2025 - 2026 North Port & Non-profits United (NP2) Program Application

Submitted on 14 August 2025, 7:15pm

Receipt number 20

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Agency Name: Freedom Bible Church 65-0370784 Tax ID Number: **Agency Website:** https://freedombiblechurch.com/ 5550 S. Sumter Blvd **Agency Street Address:** Unit/Suite: City: North Port State: FL What county will your program serve? Sarasota North Port What city will your program serve:

Application Contact Information

Prefix:
Mr.

First Name:
Michael Fear

Last Name:
Michael Fear

Job Title:
Elder

Phone Number:
8126211234

Email Address:
info@freedombiblechurch.com

Requested Mission Support Item Information

What is your non-profits mission?

Freedom Bible Church exists to bring glory to God by helping people know Jesus, grow in His Word, and live in the freedom that comes from walking with Him. We're committed to being a Christ-led, Bible-centered community that is free from man-made religion and focused on genuine

	faith, authentic relationships, and serving others with love.
Title of Project:	Women's Ministry Holiday Outreach
Amount Requested:	2000
Please describe the item needed:	We are requesting \$2,000 in mission support from the NP ² Program to help fund our Thanksgiving meal efforts and Christmas gift assistance.
Are there any known or anticipated barriers to installing or using this item at your agency (e.g., space limitations, permitting requirements, or code compliance)?	No
In detail, how will this item assist the North Port community?	At Thanksgiving time, our Women's Ministry will coordinate a community effort to ensure families have what they need for a complete holiday meal. Members of our congregation donate non-perishable food items such as canned vegetables and stuffing. We then provide each family with a gift card specifically intended for purchasing perishable items like a turkey, bread, and other essentials needed to complete their meal. This allows families to prepare and enjoy a full Thanksgiving dinner in their own homes. At Christmas, we focus on North Port families with children who are in need. Through referrals and community connections, we select families who are facing financial hardship and help them purchase Christmas presents for their children. This outreach provides both practical support and a sense of joy during what can otherwise be a difficult season.
Please describe the expected impact:	Reach an additional 20-30 families in need in North Port.
Please describe what data or statistics will be utilized to measure the impact:	We will measure impact by tracking the number of North Port families who receive Thanksgiving assistance, as well as the number of families with children who receive Christmas gift assistance.
Is your impact reliant on a partnership with an external agency?	No, we did it last year ourselves.
Strategic Pillars	
Under what Strategic Pillar does your mission support item most align with and why?	Our mission support item most closely aligns with the "Quality of Life" strategic pillar, specifically Priority 8: Support nonprofits providing programs to our community. Our Thanksgiving and Christmas outreach programs directly serve North Port residents by providing holiday meals and gifts for families in need, helping reduce stress, strengthen family bonds, and foster community connection. By meeting these practical needs, we bridge accessibility gaps for vulnerable households and contribute to the overall well-being of North Port
	Pillar 2: Quality of Life
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501c3 Note.pdf

Most Recent IRS 990 Form

Example/Image/Link of Support Item

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NP2 Non-Profit Application Checklist

Review each application submitted by the non-profit agency to ensure completion of application and all required documentation.

Tax ID: <u>65-0310784</u> Requ Agency Street Address: <u>5550</u>				
City: North Port State: FL Zip Code: 34287				
Documents	Complete	Notes		
Application	○YES ○NO			
Articles of Incorporation				
501 (c) 3 Non-Profit	\bigvee YES \bigcirc NO			
Determination Letter	,			
IRS 990 Form (if applicable)	○YES ØNO	letter attached		
Sunbiz Information				
Cost of Mission Support Item		\$2,000		
Reasonable Purpose				
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2025 - 2026 North Port & Non-profits United (NP2) Program Application

15 August 2025, 9:10pm Submitted on 21 Receipt number 3 Related form version Freedom Bible Church Agency Name: 65-0370784 Tax ID Number: Agency Website: https://freedombiblechurch.com/ 5550 S, Sumter Blvd Agency Street Address: Unit/Suite: North Port City: State: FL What county will your program serve? Sarasota North Port What city will your program serve: **Application Contact Information** Mr. Prefix: First Name: Michael Last Name: Fear Elder Job Title: 18126211234 Phone Number: info@freedombiblechurch.com **Email Address:**

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	faith, authentic relationships, and serving others with love.
litle of Project:	Funding Request for Conference Room Furniture to Support Community Ministry
Amount Requested:	2000
Please describe the item needed:	We are requesting \$2,000 in mission support from the NP² Program to help purchase a conference table and chairs for our primary Conference Room.
Are there any known or anticipated barriers to installing or using this item at your agency (e.g., space limitations, permitting requirements, or code compliance)?	None
In detail, how will this item assist the North Port community?	This space is used to plan and coordinate outreach events, host leadership and ministry meetings, and conduct free counseling sessions for community members in need, including marriage counseling, family counseling, and life coaching. We also use this room for small groups, mentoring, and ministry team gatherings. It is important that the Conference Room is a welcoming, comfortable, and safe environment for both our congregation and the community. The primary Conference Room plays a central role in preparing for outreach ministries such as our Thanksgiving and Christmas efforts. Each Thanksgiving, our Women's Ministry organizes meal packages and gift cards for North Port families in need. At Christmas, we partner with the community to provide gifts for children from families experiencing hardship. These programs require extensive planning and coordination - much of which takes place in this very space. The church will cover the remaining cost for the conference table, chairs, and a TV screen to be used for teaching, counseling, and meeting purposes. With NP² Program support, we can better equip this vital space to continue serving as a hub for planning, connecting, and caring for the people of North Port.
Please describe the expected impact:	Since moving into our current location, our church family has grown significantly, averaging over 600 people in weekly attendance. Each week, more than 100 children meet here for engaging, Christ-centered programs that help them grow in character, relationships, and faith. This doesn't include the people that will be impacted in the community outside our walls!
Please describe what data or statistics will be utilized to measure the impact:	We will measure impact by tracking the number of meetings, counseling sessions, small groups, and outreach planning events held in the primary Conference Room. Records will include the type of activity (such as marriage counseling, family counseling, ministry meetings, or community outreach planning), the number of participants served, and the frequency of use. The space will be used daily by our staff and weekly by our congregation, ensuring consistent benefit to both our church family and the broader North Port community throughout the year.
Is your impact reliant on a partnership with an external agency?	No, but this funding will certainly help!

Strategic Pillars

Under what Strategic Pillar does your mission support item most align with and why?

Our mission support item aligns with the "Quality of Life" strategic pillar, specifically Priority 8: Support nonprofits providing programs to our community. The primary Conference Room will be used daily by staff and weekly by our congregation to plan and coordinate community outreach events such as our Thanksgiving meal efforts and Christmas gift assistance. It will also host free counseling sessions for North Port

residents in areas such as marriage, family, and life coaching, along with small groups and mentoring. By equipping this space with a conference table and chairs, we are enhancing our ability to serve, support, and strengthen our community.

Pillar 2: Quality of Life

Uploads

Articles of Incorporation	Articles of Incorporation 2.pdf	
IRS 501(c)3 Non-profits Determination Letter	IRS Section 501(c)(3) Determination Letter.pdf	
Most Recent IRS 990 Form	501c3 Note.pdf	
Example/Image/Link of Support Item	Conference Room Furniture to Support Community Ministry.pdf IMG_2567.heic	
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Department of State

I certify the attached is a true and correct copy of the Articles of Incorporation of FREEDOM BIBLE CHURCH, INC., a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Florida, filed on November 5, 1992, as shown by the records of this office.

The document number of this corporation is N92000000192.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Florida at Tallahassee, the Capital, this the Twenty-eighth day of December, 2022

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Secretary of State

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

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FREEDOM BIHLE CHURCH I THE

We, the undersigned, with other persons being desirous of forming a corporation for religious purposes, under the provisions of Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes, do agree to the following:

ARTICLE 1.

NAME

The name of this corporation is FREEDOM BIBLE CHURCH, INC.

ARTICLE II.

PURPOSES

The general purposes and objects of this corporation shall be to conduct for religious worship and instruction, churches, schools, paraconges, and other institutions connected therewith, of a religious, educational, charitable and benevolent character, to promote home and foreign missions; and, to aid in the spread of the Gospel of JEsus Christ to the ends of the earth; also, to educate, prepare and ordain Christian men for the ministry of the Gospel of Tesus Christ; and for the purpose of promoting the foregoing objects, this corporation shall have the right to acquire, either by gift or purchase, and to hold, own, sell, mortgage, or cumber in any manner, lease and improve real estate and personal property for itself and others, either as trustees or otherwise.

ARTICLE III.

QUALIFICATION OF MEMBERS

The membership of this corporation shall constitute all communicant

modeled that it been and require actions to be for the pool of the colleges. The and all other persons as may become from time to time, backen committeent pembers of the said body. Empland, however, wherever any manher of eald body shall recise to be a commissional member in those and regular standing in said body, such person shall cases to be a member of this corporation. The namer, form and requisites of application for an admission to membership of said body shall conform with the rules. government, discipling and by-laws of this corporation.

ARTICLE IV.

TERM OF EXISTANCE

This corporation is to exist perpetually.

ARTICLE V.

SUBSCRIBERS

The names of residences of the subscribers to these Articles are:

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PESIDENCE

Adam B. Rackliffe

2122 Knder St.

Port Charlotte, FL 33952

Frank T. Vargo II

21319 LEonard Ave. Fort Charlotte, FL 33952

ARTICLE VI.

OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of the corporation shall be a Chairman, Co-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, and such other offices as may be provided in the by-laws.

Section 2. The names of the persons who are to serve as officers of the corporation until the first meeting of the membership are:

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NAME

Adam B. Rackliffe 2132 Kader Street Port Charlotte, FL 33953

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Frank T. Vargo. 11 21319 Leonard Ave. Port Charlotte, Ft. 33952

CO-CHATRMAN

David Johnso 18324 Troon Ave. Port Charlotte, Fl. 33948

SECRETARY/TERASURER

Section 3. The officers shall be elected at the annual meeting of the membrahip of as provided in the by-laws.

ARTICLE VII.

SUAND OF TRUSTERS

The affairs of this corporation shall be managed by a Board of Elders, consisting of not less than three (3), which members shall be set at the direction of the church body and business section as provided for in the by-laws. Each member of said body known as FREEDOM SIBLE CHURCH, INC., in good and regular standing at the time of his election. The Board of Trustees shall be elected by the members of this corporation at the annual meeting of the corporation or as premeribed in the by-

TheBoard of Elders shall be the fiscal agents of the corporation, shall control the title to and the disposition of real estate, and all endowment funes of the corporation; shall keep, preserve and protect all title, deeds and other documents relating to the property of the Church, and have such other powers as may be conferred by the Charter and by-laws.

The names and addresses of the first board of Trustees who shall manage the affairs of this corporation until the first annual meeting, are as follows:

NAME

RESTDENCE

Adam B. Rackliff®

2122 Kader St. PortCharlotte, PL 33952

Frank T. Vargo, II

21319 Leonard Ave. Port Charlotte, FL 33952

David Johnson

18324 Troon Ave. Port Charlotte, FL 33948

ARTICLE VIII.

RESIDENT AGENT

The name and office of the Resident Agent is ADAM RACKLIFFE, 2122 KADER ST. PORT CHARLOTTE, FL 33952.

ARTICLE IN.

BY-LAWS

Section 1. The members of this corporation may provide each By-Laws for the conduct of its business and the carrying out of its purposes as they may deem necessary from time to time.

Section 2. Upon proper notice, the By-Laws may be amended, altered, or rescinded by a majority vote of these members of the corporation, present at any regular business meeting or any special meeting called for that purpose.

ARTICLE X.

DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution of the corporation or the winding up of its affairs, the assets of the corporation shall be distributed exclusively

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ASTICLE XI.

MENTALENTS

Section 1. These Article of incorporation may be amended at a special meeting of the Siders called for that purpose by a majority vote of those present.

Section 2. Assendments to those Articles of incorporation may also be made at a regular meeting of the Fiders upon notice given an provided by the By-Laws, of intention to submit such amendments.

ARTICLE XII.

LOCATION

The location of this corporation shall be at 2122 Kader Sc., Port Charlotte, FL 33952, in the County of Charlotte, Dtate of Plorida. This location may be amonded from time to time at provided for in the By-Laws.

II. WITNESS WHEPFOF, we, the undersigned subscribers at the direction of the membership as incorporators, have hereunto at out hands and scale, this <u>ZZ</u> day of <u>OCTOBEC</u>, 1992, for the purpose of forming this corporation not for profit under the laws of the State of Florida.

MANUEL PORTER (SEAL.)

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STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF CHARLOTTE

Before mo, a Notary Public duly authorized in the State and County named above to take acknowledgments, personally appeared ADAN B. RACKLIFFE. FRANK T. VARCO, II, and DAVID JOHNSON, to me known to be the persons described as subscribers in and who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, and they acknowledged before me that they executed and subscribed of these Articles of Incorporation.

WITNESS my hand and official seal in the County and State named above this 22nd day of October, 1992.

Notary Public

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Commission Expires: 2/

2/10/96

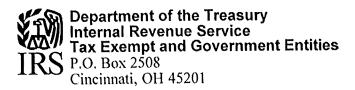
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CENTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION REGISTERED AGENT/REGISTERED OFFICE

Pursuant to the provisions of sections 607.0501 or 617.0501. Florida Statutes, the undersigned corporation, organized under the laws of the State of Florida, submits the following statement in designating the registered office/registered agent, in the State of Florida.

1.	The name of the corporation is: FREEEXM HIBLE CHURCH, INC.	
2.	The name and eddress of the registered agent and office is:	•
	ADAM B. MACKLIFFF	
	(NAME)	
	1122 KADER SY.	
	(P.O. BOX NOT ACCEPTABLE)	Ē
	PORT CHARLOTTE, FI 33952	40 m
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PH IH AN	IVING BEEN NAMED AS REGISTERED AGENT AND TO ACCEPT SERVICE DIOCESS FOR THE ABOVE STATED CORPORATION AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED HIS CERTIFICATE, I HEREBY ACCEPT THE APPOINTMENT AS REGISTERED AGEN ID AGREE TO ACT IN THIS CAPACITY. I FURTHER AGREE TO COMPLY WITH THIS COVISIONS OF ALL STATUTES RELATING TO THE PROPER AND COMPLETE PER	N T F
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	DATE	

REGISTERED AGENT FILING FEE: \$35.00



FREEDOM BIBLE CHURCH INC 5550 S SUMTER BLVD NORTH PORT, FL 34287 Date:

06/25/2025

Employer ID number:

65-0370784

Person to contact:

Name: Micah McDaniels

ID number: 5060681

Telephone: 877-829-5500

Accounting period ending:

December 31

Public charity status:

170(b)(1)(A)(i)

Form 990 / 990-EZ / 990-N required:

No

Effective date of exemption:

January 14, 2025

Contribution deductibility:

Yes

Addendum applies:

No

DLN:

26053416006495

Dear Applicant:

We're pleased to tell you we determined you're exempt from federal income tax under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(c)(3). Donors can deduct contributions they make to you under IRC Section 170. You're also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under Section 2055, 2106, or 2522. This letter could help resolve questions on your exempt status. Please keep it for your records.

Organizations exempt under IRC Section 501(c)(3) are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. We determined you're a public charity under the IRC Section listed at the top of this letter.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that you're required to file Form 990/990-EZ/990-N, our records show you're required to file an annual information return (Form 990 or Form 990-EZ) or electronic notice (Form 990-N, the e-Postcard). If you don't file a required return or notice for three consecutive years, your exempt status will be automatically revoked.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that an addendum applies, the enclosed addendum is an integral part of this letter.

For important information about your responsibilities as a tax-exempt organization, go to www.irs.gov/charities. Enter "4221-PC" in the search bar to view Publication 4221-PC, Compliance Guide for 501(c)(3) Public Charities, which describes your recordkeeping, reporting, and disclosure requirements.

Sincerely,

Stephen A. Martin

Director, Exempt Organizations

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Rulings and Agreements



Freedom Bible Church 5550 S. Sumter Blvd, North Port, FL 34287 freedombiblechurch.com 941-255-5613

NOTE: We were recently granted 501(c)(3) status and have not yet reached our first IRS filing deadline. Our initial IRS Form 990 will be completed and submitted at the end of this year as required.

2025 FLORIDA NOT FOR PROFIT CORPORATION ANNUAL REPORT

DOCUMENT# N92000000192

Entity Name: FREEDOM BIBLE CHURCH, INC.

FILED Feb 11, 2025 Secretary of State 6192179664CC

02/11/2025

Current Principal Place of Business:

5550 S. SUMTER BLVD NORTH PORT, FL 34287

Current Mailing Address:

5550 S. SUMTER BLVD NORTH PORT, FL 34287 US

FEI Number: 65-0370784 Certificate of Status Desired: No

Name and Address of Current Registered Agent:

VARGO II, FRANK T 25905 AYSEN DRIVE PUNTA GORDA, FL 33983 US

The above named entity submits this statement for the purpose of changing its registered office or registered agent, or both, in the State of Florida.

SIGNATURE: FRANK T VARGO II

Electronic Signature of Registered Agent Date

Officer/Director Detail:

SIGNATURE: JAMES M FEAR

Title PRESIDENT Title ELDER

NameKROEGER, FREDERICK NNameFEAR, MICHAELAddress20256 VANGUARD TERAddress23469 TABER AVE

City-State-Zip: PORT CHARLOTTE FL 33954 City-State-Zip: PORT CHARLOTTE FL 33954

Title TREASURER Title PASTOR

NameFEAR, JAMESNameVARGO, FRANK T IIAddress23430 SUPERIOR AVEAddress25905 AYSEN DR.

City-State-Zip: PORT CHARLOTTE FL 33954 City-State-Zip: PUNTA GORDA FL 33983

Title PASTOR Title VP

NameVARGO, NATHANAELNameLAVIGNE, JEREMYAddress500 SABLE ST.Address2938 SEAN RD

City-State-Zip: PORT CHARLOTTE FL 33954 City-State-Zip: NORTH PORT FL 34288

I hereby certify that the information indicated on this report or supplemental report is true and accurate and that my electronic signature shall have the same legal effect as if made under oath; that I am an officer or director of the corporation or the receiver or trustee empowered to execute this report as required by Chapter 617, Florida Statutes; and that my name appears above, or on an attachment with all other like empowered.

Electronic Signature of Signing Officer/Director Detail

02/11/2025

TREASURER

Date



Freedom Bible Church 5550 S. Sumter Blvd, North Port, FL 34287 freedombiblechurch.com 941-255-5613

Date: August 15, 2025

City of North Port – Social Services Attn: NP² Program Review Committee

Subject: Funding Request for Conference Room Furniture to Support Community Ministry

Dear NP² Program Committee,

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Thank you for considering our request and for your partnership in serving our community.

Sincerely,

Michael Fear

Elder

Freedom Bible Church

2025 FLORIDA NOT FOR PROFIT CORPORATION ANNUAL REPORT

DOCUMENT# N9200000192

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5550 S. SUMTER BLVD NORTH PORT, FL 34287

Current Mailing Address:

5550 S. SUMTER BLVD NORTH PORT, FL 34287 US

FEI Number: 65-0370784 Certificate of Status Desired: No

Name and Address of Current Registered Agent:

VARGO II, FRANK T 25905 AYSEN DRIVE PUNTA GORDA, FL 33983 US

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SIGNATURE: FRANK T VARGO II 02/11/2025

Electronic Signature of Registered Agent

Date

FILED Feb 11, 2025

Secretary of State

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Officer/Director Detail:

Title PRESIDENT Title ELDER

NameKROEGER, FREDERICK NNameFEAR, MICHAELAddress20256 VANGUARD TERAddress23469 TABER AVE

City-State-Zip: PORT CHARLOTTE FL 33954 City-State-Zip: PORT CHARLOTTE FL 33954

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Name FEAR, JAMES Name VARGO, FRANK T II

Address 23430 SUPERIOR AVE Address 25905 AYSEN DR.

City-State-Zip: PORT CHARLOTTE FL 33954 City-State-Zip: PUNTA GORDA FL 33983

Title PASTOR Title VP

Name VARGO, NATHANAEL Name LAVIGNE, JEREMY
Address 500 SABLE ST. Address 2938 SEAN RD

City-State-Zip: PORT CHARLOTTE FL 33954 City-State-Zip: NORTH PORT FL 34288

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SIGNATURE: JAMES M FEAR TREASURER 02/11/2025