide a comparison, as has been done with the regular budget in previous years.

7. If we have questions about the new funding plan, whom should we contact?

For questions about the funding plan or your church's giving through CBFNC, please contact our office and ask to speak to Larry Hovis, Jim Hylton, or Andy Jung.