

Celebrate Recovery Budget Planning

Typically, one of the goals of a church-based Celebrate Recovery is to be self-funded. Although the startup costs and a small operational budget is desired, the growth of the ministry will come from giving.

Startup items may include the CR Program Kit with Visual Kit, which outlines the program, startup and teaching plan (\$200), the Advanced Leadership Kit with Visual Kit, for training program leaders (\$250), and now the Celebration Station children ministry program, for childcare, if applicable (\$200).

You will also need some banners and other signs for people to easily find their way to your CR location (remember the newcomer). It is a good idea to have a small container for each Open Share Group, containing a binder with Leader info inside, small box of tissue, phone/email sheets, timer, etc.). Thinking through the Newcomers 101 Class, you will need the "Words" DVD (\$20) to play during this time.

Chips will be needed eventually. Large size holder & assortment of chips (\$50).

For at least the first year or two, I recommend the church pay for or subsidize at least the core leadership (TEAM) to go to the Summit. Then when the One Day Seminar comes through, to help each Leader and up-and-coming Leader to go.

For the on-going needs, I recommend the church create a line item for their Celebrate Recovery, with a small operational budget, for essentials like Information Table info, bulletins, notes, leader and worship team needs (CDs, DVDs, sheet music, etc.).

With continual growth of the ministry, the giving should increase. Recommend that the distribution of the giving income line up with the rest of the church. Example would be, if the church gives 10% to mission activity, the CR would do the same. Where it goes may be different, like to CR Inside, scholarships to events, outreach to local mission or women's shelter, help with state rep costs, etc.

Whether by increased giving or increased funding, any additional dollars could go for more outreach, special guests, jail ministry expansion, supplement the dinner cost, supplement the childcare costs, supplement participant materials, etc.

NOTE: CR Bibles, Participants Guides, Journals, Life's Healing Choices books, t-shirts, etc., should come from a different budget line item, as these are generally sold at a small profit.