

Grant Application



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.

Please make sure your application includes the following items:

1. Date
2. Name
3. Mailing Address
4. Application Representative & Contact Information
5. Federal ID#
6. Has the applicant ever received a grant from MFA?
 - a. If yes, please indicate the amount and funding of the project.
7. Please name any existing or anticipated partners.
8. Please select the MFA Grant Priority (see included on page 3) your grant application addresses and explain how your request helps accomplish this goal.

Grant Project

1. Amount of Current Request
2. Total Project Cost
3. Are there any matching funds?

- a. If yes, please indicate.
4. Have you applied for other grants in support of this project?
 - a. If yes, please indicate the grants and their progress.

Please answer the following questions:

1. Where will/does the program or ministry take place?
2. How, specifically, do you intend to use the grant funds?
3. Who will benefit from this program or project?
4. Name the key personnel leading and providing this project. List their responsibilities and their experience.
5. Describe the impact your project will have on your community or congregation. How will you measure this variable impact?
6. How can other churches or organizations participate in the funding or execution of the program/ministry?
7. How will the program or ministry be sustained with declining MFA funding- and eventually- no Foundation funding?
8. Will participants in the program or ministry be charged fees to help defer costs?
9. What are the expected dates the program/ministry will be implemented? Concluded?

Please attach the following items to your application:

1. A timeline for your project
2. A budget for your project that includes all sources of revenue and itemized line items

By accepting the grant, the recipient must submit a written report setting forth the following no later than 12 months following the approval of the grant:

1. The status of the program/ministry
2. The use of grant funds
3. The results achieved

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 or call 501-664-8632.