



Grant Application for Non-Church Organizations

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 second 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.

General Information

1. What is the project title?
2. Project location?
3. Amount of grant requested?
4. Please select the MFA Grant Priority your grant application addresses and explain how your request helps accomplish this goal.

Project description

1. How will the proposed project impact the community?
2. Provide the estimated number of people who will directly benefit from this project on an annual basis.
3. How will the impact be determined?

Project objectives and plan of action

Please attach the following items to your application:

1. A detailed plan for this project, indicating how the objectives will be reached.
2. A project timetable for implementation and completion.

Project leaders, partners, and sustainability

1. Name the key personnel leading this project and list their responsibilities and experience.
2. Name any existing or anticipated partners that will help with the implantation of the proposed project.
3. Explain how the project will be sustained in future years with anticipation of decreased and zero MFA grant funding.

Project Budget

1. Provide a *brief narrative for project budget expenses*.
2. Include an itemized budget for your project that includes all sources of revenue and itemized line items.

By accepting, you must submit a written report stating the following as requested in your Grant Award Letter:

1. The status of the project
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.

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