



The Methodist Foundation for Arkansas  
Grant Priority # 8

## United Methodist Church Feeding Ministry Application

### Instructions:

1. Complete this application form. Attach supporting information if needed.
2. Applications should be submitted by email to **myokem@methodistfoundationAR.org**.
3. Cover letters should be submitted on the applicant's letterhead.
4. Please include a letter of endorsement from your governing board and a letter of support from any other entity that will participate and provide the resources necessary to perform the proposed work.
5. Please limit the total submission to 12 pages.
6. The Foundation's Grant Committee meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month. Only grants received by the end of the month before the meeting will be considered.
7. Please do not contact any member of the Grant Committee to speak about your submission.

Church Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor: \_\_\_\_\_

Federal ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_ ARUMC District: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Project/Ministry \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Requested: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please answer the following? Supporting documents may be included with the grant application.*

1. What is the purpose of your ministry? Describe the action(s) you hope to accomplish with the grant. Include ministry design elements, including the timeframe, hours of ministry, etc.
2. Is this request for a single feeding event or reoccurring events (weekly, monthly, annual)? Please provide documentation indicating the approximate number of people to be served.
3. Describe the need in your community. Who will you be serving? How does this ministry build relationships with those in your mission field and community? What type of impact does your ministry make for food-insecure children?
4. If you have previously received a grant for this ministry project, please explain how this request differs from the prior application.
5. Provide a budget for the ministry, including expenses (name/type) and estimated (amounts/costs). What percent of the total budgeted cost of your ministry does this grant request cover?
6. Describe your financial needs and include a budget justification. If applicable, indicate specific budget items that this grant will cover. How will you fund this ministry beyond this grant? List all other partners or financial resources and itemize their contributions.
7. Does this ministry involve other local United Methodist church(es)? Which ones, and what are the respective roles for each?
8. To sustain relationships with your neighbors, how will this grant allow you to create and maintain ongoing connections with those with food insecurities?
9. Will your church/organization be willing to participate in training and consultation with the Foundation about improving and strengthening your ability to raise funds in your local area?

The Grant Committee of The Methodist Foundation for Arkansas refers to the following principles in our consideration of requests for funds.

- The Methodist Foundation for Arkansas funds programs and ministries which address our priorities. Priority is given to projects in Arkansas.
- The Methodist Foundation for Arkansas prefers to make substantial commitments to ministries with potential for wide-spread impact. Consequently, priority will be given to grants which encourage collaborative efforts of multiple partners.
- The Methodist Foundation for Arkansas has no desire to become the perpetual funder of any ongoing program, organization or ministry. Applicants will be asked to describe strategies for funding support in the future.
- The Methodist Foundation for Arkansas seeks to fund activities that have the capacity of enriching multiple congregations and communities. Consequently, replicable programs will receive priority consideration. Requests from individuals and local congregations will receive secondary consideration.
- The Methodist Foundation for Arkansas conscientiously communicates with the leadership of the Arkansas Annual Conference to better understand and respond to the Conference's needs and strategies.
- The Methodist Foundation for Arkansas Grant Committee prefers to partner with ministries and organizations that reach targeted populations and present new, innovative, non-traditional ministries. Under certain circumstances, the Foundation may provide operational support to achieve the stated goals of a proposed grant.

### **Priorities for Granting Funds**

#### 1. Clergy and Laity Education

Ministries and organizations that improve the knowledge and leadership skills of pastors and congregational leaders.

#### 2. Clergy Selfcare

Ministries and organizations that assist clergy and clergy families lead a healthier and more productive lifestyle.

### 3. Community Health

Ministries and organizations that offer health, mental health, and medical services to local communities.

### 4. Diversity

Ministries and organizations that support initiatives that foster inclusivity and understanding among groups of people with differing beliefs and backgrounds, particularly in race relations, gender, and theology.

### 5. Enable Education and Employment

Ministries and organizations that support and provide educational services for our children and youth, affordable childcare, rehabilitation, child safety in a violent society, and re-entry programs.

### 6. Environmental Awareness and Energy Education

Ministries and organizations that seek to bring awareness of environmental issues and ways to educate the public on critical challenges in the future.

### 7. Evangelism and Discipleship

Ministries and organizations that extend the Gospel of Jesus Christ in local communities.

### 8. Food Insecurity

Ministries and organizations that provide a source of healthy food and food education to local communities.

### 9. Homelessness

Ministries and organizations that create healthy living arrangements among fellow citizens and address the reversal of such conditions that cause the lack of quality housing.

### 10. Poverty

Ministries and organizations that attempt to reverse poverty in local communities and eradicate the root causes of poverty.

### 11. Charitable

Support for organizations and ministries that provide assistance to persons in need.

Questions? Contact Rev. Mackey Yokem, Director of Leadership Ministries at The Methodist Foundation for Arkansas, at [myokem@methodistfoundationAR.org](mailto:myokem@methodistfoundationAR.org) or call 501-664-8632.