



Grants Program

The Mission of the United Methodist Foundation (“Foundation”) is to be a catalyst that strengthens our current ministries and supports and develops innovative ministries meeting the needs of a diverse and rapidly changing society.

The Foundation’s Grants Program has designated the majority of its available funds for leadership development, new church development, and ministerial recruitment and education.

The Foundation will also make grants to tax-exempt, non-profit United Methodist related ministries to support innovative project with **seed grants** to assist in the start-up of a new effort and **bridge grants** to insure the sustainability of a project in subsequent years.

Grant applicants should be aware that the priority will be given to the following:

- Applicants requesting a challenge grant to be matched by local resources
- Applicants that include two or more church communities working together
- Applicants that are actively building endowments at the Foundation
- Applicants with a record of 100% giving of Conference apportionments

† The Grants Initiative provides grants on a semi-annual basis. Grant applications are due May 30th with a September 15th notification date or November 30th with a March 15th notification date. Requests must follow the guidelines of the Foundation’s Grants Initiative Application Form available at the Foundation office.

Grants approved by the Foundation’s Grant Review Committee are subject to the approval of the Executive Committee or the Foundation Board of Trustees.

With questions or requests for additional information, please contact:

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PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible for a grant from the United Methodist Foundation of Louisiana, the project must be either affiliated with a United Methodist church or agency, or organized as a non-profit entity that is tax-exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Applicants should draft a proposal that includes at a minimum:

SECTION I – Application Cover Sheet with

- Organization name, address and contact information (phone and fax)
- Affiliated or cooperative agencies with contact information
- Signatures of those supporting project

SECTION II – Project Description

- Statement of mission noting community or constituency to be served
- Needs the project/program will address (e.g. the impact the proposed program will have on the community or individuals to be served)
- Any distinguishing characteristics of the program that should lead to greater success than programs that have addressed the same need in the past

SECTION III – Objectives and Timelines

- Specific measurable objectives for the project detailing expected achievements for this year and specific timeline for achieving longer-term objectives. An example would be:
 - Town & Country Ministries training will provide at least 10 transferable ideas that are currently working in rural churches. At least 80% (8) of the churches attending the conference will implement one of those ideas, and 6 of those 8 churches will realize a 10% increase in attendance in the 12 months following the training.

SECTION IV – Foundation Request and Summary Budget

- Financial data which includes:
 - statement of sources and uses of funds for prior 2 years
 - detailed budget for current year
 - plans for sustainability for next two years
- Resources currently available for the project and other assets that can be tapped to realize success of the project, including identification of other grant providers
- Amount requested from the Foundation and its related percentage to the other resources identified

SECTION V - Miscellaneous

- Statements of support or recommendations from community/church leaders



GRANTS INITIATIVE 2016 APPLICATION

Section I – Application Cover Sheet

Name of Organization _____

Project Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

District _____

Telephone _____

Fax _____

Contact Person/Title/Ph# _____

Community partner or affiliate organizations _____

Contact Name/Ph# _____

Signatures of those supporting project (please type name after signature):

Executive Director or Head _____

Chair of Board _____

District Superintendent _____

OTHERS: _____