

# MISSION & MINISTRY GRANTS



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**ACTS 20 – “TRAVELLING  
THROUGH THE COUNTRY,  
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AND CHARGING THEM  
WITH FRESH HOPE.”**

# INTRODUCTION

As part of its desire to support local church communities, the Fresh Hope Mission & Ministry Agency is pleased to announce the availability of grant funding under the newly established “Mission & Ministry Grants” scheme. The purpose of the M&M grants is to encourage churches to be agile, adaptive and adventurous in their pursuit of God and wisdom, discerning God’s agenda for their future.

The Mission & Ministry grants are part of the Fresh Hope strategy of enabling and catalysing transformation within Fresh Hope network churches in NSW and the ACT.

The transformation of culture depends on the Bible being taught as the way to whole of life transformation. The training of spiritual leaders is not limited to church leaders but to spiritual leaders in every sphere of life. We need to embrace pioneering risks by training entrepreneurial leaders to create innovative mission and equip and release teams as every day missionary disciples. (Drivers for Transformation Barna research)

The M&M grant program is a partnership collaboration, aligned with the four streams of the Mission & Ministry team and are designed to help local church leadership communities be innovative in the areas of:

**Transformation** - Building capacity of churches; to ask and process the pertinent ethos and often awkward questions around what needs to change for the Kingdom freedom to flow into local communities.

**Spiritual Leadership** - Creating capacity for churches to develop and nurture spiritual leaders in every sphere of life.

**Pioneering & Mission** - Identifying strategic opportunities to incarnate the Good news of Jesus in local contexts.

**Resourcing** - Enabling safe ministry practices in network churches, ensuring facilities are safe and compliant.

The Mission & Ministry (M&M) Agency of Fresh Hope partners with network church communities in the pursuit of their local vision and mission which aligns with the redemptive purposes of Christ and His Kingdom.



# TRANSFORMATIONAL GRANTS

***Grant purpose: To promote and facilitate churches through a journey of transformation.***

*“Genuine transformation requires an ability to sit in the liminal space(s) and discern future insights that help position the church for the next season.”*

- Andrew Ball, Fresh Hope Executive Ministry Director

Indicators of church transformation are:

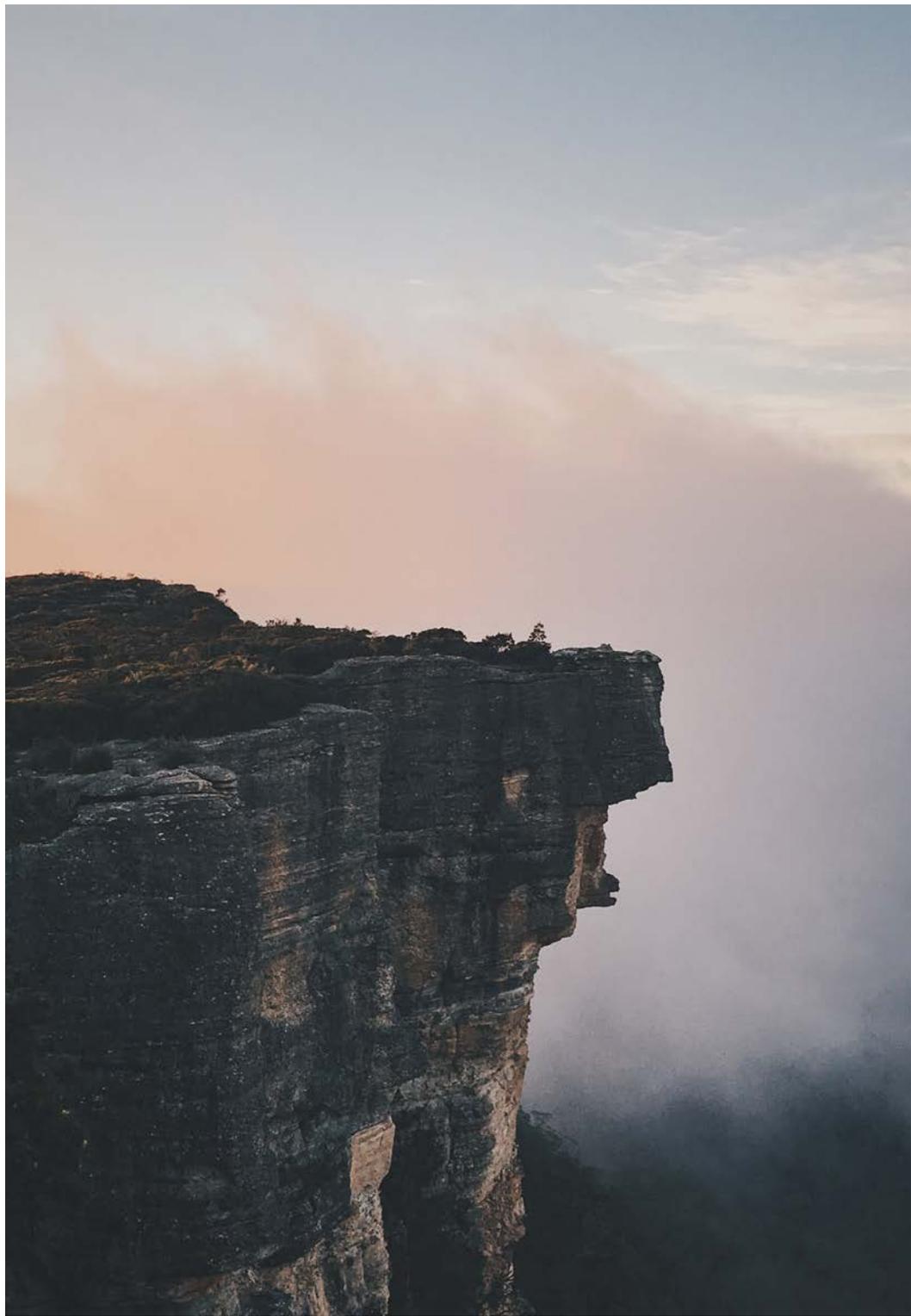
- \* Ethos development
- \* Cultivation of contextual strategy
- \* Collaboration for clarity and alignment
- \* Contextual mission and ministry
- \* Innovative practices
- \* Theological orientation towards Kingdom, trinity and grace
- \* Non-anxious, safe skilled hands

Fresh Hope longs for all churches to be pursuing transformation and encourages network churches to consider participation in a Transformational Cohort. The Transformational Cohort is a 2-year partnership journey of transformation.

Transformation Grants are available to financially support a portion of the Cohort journey, and are also available for Cohort Preparatory training and Post Cohort assistance.

These processes require church leaders to commit time together, seeking God’s will. Grants are available to assist with retreats which are directed by experienced transformation process facilitators.

The aim is to assist Fresh Hope Communities engaging in a process of transformation internally (ethos development, strategy and alignment) and externally (contextual mission, innovative practices and community engagement).



# SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP GRANTS

***Grant purpose: To raise and release mature spiritual leaders across the generations.***

To create flexible environments that engage cohorts of leaders to sharpen their skills, deepen their theology, engage their relationships, and build their spiritual leadership capacity.

Spiritual Leadership grants are available to allow for the development of mature leadership skills through study, research and learning environments.

This includes:

- \* Spiritual Formation
- \* Spiritual Mentoring
- \* Navigate Sponsorship
- \* Spiritual leadership/ Elders training
- \* Pastor's ministry formation
- \* Children and family ministry training
- \* Youth & Young Adult Leadership training
- \* Other innovative Leadership Training
- \* Sabbatical learning experiences

For more information on Fresh Hope leadership development pathways please visit the M&M Website at [missionandministry.freshhope.org.au](http://missionandministry.freshhope.org.au) and ACOM [acom.edu.au](http://acom.edu.au).

Please note preference will be given to Fresh Hope aligned training opportunities.



# PIONEERING & MISSION GRANTS

***Grant purpose: To encourage the beginning and continuation of new, adventurous and transformative expressions of Kingdom communities, and to develop environments where care, justice and mercy thrive within mission and ministry.***

Pioneering & Mission Grants are available to Fresh Hope Communities who are exploring new expressions of mission and ministry where the unchurched and de-churched are being impacted in, for and by Jesus. Creating opportunities where people in need are being assisted, equipped and empowered towards their Kingdom destiny and design. These initiatives by nature sit on the 'edges', seeking to take new or reclaim old ground for the Kingdom as it advances.

New initiatives could be a temporary missional activity, evangelistic opportunity, social enterprise or care ministry to name a few. These initiatives are generally partnered with an existing or established household of faith be they large or small or anywhere in between. The three primary categories for this grant are:

- \* New Kingdom Expressions
- \* Social Enterprise
- \* Missional Projects

Pioneering & Mission funding will be available for start-up and set-up costs, and some projects will be eligible for DGR (deductible gift receipt) funding.



# RESOURCING GRANTS

***Grant purpose: To support the compliance and resourcing components of Fresh Hope churches.***

“It is no longer possible or plausible to belong to a network or movement of churches and function outside of normative legal, governance and risk boundaries expected, mandated and asserted operationally within Australian society.

The broader legislative realities imposed on church practice are reflective of a secular world intent on building competency and capability in order to mitigate risk. Legal frameworks impinging on church functions include:

- \* The Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission;
- \* The Australian Taxation Office;
- \* The Marriage Act;
- \* Fair Trading;
- \* Safe Work Australia;
- \* Child Protection post the Royal Commission into Institutions and their abuse of minors; and
- \* The various legislative Acts and constitutions governing church assets and policy.

*Church governance imposes important expectations into church boards with respect to insurances, risk management, safety, child protection, solid financial reporting, accruals of entitlements including payroll responsibilities, ministry benefits, audited accounts, building maintenance and compliance and professional staff and ministry practice and supervision.”*

- Andrew Ball from Fresh Hope E-News July 18 - [freshhope.org.au/blog/2018/07/19](http://freshhope.org.au/blog/2018/07/19)

Fresh Hope Communities can apply for a Resource grant to update their compliance requirements to ensure churches are in safe, skilled hands.



# HOW DO I APPLY?

The M&M team supports the diversity of our Fresh Hope faith communities. The exact shape or form of a local ministry may change as each community seeks to be relevant and connected to its' context. While some churches may continue to grow in their present format, others may commence new initiatives.

For more information:

- \* Download a copy of the application form
- \* Read the “Frequently Asked Questions” document

We are for you and we look forward to what God is doing in our movement and want to come alongside spiritual leadership teams as they explore new ways to bring fresh hope to their local context.



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