GRANTS MINISTRY

ENGAGING COMMUNITIES

Multi-Year Grant Application Information

Please review this information prior to submitting an application

Through these Engaging Communities (EC) multi-year grants, UMFNE seeks to support missional partnerships (new and established) and the sharing of resources between churches, community partners, and the Foundation to address the most important challenges within a church's ministry context. These missional challenges could include issues such as the opioid crisis, social justice, climate change, or other community concerns.

Basic Information

- The application is found on the Foundation's Grants Ministry webpage.
- All proposals must adhere to the Foundation's vision and mission for ministry.
    - They must involve partnerships with other UMC congregations AND community partners, and/or financial supporters.
    - Be able to comply with all reporting requirements.
    - Prove sustainability beyond the completion of the grant's financial support.
    - Completed applications must be submitted by July 1st at 5pm. To be complete, the application must include:
        - all required information including signatures, letters of support, and budget.
        - Any applications that are not complete or received by the deadline will not be considered for the current year's multi-year grant.
    - During the application process, the Foundation's Grants Committee may request further information or visit the applicant's site.
    - Applications are to be submitted in one PDF document.
- Awards of up to $10,000/yr. for a maximum of 3 years may be granted.

    - Decisions for awarding the grants are made by end of July and disbursed by end of August.
    - It is expected that each of the participating churches and community partners in the project will invest funds and resources into the project as well.
    - Salary and honorariums cannot be covered by this grant.
- All applications will be reviewed by the Foundation's Grants Ministry Committee. Using a scoring rubric, the Committee will evaluate all applications and award grants by the end of July. A scoring rubric is shared for your reference. The Foundation may reach out seeking additional information about an application. Please be sure to include up-to-date information in the grant application.
- Please do due diligence concerning costs, facts, and feasibility when writing your grant request as re-purposing of grants is seldom approved.
- Reporting, including conversations and written annual reports, on the progress of the granted program will be required as a condition to releasing the next year's funding.
- If there are any questions about the process or possible program consideration, please contact David Abbott, Director of Stewardship.

Review and Award Process

- The completed application will be reviewed to confirm that the application is in alignment with the Foundation's vision and mission for ministry.
    - Those who submit applications that do not align with the purpose of the Grants Ministry will be notified.
- If complete and in alignment, the application will be submitted to the Grants Committee for review.
- The decision of the Grants Committee will be conveyed to grant applicants by the end of July.
- Recipient and the Foundation will enter into a signed covenant with the following recipient responsibilities:
    - The Grant Award agreement must be signed and returned to the Foundation.
    - The grantee will submit a yearly progress report by December 31 of each year.
    - The first-year funds will be released after the grant award is received by the Foundation. Funds will be released in January of each year remaining in the grant as long as the yearly report has been submitted to, and accepted by, the Grants Committee.
    - Grant recipient organizations will acknowledge the United Methodist Foundation of New England Grants Ministry as a partner in the specified grant ministry on their website and other promotional materials. Copies of such materials will be submitted to the Foundation with the final report.
- If circumstances change and such compliance is not possible, please contact, Adama Brown, Director of Impact and Grants at grants@umfne.org.