

# BFIA Application Waiver of Matching Funds Requirement



Church of the Brethren

The Mission and Ministry Board of the Church of the Brethren has adopted guidelines for distribution of Brethren Faith in Action grants, which assist service and outreach ministries at the local level. One of the requirements for grant approval is that applicants must provide matching funds equal to fifty percent of the requested grant amount. While that practice is ideal, the MMB recognizes that the effects of COVID-19 have led us into a different season. Consequently, for applications processed and funded in 2021 or until this year's total annual allocation is awarded, the BFIA Oversight Committee may waive part or all of the matching funds required. If you do not have the required matching funds and are seeking relief from that requirement, please provide a brief narrative explaining the reasons for your request for a waiver. A waiver request may include such things as:

1. making the case that a compelling need would otherwise not be served;
2. listing former sponsors/benefactors presently unable to contribute and/or past sources of funding not presently available;
3. identifying an outreach ministry in your community that recently stalled or closed as a result of COVID-19;
4. providing a financial statement (noting availability or absence of reserve funds).

**Name of Congregation/Fellowship/Project/Camp:**

**District:**

**Name of person completing waiver form:**

**Mail Address:**

**Phone Number:**

**Email:**

**Reason(s) requesting waiver of matching fund requirement:**

Send completed form as a PDF and send to [BFIAFund@brethren.org](mailto:BFIAFund@brethren.org). Thank you.