

**PROPOSAL # 4**  
**HORSESHOE FALLS REGIONAL COUNCIL**  
**2025 11 22**

**Title:** Collaborative Ministry Fund

**Originating Body:** EM

**What is the issue?**

When congregations disband and sell their property, a portion of the proceeds comes to the Regional Council to be used to enable it to provide ongoing support and resources to Communities of Faith (CoF) and for new church development. The issue is that this statement is vague enough to be able to do a lot of things, but it is vague enough that it becomes challenging to act upon it.

**Why is this issue important?**

As a Regional Council we want to honor the legacy of those who have paved the way before us, and to be able to continue to help serve active communities of faith.

**What might Horseshoe Falls do?**

The Regional Council might create the following fund setting it up with a transfer of \$100 000 from the property fund:

**The Collaborative Ministry Fund**

**Terms of Reference**

**Available Funds**

Available funds per year: maximum of \$20,000 in total with a maximum of \$5,000 per application/program. When new money comes into the Property Fund the Executive will assess if funds need to be added to The Collaborative Ministry Fund.

There will be 2 granting cycles, with application deadlines of May 1<sup>st</sup> and November 1<sup>st</sup>. All accompanying application documentation must be received by those dates at 4pm.

Half of the yearly maximum will be available to be granted in May, the other half along with any carry over will be available to be granted in November.

**Granting Body and Oversight**

HFRC Executive

The Executive to report annually to the Regional Council on how the funds have supported CoF collaborative initiatives

**Criteria**

To be given to communities of faith who are working together. There must be a minimum of 2 CoF working together, having both CoF names on the granting application.

- a) The grants are to be used for operations of the collaboration, not capital projects.
- b) A maximum of \$5,000 can be granted per grant application/program each year.
- c) A CoF may only put in one application per year.
- d) Future grants for the same program or CoF are not guaranteed to be at the same level as past grants.

- e) Priority will be given to projects that can articulate how this grant can help to create a future impact on their ministry.
- f) Depending on demand not all grants may receive all requested funding.

**Procedure**

Applications to be completed by a Community of Faith and submitted to the HFRC Executive.