As part of its project to coordinate the work of schools receiving grants from Lilly Endowment’s Theological School Initiative to Address Economic Challenges Facing Future Ministers (ECFFM), ATS will provide several small supplemental grants to schools. These grants will enable additional activities or meetings that were not included in the schools’ original project proposals.

Proposals may support a variety of activities, including but not limited to:
- Peer gatherings of teams from schools engaged in similar work,
- Peer gatherings of teams from schools of the same denomination or ecclesial family
- Gatherings of stakeholders important to the project
- Hiring a consultant or other resource person(s) to help address a particular need
- Additional research beyond that proposed in the original grant
- Purchase of materials to support the grant program

Grants of up to $5,000 are available. Applications may be submitted at any time during the duration of the initiative; applicants should allow four weeks for decisions on proposals.

Proposals should include:
1. A one- to two-page grant application that includes: a proposal describing the activities to be funded by the grant, a timetable for use of the funds, and signatures of the project director and the person authorized by the institution to request grant funding.
2. A one-page budget including line-item categories (travel, food, lodging, materials, honoraria, etc.) and a brief narrative describing use of the funds.

Within three months of the completion of the funded activity or meeting, the project director will submit a written essay of approximately 500 words reporting on the small grant activities and highlighting what was learned through the process. Signatures on the grant application serve as agreement to this condition.

The signed grant application and one-page budget may be emailed as pdf documents to grants@ats.edu. Signed application materials may also be submitted via regular mail to:

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