

Grants are available from the Advancement Fund and the following is a summary of the guidelines approved by Executive Council.

1. Grants to be made to churches recognized by the Baptist Union of Victoria for the purpose of assisting with;

1.1. Acquiring freehold land for the purpose of erecting a church complex

1.2. Erection of a church complex

For 1.1 and 1.2 the grant is for \$75,000 paid over 7 years as outlined in the table below. The grant will usually be provided only once to a church to acquire and erect their first land and buildings.

The full amount of the grant will be available where churches borrow \$500,000 or more; for loans less than \$500,000 the amount of the grant will be pro-rated.

Year	\$
1	20,000
2	17,500
3	14,000
4	10,000
5	6,000
6	4,500
7	3,000
Total	75,000

For churches that do not meet these guidelines (i.e. a second building) the maximum grant will be \$15,000.

1.3. Extensions to an existing church complex

1.4. Purchase of a residence for the use of a member of the pastoral team

1.5. Purchase of other properties, as approved by the Executive Council of the Baptist Union of Victoria, to be used for church related or sponsored activities

1.6. The provision of temporary financial support to churches in need of support.

1.7. Purchase of additions to existing or new church properties

For 1.3 to 1.7 the maximum grant will be \$15,000.

2. Grants are made from the income of the fund.

3. Applicants for grants need to demonstrate;

- 3.1. Consistent support of the direct ministries of the Baptist Union of Victoria for a significant period (3-5 years, depending on the age of the church). It is anticipated that this support will continue after the payment of the grant.
 - 3.2. Approval of and commitment to the project by not less than 80% of members attending and voting at a church members meeting at which not less than 75% of the resident members are in attendance.
 - 3.3. A similar level of support among those regularly attending and participating in the life of the church that are non-members.
4. Approval of grants is the discretion of the Executive Council of the Baptist Union of Victoria.